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FOX News Watch Suppressing UFO Disclosure?

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Source: YowUSA.Com

<http://www.yowusa.com/Archive/Jun2003/FOXufo/foxufo.htm>

Is FOX News Watch Suppressing UFO Disclosure Efforts Through
Media Intimidation?

by Marshall Masters

30-June-2003

While I was watching the News Watch program on FOX News last Saturday night, their closing story caught my attention. They were reporting that John Podesta, former Clinton chief of staff, and SCI FI Channel are now conducting a concerned lobbying effort with a high-powered Washington, D.C., law firm to force the disclosure of UFO secrets. All of the pundits on the show, liberal and conservative alike mocked the Sci-Fi channel and labeled the effort as PR nonsense.

The only thing balanced about this haughty and arrogant attack was that it came from both the left and the right (as if there is a real difference in the corporate sense.) Obviously, the real attitude towards the Sci-Fi channel and Podesta at FOX News, fits with a new definition for "fair," as being something that comes to town once a year.

So what is troubling about all this? There was a clear impression given by the News Watch pundits that this is breaking story, when in fact, it dates back to October 2002. So why has Fox suddenly slammed its spin machine against an 8-month old story, this close to August?

SCI-FI Channel, 23-October-02
SCI FI Backs UFO Disclosure

The SCI FI Channel joined with John Podesta, former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, in calling for declassification of secret government records on UFOs, the network announced.

SCI FI is backing a Freedom of Information Act initiative to obtain government records on cases involving retrieval of objects of unknown origin by the secret Air Force operations Project Moon Dust and Operation Blue Fly. Assisting SCI FI in its effort is the Washington, D.C., law firm of Lobel, Novins and Lamont, the network announced. "It is time for the government to declassify records that are more than 25 years old and to provide scientists with data that will assist in determining the real nature of this phenomenon," Podesta said in a statement.

Explaining SCI FI's involvement, network president Bonnie Hammer said, "For the past decade, SCI FI programming has explored the often-blurred line that separates science fiction from science fact. But when credible scientists conclude that 5 percent to 10 percent of UFOs cannot be explained by natural or artificial

causes, we think it is worth taking a much closer look at what is clearly a real and ubiquitous phenomenon."

Let's Be Balanced, Shall We?

What the pundits at FOX were quick to mention in passing, and even quicker to gloss over is that the Sci-Fi Channel is working with the former chief of staff to an American President. Just out of curiosity, wouldn't John Podesta, in his role as a chief of staff, have sufficient security access to know that something is going on?

At the very least, why were they not interested in knowing why Podesta is now willing to jam his foot down upon the 3rd rail of UFO controversy?

Given that FOX News Watch presents itself as a watchdog group of the news media, itself, why are glossing over Podesta's involvement in all this? Is it to inoculate public attention in the efforts of the Sci-Fi Channel and Podesta? No! For most Americans, this story was an uneventful trial balloon that will go nowhere in the drone of weekend TV. If is this so, to whom is the message addressed?

What FOX News Watch was doing, no doubt at the direction of its corporate executives, was to send an implied message to reporters at large. Any reporter who dares to cover this issue in a serious manner will suffer considerable ridicule. In other words, the implied message from FOX to the rest of the media is simple -- touch this, and your career will be trashed. To do that, they presented an 8-month old news story as breaking news. If this is not a plain outright case of misleading the public, what is?

Another interesting aspect is the timing. Perhaps something is in the works. Perhaps the Sci-Fi Channel and Podesta are on the verge of something significant. But there could also be something else.

Why Now?

In May 2003, I published a detailed analysis of three significant crop circle formations on YOWUSA titled, Are Extraterrestrials at Odds With Crop Circle Messages? Please keep in mind that the three formations I discussed in that article all happened in three consecutive years in England; all were massively complex; all appeared next to major communications facilities; and all manifested within a narrow mid-August time span.

In that article, I focused on the Crabwood formation that had appeared on August 15, 2002 next to a microwave station near Winchester, Hampshire. In that article, I speculated that, based on similarities of the formations of the last three consecutive years, we would see another complex formation this coming August. I also speculated that it could likewise offer us a continuation of the message contained within the 2002 Crabwood formation.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 07:48:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Maccabee

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 13:28:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: <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)
>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.

<snip>

>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.

The 8-9 PM "fly over" by a triangle is unexplained. Most of the
explanations have concentrated on the lights seen/videotaped
several hours later.

>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>

I recall that Hartmann did no further research (after his
research during the Condon study period, 1967-1968). Rather,
Sheaffer's 1972-3 (?) discussion of Hartmann's clever use of
atmospheric attenuation to estimate the distance to the object
convinced Hartmann that one of his basic assumptions (needed by
the atmospheric analysis) was wrong. Specifically, Hartmann used
the relative brightness of the bottom of the object to estimate
distance. Hartmann assumed that the increased brightness of the
bottom was a result of atmospheric light scattering related to
the distance between the camera and the object.

Sheaffer claimed that the relative brightness could also be

explained as resulting from veiling glare caused by dirt/grease on the lens. Subsequently I showed that there may well have been some veiling glare but that there was also another factor ignored by both Sheaffer and Hartmann that compensated for the veiling glare. The net result was that Hartmann's distance calculation was probably OK. This is all described at <http://brumac.8k.com> in the research papers on the Trent case.

After I had carried out my analysis I sent the results to Hartmann and his response, as I recall, was something like this: "you don't need a better analysis, you need a better case." The Trents died 5-6 years ago. They maintained their story up through their last (and only) videotaped interview (by Terry Halstead, summer 1995, I think it was).

>See also:

><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

The above website argues that it would have been possible for Trent to have faked the photos. No big surprise here... fakery is/was possible. The real question is the probability... and based on Trents' life stories, which form the context for the photos, I'd say very improbable.

The above website also proposes an old fashioned truck mirror as the hoax object... hung by a string and photographed. There are several examples of truck mirrors... and some look quite similar. However, all the mirrors are circular and the "post" is always mounted to the center of the mirror. The Trent object was not circular (it had a slight, flat V shape visible at the left edge in photo 1) and the "post" is slightly offset from center. Furthermore the shape of the "front" and "back" (left and right side outlines in photo 2) are not the same, whereas the truck mirrors are symmetric.

<snip>

>As for the Condon report on-line at:

><http://www.ncas.org/condon/>

Regarding the Condon report and specifically Condon's brief discussion of the McMinnville case, Condon used a bit of sophistry to detract from Hartmann's rather strong claim that an "extraordinary flying object" had been photographed. (see the CR, first photographic case).

It is quite likely that Condon knew the difference between photometry and photogrammetry.

Photometry: the study of relative brightness in a photograph

Photogrammetry: the measurement of image distances and calculation of angles from a photograph

Hartmann based his distance estimate on photometric measurements of the first photo.

Condon wrote in his summary that he discussed the McMinnville photos with a photo analyst, Everett Merritt, (I think that's his name) and Merritt said that the photos were too fuzzy for worthwhile photogrammetric analysis. Hence the average reader, who wouldn't know that photometry is not dependent upon photogrammetry, was left to assume that Hartmann's analysis was worthless.

Rumor has it that Hartmann wasn't pleased with the "put down."

SNIP

>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

>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

A case for not uncritically accepting the explanations proposed by skeptics is presented in "Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism." at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>

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Re: Largest UFO Database In The World? - LeFevre

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Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 00:38:16 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 07:51:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Largest UFO Database In The World? - LeFevre

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 12:29:39 -0700
>Subject: Largest UFO Database In The World?

>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?

Dear Larry,

You are correct in your speculation about this "UFO Resource
Center".

I believe I can comment on this website and this claim of
"biggest UFO Database in the World" as I have met this guy
Christopher Montgomery and he operates (or tries to) out of my
hometown, Kent, in the State of Washington - a suburb of

Seattle.

Essentially its a one man operating web site reposting others information with nothing original and a network of several friends (and I didn't even think they are still active from a few years ago until I read your message). A testament to don't believe everything you read on the internet.

I met Chris briefly at an event several years ago and as I recall Chris is a character similar to "Ted Baxter" on the "Mary Tayler Moore show" - a melodramatic newscaster.

My issue with Chris Montgomery is in the past he has taken my e-mail announcements and posted his name to them. I asked him to kindly stop posting my messages.

As to whether he has the "biggest UFO Database in the World"... that remains to be seen.

I also believe discriminating people prefer quality of information over size. :)

Charlette LeFevre
Co-ordinator
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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Rendlesham UFO lights Were A 'Prank'?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 07:55:51 -0400
Subject: Rendlesham UFO lights Were A 'Prank'?

Source: BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/england/suffolk/3033428.stm>

30 June, 2003

UFO lights were 'a prank'

A former US security policeman has said he was responsible for strange lights in a forest which sparked claims of a UFO sighting.

He said a patrol car - and not a UFO - was to blame for strange lights which have sparked two decades

A number of Air Force men said they saw an object in Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk in the early hours of 27 December, 1980.

Reports said the "UFO" was transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

But more than 20 years later, Kevin Conde has said he and another airman shined patrol car lights through the trees and made noises on the loudspeaker as a prank on a security guard at nearby RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

'Very strange place'

Mr Conde said: "It was fertile ground for a practical joke, and practical jokes are a tradition in the security police.

"We just drove through the forest flashing the lights through the fog.

"It wasn't a UFO, it was a 1979 Plymouth Volare."

Mr Conde was stationed elsewhere shortly after the incident, and he had no idea his hoax was responsible for the Rendlesham UFO myth, which led to requests for information from the Ministry of Defence and the US government.

The mystery of the lights has continued for 23 years.

Brenda Butler, a local resident, said: "It was definitely a craft, because we've seen craft down here.

"Rendlesham is a very strange place - it's like a doorway opening from another dimension."

Despite Mr Conde's admission, some witnesses do not believe they saw patrol car lights that night in Rendlesham Forest.

US Air Force Sergeant John Burroughs said: "The blue lights coming down from the sky... I still have never heard of any technology capable of doing what I saw happening."

"The original stuff we saw cannot be taken for a police car. There's no way possible."

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New California Crop Circle

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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 08:09:36 -0400
Subject: New California Crop Circle

Source: Daily Republic

<http://www.dailyrepublic.com/articles/2003/06/30/news/news1.txt>

June 30, 2003

In addition to the formation found in Arkansas and the lone circle found near Shreveport, La., we now have another U.S. report from California. One has to wonder how much of an effect last year's 'Signs' movie has had on possible hoaxers...

Circle reports are up this year throughout most of the world, including Italy which at last report had 14, including one in Rome itself!

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Re: FOX News Watch Suppressing UFO Disclosure? -

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Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 08:34:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 08:50:50 -0400
Subject: Re: FOX News Watch Suppressing UFO Disclosure? -

>Source: YowUSA.Com

><http://www.yowusa.com/Archive/Jun2003/FOXufo/foxufo.htm>

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>labeled the effort as PR nonsense.

<snip>

A few comments,

First of all, it sounds like the FOX story was based on a press release that was quickly amended to correct the improper impression that John Podesta was actively involved in this lobbying effort. In fact, it's his brother's firm of Podesta/Mattoon that was hired by the Sci-Fi Channel. They, in turn, created the Coalition for Freedom of Information to pursue FOIA requests and lobby the appropriate individuals to pursue an honest review of the evidence. Their newly re-designed web site can be found at:

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

John Podesta is not directly involved in this ongoing effort; however he was featured at the kick-off Press Briefing last fall at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

As far as John Podesta having inside information, I would tend to doubt it. Clinton had tasked his good friend and aide, Webster Hubble, to research what the Government/Military knew about UFOs and he admits that he hit a brick wall when trying to pursue that line of questioning. I think it's fairly clear that secrets are compartmentalized and maintained at all levels of Government.

The general media, meanwhile, will likely continue to ridicule this entire genre until forced to take a more serious look at it. What is amazing about the press release put out by the Sci-Fi Channel is the number of newspapers and broadcast outlets that aired the story. Many of them handled it in a tongue-in-cheek manner, but that's what we have to live with for now. Word of the documentary "Out of the Blue" was better known to the general public as a result of the publicity.

I do find it a bit odd that the author used this as a vehicle to promote his own research into Crop Circles, which to my

knowledge is not within the scope the Sci-Fi Channels interest at this point. Perhaps there is some major corporate pressure to suppress these "truths", and a warning has been issued to reporters in the field to keep to the straight and narrow. But this all seems a bit paranoid, IMO.

Steve

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- P-47 - Re: Rendlesham UFO lights Were A 'Prank'?

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 09:41:51 -0400
Subject: - P-47 - Re: Rendlesham UFO lights Were A 'Prank'?

Gregory wrote:

>By the way, I'd like to have the opinion of Dr. Clarke on this
>statement.

>You must already know the paper by James Easton about
>Rendelsham too:

>http://www.forteantimes.com/articles/152_rendlesham.shtml

I haven't seen the programme as I live in the BBC North region,
so only have the 'Inside Out' online magazine feature to go on.

Kevin Conde's testimony isn't new as I believe it has been
featured on James Easton's website for some time. But I
understand John Burroughs has also been interviewed for the same
programme, basically saying that he only ever saw lights, not a
structured object, as James Penniston claims.

Crucially, Burroughs also states that after seeing the initial
'lights' the 3 airmen then saw another light which they pursued
on foot for two miles through the forest and out to the coast.
It was only then they realised this light was the Orfordness
lighthouse. Of course this is the same story that appears in
their original hand-written statements given to Halt days after
the event.

This makes me ask several questions. Why does Penniston make no
mention of this pursuit in his story? Likewise Halt?

How can anyone argue that the airmen could not have mistaken the
lighthouse for anything else if it took so long to identify the
source of a single puzzling light on the 'first' night?

And if it was so difficult to identify the lighthouse, what does
that tell us about the initial 'sighting'?

With the initial sighting you have three testimonies that all
contradict each other.

Halt himself can't get the correct dates and times together for
his memo for the MoD, sending the British investigators on a
wild goose chase.

Add to all that a) Kevin Conde's hoax which must, if true, have
added to the confusion on the 2nd night and b) the fact that we
have good testimony that the Rendlesham area, and Woodbridge
airfield in particular, is prone to some very strange
atmospheric phenomena.

Last summer I spent two nights prowling the forest and coast in
the wee small hours and saw some very odd optical effects. Not
just the lighthouse, but from aircraft and car headlights too.
If I was part of a party prowling those would expect to see
UFOs things would soon get very weird indeed, a bit like the
Blair Witch Project in fact.

All in all I think the whole Rendlesham saga is a mess that

should be quietly laid to rest. Halt and co have made some extraordinary claims but so far have come up with nothing substantial to support them. I hope one day Halt will do so, but at the moment he seems quite happy to repeat his stories to sensational TV programme makers, but not to submit them to critical scrutiny.

Best,

Dave Clarke

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CANUFO: Tonight Larry King On Roswell

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Subject: CANUFO: Tonight Larry King On Roswell

The Larry KING CNN show tonight 9PM EDT will celebrate the Roswell Crash Anniversary with such guests as Walter Haut and Glenn Dennis and various people involved with the SCI-FI Roswell show archeology dig of last year. Supposedly there will be NO nasty noisy negativists.

Stan Friedman

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Mystery In The Wheat Field

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June 30, 2003

Mystery In The Wheat Field

By Tim Fields

ROCKVILLE -- The farmer stood alone at the edge of his 80-acre wheat field on Saturday, and in the early morning quiet, he stared across a sea of stalks and saw something strange.

Larry Balestra walked into the field and waded through the waist-high grass, and with every step, it slowly came into view.

After about 100 feet he stopped inside a massive circle stamped into his field, the stalks pushed down, flat. It measured about 140 feet in diameter.

"What the heck?" he said and grabbed his cell phone to call his wife.

When she answered he said, "You won't believe what I'm looking at."

Then he turned his head.

Across Balestra's wheat field on Suisun Valley and Rockville roads, he saw more than a dozen circles had been created by flattened wheat. The series of various sized shapes formed a symmetrical, abstract design and stretched longer than a football field.

Balestra has farmed the area since 1986 and has never seen crop circles in his fields before and he's never heard any other farmer in the area having this problem before, he said.

"The harvester can't pick this up," he said holding a broken stalk. "This is weird."

Balestra said he believes someone must've vandalized his crops on Friday night, however, farm workers that live in a house by the field told him nothing was heard or seen.

"I guess some people have too much time on their hands," he said, shaking his head.

While crop circles may be new to Solano County, reports of circles are centuries old and theories abound that explain what, or who, is making them.

The first known circle formation was in 1647 in England and it comes from a woodcarving of a horned demon wielding a board and a rope to make a crop circle, according to Crop Circle Central

at www.paradigmshift.com. In the 1970s, reports of crop circles began to increase worldwide and by the 1990s circles began appearing with complex geometrical designs.

On average nearly 250 such formations are reported across the world each year and several thousand reports have been documented since researchers began keeping track, according to data from the Southern Circular Research, which monitors and surveys crop formations in England. England is a top spot for crop circles.

But who or what is making them?

Some say extraterrestrials are involved, others say Mother Earth is sending humans a message. Some stick to scientific reasons such as mysterious wind blasts that flatten the crops, or the circles are somehow caused by satellites and microwave energy.

Some say it's all a joke.

In 1991, Doug Bower and Dave Chorley claimed they started the crop circle craze, using simple tools such as a rope and a plank to stomp the crops down. For decades, the English pub-loving duo allegedly drew out their designs ahead of time and went to work when the sun went down.

According to some crop circle makers, the formations are not done by aliens but people and are works of art, science and fun, according to the Circlemakers, at www.circlemakers.org.

To farmer Balestra, however, it's just a waste of wheat.

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[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://www.anomalist.com) for the lead]

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Filer's Files #27 -- 2003

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UFO FLAP DEVELOPING IN EUROPE

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. Our UFOs headed for Mars, Massachusetts - a round bright white light flying, New York - crop circle investigation, Georgia - bright domed disc, Florida - three stationary, orange, rectangular lights, Bahamas - daylight disc, Mississippi - sun cloud and flying flashlight, Michigan - Jet flying too slow, Missouri -- hovering bright triangular shaped object, California - flying triangle, Washington - daylight disc sighting and photos, Argentina - cattle mutilation UK - UFO flap, Belgium - flying triangles return, Netherlands - UFO runway, Spain - UFO videotaped, Russian - fisherman see green UFO, Ukraine - cylinder UFO with diamond emblem, and Australia - bright light.

OUR UFO's HEADED FOR MARS

Mars is getting closer each day, the ruddy light in the early morning sky is growing bigger and brighter, from just after midnight to sunrise. If you have a telescope or binoculars now is the time to start observing because on August 27, Mars will be closer to Earth than ever in recorded human history. Traditionally whenever we have been close to Mars, the UFO numbers have greatly increased. You may be able to see Mars white polar caps or dark surface markings. This year's close approach, while not odramatically nearer than those of 1971 and, 1988 will nonetheless be the closest in almost 60,000 years.

MASSACHUSETTS - A ROUND BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT FLYING

SOUTH EASTON - The witness was taking out her dogs at exactly 9:49 PM, on June 15, 2003, and immediately saw a VERY bright white light in the sky east with a pointy tail following it that was an electric blue color (like a blue colored flame from a gas stove). She states, "I couldn't help but follow the bright white light with my eyes that went straight across the sky in front of me from left to right." There was no angle to its flying. No upward direction, no downward direction-just straight across the soky perfectly from east to west. There was no smoke behind its blue tail. Then in a split second I lost sight of it behind a very large tree in my yard. My first thoughts were "I ran behind my large tree to see if I could still see the bright white light with the electric blue tail but it was completely gone. During this whole time there was no sound. After I lost sight of it, I looked straight up and saw a large jet flying in the eastern direction and I could just barely hear its engine sound soaring through the skies. I immediately ran inside the house to tell my husband. He unfortunately did not see it. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

NEW YORK CROP CIRCLE INVESTIGATION

SARATOGA SPRINGS -- FOX 23 News in Albany, NY telephoned Ray Cecot on the evening of June 12, 2003, to say they wanted me to look at film footage they took of a crop formation in Saratoga County. I reviewed the footage and later met with Joe who found the formation(s). He was awakened around 2 AM by a short duration "humming sound," on the night of June 11. It had a definite "harmonic" quality about it with three different "tones" to the hum. There were no other sounds, nor lights seen in the area. The next day Joe took his dog for a walk, and the dog refused to go into the field. Joe then noticed that the waist-high grass was laid down in (at least) five different areas. The areas that were laid down were in a perfect east -- west alignment. Starting on the western edge of the field, the first four "swirls" were relatively small, a yard or two in length. The fifth formation (the easternmost) was the largest, 100 feet in length and 80 feet wide. The pattern was irregular, but the grass was laid down in a variety of ways, some bent in a westerly direction, some toward the east, some southeast or southwest. Many areas had definite circular swirls. Often the grass was laid in one direction underneath other grass, which lay in a totally different direction.

The crop circle is next to a church parking lot. The witness took "flash" pictures at 8:30 PM, on June 11 and in some of the photos there are globes of light, orbs hovering above the formations. In some they appeared to be coming out of the grass in an upward motion. On the night of June 21 - 22, Joe's wife was awakened by a similar humming sound at 1:30 AM. Looking out the window they saw a police car drive by but nothing else. That morning, Joe walked his dog and once again the animal avoided going into the area where there was more swirls in the field. A lamppost nearby had been knocked to the ground, the metal at its base twisted, but without visible signs that it had been hit by a car. The investigation continues. Thanks to Ray Cecot Director Independent Researchers' Association for Anomalous Phenomena Albany, NY 12212 iraapl@nycap.rr.com.

Elizabeth Tuttle writes Duane Saari is our primary researcher and found that on June 10 and 22, 2003 at around 2 AM; a resident in this silent Saratoga neighborhood was up with their 2-month-old infant and heard a "harmonica" type of sound. The resident couldn't see anything in the dark, so he took pictures into the darkness with his digital camera. The next morning when walking the dog, they found the crop circles in the field across from their house. The second event on June 22 repeated the procedure again. The next morning the circles had been rearranged, several smaller circles had been added, and a lamppost in the parking lot adjacent to the field had been twisted off its base. djsaari@nycap.rr.com

RYE -- I read the report about the Rye, NY sightings, and the gentleman referenced in that report should not underestimate the frequency one may see satellites these days. A couple nights ago, some friends and I spotted at least a dozen of varying description in an hour's time. Some would disappear as they entered the earth's shadow, some were flashing on and off (tumbling) and often there were several visible at once. They moved generally northeast, but there were a few stragglers moving in other directions. At one point, we observed a satellite passing under another at much higher altitude going in the same direction, giving the impression of an object overtaking and passing another. Thanks to Greg St. Pierre gregstpi@aol.com

GEORGIA - BRIGHT DOMED DISC

STOCKBRIDGE -- Tom Sheets MUFONGA's Director reports an eyewitness observed an unusual event on I-75 North in the Stockbridge area of Henry County on June 16, 2003, at about 4:59 PM. He observed a bright domed disc and it was moving faster than any aircraft with which he was familiar. ASD Mark Ausmus is attempting to investigate.

DOUGLAS COUNTY - Tom was contacted by a former witness who has high credibility and is an intelligent retired professional with outstanding credentials. He had been contemplating giving us a call due to some very unusual events that occurred in his home beginning about May 19, and extending through early June. One

night after turning in, he noticed a glowing round orb near his closet door. It was a fairly bright circle, with less bright radials from the center to it's outer perimeter, diameter about 12 inches, silvery white, but mottled, outer edges not smooth, perhaps slightly jagged. It seemed to have a shallow depth and glowed from within. No light reflections were noticed in the room. Witness felt calm, so went off to sleep. Later that morning, while still asleep, some sort of force hit from above the witness, which seemed directed at the upper right side of his body. Witness came fully awake startled and frightened, and momentarily noticed what he could only describe as some sort of vague, dark, "ectoplasm" near the bed. His fear turned to anger, so he threw his pillow and shouted for it to get out. It drifted away down the hall and the witness returned to bed.

One night about a week later, an extremely loud BOOM awakened the witness and he saw a flash of lightning-like blue-white light in his bedroom. He felt a sort of electric feeling over his body, and smelled for odors that might indicate fire or an electric short, of which there was none. Witness then noticed hundreds of sparkles developing in the corner of the room near the bed and toward the ceiling, an area of about 4 feet x 4 feet. These sparkles would vanish, redevelop, repeat etc. After watching for ten minutes, he became calm as the electric feeling receded, the sparkles also receded and he fell asleep. Within about a week, he awoke one night to a buzzing sound, looked and the sparkles were back, but brighter, with blue, yellow, orange and white. After peacefully observing, he fell asleep. This witness has a particular talent for research and after consulting with this writer, as is his wish; he is continuing his own inquiry of these events. Before his retirement, he was responsible for the lives of hundreds of people on a daily basis. Thanks to Tom Sheets [MUFONGA@webtv.net]

FLORIDA - THREE STATIONARY, ORANGE, RECTANGULAR LIGHTS

DAYTONA BEACH -- The observers were walking south on the beach on June 13, 2003, around 11:30 PM, and noticed some unusual lights over the ocean. The lights were one-third above the horizon and were an inch to two inches across together. The lights were rectangular shaped and evenly spaced in a parallel line. The stationary lights were orange in color and disappeared like someone had turned off a light switch. We observed them for about 15 to 30 seconds on a fairly clear night with a few cirrus clouds over head. It was a full moon and plenty of stars visible. After the lights disappeared nothing could be seen where they once were. I believe it to be one craft, if a UFO.

KEY LARGO -- Three large white star shaped objects flashing at different times were observed on June 13, 2003, at 11 PM, with one higher at the top left than the one at the right which was a little lower. Another one was underneath these but to the right. Although they flew together they were not in a formation and not far apart. A similar sphere shaped object was seen the following night at 10 PM, in Key Largo

NAPLES -- The witness was traveling south on Interstate 75, eleven miles south of Naples on Friday morning, March 1, 2002, at 6:22 AM, when he noticed an object in the sky to his front left. It had three tiny white lights and came closer at a very slow pace. The witness says, "I was able to make out the shape very distinctly as a low flying triangle. It was well below the clouds, and its lights were at each apex. The lights did not illuminate any portion of the craft. I pulled over to the side of the road, and shut off the engine to listen. It was traveling west and passed by in three minutes. The window was down, and the engine off, but there was no sound. I turned the ignition to 'Aux' to hear the shuttle launch on the radio, but, it was not visible due to the clouds. I looked back and the object was gone. I noticed the van's digital clock lost two minutes.

NAPLES - Edwin R writes, "I have a friend that saw either this same very large black flying triangle craft or one very similar back in 1996, near the Gulf." He was excited and freaked out. He said, "It was a triangular shaped craft with either three or five lights on the black metallic under belly in a triangular pattern with an array of several smaller lights around the perimeter of the vehicle. The most astonishing feature was that it was gliding eight miles per hour, at only 100 yards above the

ground, and was dead silent. You could probably throw a baseball and hit it. We feel sure it was not manufactured on this planet. Thanks to Edwin R.

BAHAMAS - DAYLIGHT SAUCER DESCENDS TO NEARBY BUSHES

THOMPSON BAY (Long Island) -- A husband and wife in their early 50's were heading in a southerly direction on June 9, 2003, at 1 PM, when a saucer shaped craft was seen coming out of the clouds and descending to the bushes about 300 feet away. The sighting lasted only ten seconds in the middle of the day and no lights were seen. No investigation was attempted because it was impossible to turn off the highway. Other sightings have been observed before in this same area. The wife is non drinker and the husband is moderate drinker. Thanks to Peter Davenport

CARTHAGE - The observer says, "This is going to sound weird, but I saw something in the sky on June 15, 2003, at 4 PM, that at first I thought was the space station." I had heard a report about being able to see it and I've seen it before but what I saw this time was not the shape, texture or glow of the station. I often search the skies for an answer to something greater than life. When I saw the sun-cloud hovering I was speechless. I wanted to say 'over-here pick me up!' I couldn't scream a word; which is not like me. It was like a really bright flashlight, except it had another flashlight behind it, a larger one. It looked like the sun's corona but smaller. Truthfully, I was a bit taken aback by it. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

TENNESSEE - FORMATION OF LIGHTS

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN - The eyewitness was out in his driveway about 3:15 AM on June 10, 2003, because he could not sleep. It was a clear night and the stars were bright. He states, "Looking toward the southwest I saw what at first I thought was a satellite with three lights in a triangle formation moving toward the northeast at about satellite speed." Two lights were in front and a single was in back, they were as bright as a bright star. They were three separate lights as they would close then move apart, there was no sound but they seemed to be very high then they just faded away. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

MICHIGAN - SLOW FLYING JET

BRIGHTON - My significant other who runs a real estate office just called me at 5 PM and said that she just saw something very odd in the sky above "old US 23" She saw two flat, matte black helicopters "escorting" a jet fighter! This jet was also flat matte black and was maybe 1500 feet high and resembled the types of planes used by the Blue Angels and the thunderbirds but was flying at the same speed as small aircraft. She said it was not a stealth aircraft. Any ideas on what type of military fighter is painted flat black and can "chug" along at 200 mph or less. E-mail report.

MISSOURI -- HOVERING BRIGHT TRIANGULAR SHAPED OBJECT

KANSAS CITY -- On Sunday, June 8, 2003, at about 11 PM, we were driving south on Highway 435, ten miles from the Kansas State line, when myself and my two passengers asked each other what was that object we all had been watching? It was a quarter of a mile away and was large and very bright. It looked about the size of a football field, and the top surface seemed to be covered in very bright lights. The lower side was dark with rotating red and blue lights. We stopped on the highway, got out and watched the object for five minutes as it just hovered not moving. After five minutes it started a very slow forward motion, it flew over a hill and descended and disappeared. There was no engine or propellers noise. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

CALIFORNIA - TWO UFO'S FLEW IN THE SKY

OXNARD - Two objects flew in different directions but came to a stop in the sky at about the same height at 8 PM on June 13, 2003. Then one continued downward toward the earth and the other continued upward at about a 45 degree angle. I lost view of both after a few minutes. But I recorded it on videotape. [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

WASHINGTON - DAYLIGHT DISC SIGHTING AND PHOTOS

KINGSTON - Dr. Annamarie Johnstone reports she was photographing chemtrails in the Thriftway Parking Lot on Highway 104 on May 30, 2003. The town is eleven miles east of Bangor submarine Base, and in the general area where I had photographed a cigar-shaped cylinder, angled downward and moving to the west on May 12th. I took several 35 mm photos in seconds, facing south with no craft visible. Upon film development, two sequenced prints displayed two discs joining, followed by two joined discs in juxtaposition, with a very distinct atmospheric ionization line, for and aft. The craft were moving east over Puget Sound toward Seattle. Thanks to Dr. Annamarie Johnstone author of "UFO Defense Tactics" [phd84@nwinet.com,]Dr. Johnstone

PUYALLUP -- On June 9, 2003, at 10:32 PM, the witness was laying on the couch watching TV and talking on the phone, when a red search light was seen falling from the sky with smoke behind it. The witness states, "I saw a light shining in the top right corner of my slider door that looked like a light that a searchlight from a helicopter would make. I got up to see what it was and a bright reddish orange object was falling down out of the sky. You could see smoke behind it. As it dropped, it got significantly smaller to about the size of a dot and then went behind some trees and then all you could see was the smoke. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org]NUFORC

ARGENTINA - CATTLE MUTILATION INCIDENT

CUCHILLO CO --"El Diario" (La Pampa) reports that Cuchillo C=F3 was among the most affected areas during last years cattle mutilation wave that appears, never ceased altogether. The provincial government, Director of the Ministry of Production, Nestor Alcalá, coordinated the sending of veterinarians to the Cuchillo C=F3 area to examine the bovine found mutilated in recent hours in a rural estate. "I asked Juan (Isequilla) to conduct an urgent experts' analysis and send people to verify any signs that may be found," explained Alcalá=El. The official furthermore stated that he is not opposed to meeting with area ranchers who are demanding a thorough explanation of these events. The minister pointed out that "we were unable to find anything because the previous cases involved animals in a state of decomposition, this case interests 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=El. The young rancher who filed his complaint is the same cattleman who lost twelve cattle last March. "This can't go on. The number of mutilated animals stands at 17 and we haven't found a way of stopping these strange events. Thanks to El Diario and Scott Corrales Institute of Hispanic Ufology.

A NEW UFO FLAP HAS BROKEN OUT IN UK

BRIDGEND, WALES - The observer was staring out the window at 12:31 AM, on June 9, 2003, and saw a bright object south of his house near Cardiff, a few miles in the distance. He states, "It was stationary and much too big and bright for a star." After a few minutes it moved very quickly in the opposite direction to me, still silent, before vanishing after a few more minutes. I was terrified by this time.

SALFORD, ENGLAND - FLYING TRIANGLE SPOTTED -- Warren Knocerman states, "The last sighting was June 19, 2002, at 12:35 AM, when I saw a big triangle shaped object in the sky change shape into a circle and disappear over Irlam in Salford. I've seen it 13 times now I'm getting sick of it. Thanks to Warren Knocerman kay@maxieshouse73.freeserve.co.uk

WORCESTER AND HENDON -- "The witness rang Contact International UFO Research, in Oxfordshire to report, "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 AM." "It was moving towards the Malvern area with a shining tail behind it."

"On May 31, a man and his wife, say they spotted a white light above Worcester Cathedral." "'The light suddenly shot off towards Birmingham,' said Michael Soper, spokesman for Contact

International." "And in Kidderminster, on June 4, 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. "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 June 16, at 7:08 p.m., eyewitness N.C. "saw a UFO appear in Hendon, near London. He reported, "It was flying high with green flashing lights, and my friend, who had binoculars, says he saw little red men. Before I fainted, I took a quick look and saw something red that was shiny with green lights around," at 1,500 meters Many thanks to Robert Fischer and Contact International.

BELGIUM - FLYING TRIANGLES RETURN

ANTWERP -- A 19 year old resident from Edegem spotted a triangular shaped object on May 14, round 1 o'clock at night, while driving home on his motorcycle. On June 20, he sighted the triangle again with flashing lights hovering 125 meters above a house. He drove to the object and the UFO gradually departed and accelerated. The biker had to speed up to 20 km/h to keep up. Somewhat farther, the object halted again above a house. The witness put his motorcycle aside and waved to it, but there was no reaction and no sound. From beneath, it looked like a triangle, but without sharp edges. Besides the flashing lights, the object had blue and red lights. From behind, the object looked like a "flattened pyramid-shape." He tried to make "contact" with a laserpointer but didn't succeed. After a minute, the object began accelerating again; first jerkily and then fast. The biker got on his bike, and followed it to the next town, at high speeds. Near a bridge the UFO accelerated and disappeared. Thanks to Toine Trust [<http://www.ufoplaza.nl/>]
<http://www.ufoplaza.nl/>

NETHERLANDS - UFO RUNWAY BUILT

HOUTEN -- The coming of the so-called "runway for UFOs" along a Dutch highway is a fact. The Dutch artist Martin Riebeek is going to furnish two traffic circles as a piece of art. On the first traffic circle, there will be a blue glow over a concrete plate: the landing strip. The other one is being decorated with a six meter high air-traffic control tower that guides the aliens to the runway. The UFO pilots are warned, when a yellow light shines it's too busy to land. The area between the two traffic circles gets on either sides blue pillars. Sponsoring from companies funds raised 190.000-euro (\$225.000). Thanks to: Toine Trust Site: ganzEgal@UFOPlaza.nl "

SPAIN - UFO VIDEOTAPED

GIJON -- A UFO was videotaped in Northern Spain on the Bay of Biscay on June 23, 2003 at 11:55 AM. Anyos Luz News reports, "The sighting took place within the framework of the traditional celebrations of St. John's Eve when 'A light crossed the sky, making strange movements. The object resembled a star moving in the distance and passes over some buildings. It was a large thing that flew away very swiftly. Thanks to Scott Corrales Institue of Spanish Ufology

RUSSIAN - FISHERMAN SEE GREEN UFO

Pravda reports, "Fishermen in Russia say they have been driven to drink by a UFO that regularly passes over them near Yekaterinburg, in western Russia. They 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 pasoses over them they have an almost unquenchable thirst for alcohol. Thanks to Pravda.ru
http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_793482.html

YEKATERINBURG --Pravda reports that a rather unique phenomenon, was filmed by several cameramen from Pervouralsk and Yekaterinburg on the night of June 2003. Witnesses describe the phenomenon as something resembling a bright beautiful comet moving underneath clouds. The UFO brightly lit the night sky and then disappeared Tomilova an eyewitness, journalist says that the UFO is a small green object of a bulb size. The object can

be seen only at night and flies along the same trajectory. It emerges in the sky above the local matchmaking factory, then it slowly moves along the Tura River towards the pulp plant, turns toward a railway bridge and flies to the city of Tavda.

http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299_UFOgreen.html

WEST SIBERIA -- On Sunday evening, June 29, 2003, Russian 1st TV channel broadcast a report from Okunevo (region of the city of Omsk, Siberia). Interviews with local residents were shown and a multitude of testimonies claim there are numerous anomalous phenomena in nearby forests and lakes. The so-called Shay'tan (Devils) Lake that is considered "bottomless" has numerous reports. Local residents regularly view numerous UFOs looking like "fiery globes", "saucers" over the area. One male witness stated that an underground cavity was found in that location at 16 meters deep. He stated there is an underground tunnel that goes to the ancient temple located underground as well. (From TV report, program "Namedni"). Thanks to Anton A.Anfalov an@crimea.com

UKRAINE --CYLINDER UFO WITH EMBLEM CAUSES FLAP OVER CRIMEA

SIMFEROPOL -- Anton A.Anfalov our Research specialist for MUFON in Ukraine reports, "The UFO flap over the Crimean peninsula in the Southern Ukraine, was very active during June and indicates the definite presence of several underground alien bases in our region. On Saturday, June 21, 2003, at 11:35 PM, an amazing object was seen over Simferopol' flying from east - to north, from the direction of Black Sea towards Moscow. This was a dull-grey cylinder with with a bright front light and six dull-white windows. The front part of this cylinder was more elongated and protruded forward like a bird. The craft was big 200 meters long and 40 meters in diameter and flying low.. It was clearly visible and was likely a fascinating mother ship . An emblem was noticed in the front part of the cylinder, reflected by the front light. This emblem was like vertical rhomb or diamond with a horizontal line in the middle, or two triangles joined together.

SIMFEROPOL' -- On Sunday, June 22, at 10 PM, Anton saw a UFO hovering directly in front of the windows of his flat, near the nearby 9-storied building on Prospect Pobedy (Victory highway). The object was about 200 meters above the town creating three bright white flashes at an interval of 7 to 10 seconds. This was definitely not an airplane, and the intervals between the flashes were long, indicating that the object was almost hovering over the same place. The exact shape was not visible since it was dark. There was an airplane with a clearly visible red blinking light and auxiliary lights flying behind the UFO.

On June 24, two UFOs were observed over Simferopol', both flying north. The first was at 22:10, and second at 22:15. Both were disk-shaped, or "hat-shaped." The first was brightly shining; the second suddenly increased and decreased its brightness, vividly demonstrating itself. Mrs. Lenura Azizova states, "I clearly saw the shining of the silver hull of this craft that was flying at a very low altitude of about 150-200 meters above me." The dull-grey object was shaped like two deep saucers joined together. It was ten meters in diameter and five meters high. It was like inside a cloud of dust visibly spraying some powder or aerosol around it. Thanks to Anton A.Anfalov [an@crimea.com]
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AUSTRALIA VERY BRIGHT LIGHT ABOVE HORIZON

BRISBANE - We were driving as the sun was going down on June 14, 2003, when my partner pointed at a stationary bright light in the sky at 5:20 PM, that looked like a very bright star. I pulled over to look and I noticed someone behind us also pulled over, got out of their car and was looking. To the right of us were dwellings, and I noticed someone taking photos of the object, we could see the camera flash. This object started to drop in altitude. It looked like a very bright teardrop about the size of a poea and flew behind the trees. We moved the car but could not find it any more. The sun was behind the object, yet it had a very intense light. ([www.nuforc.org]NUFORC Note: Witness provides photograph, which does, indeed, look bizarre. If the second light in the sky is not caused by ice crystals refracting the Sun's light, then we do not know what the object is. PD)

NEW JERSEY - OPC-3 IMPROVES HEALTH

I was tired of being tired, my daughter had serious case of skin rash called psoriasis, my son and wife were suffering from allergies. They were sneezing and had running noses. I happen to have a friend Graham who is an MD. While we were talking in my living room, I asked his advice for these problems. He stated, "He takes OPC - 3 along with his loved ones and most of his patients." It's made from a unique combination of grape seed, pine bark, bilberry, red wine, and citrus extracts. These OPC's are super-effective free radical neutralizers and antioxidants, that build up your immune system so your body heals itself. I bought some of the OPC-3 and it increased my energy, improved my vision, helped me breathe better and helped with nagging pain. My daughters red skin lesions cleared up, and both my son and my wife's allergies cleared. , prevent heart disease, heal varicose veins, reduce pain and inflammation? Many people complain of allergies, skin, back, lung, or heart problems because we often fail to provide the necessary nutrition for our immune system to heal us. My daughters psoriasis was cleared up in a week after years if treatment. The cost is only an about a dollar a day to feel and have youthful skin.

I was so impressed, I have made it available to my readers. A large size should lasts for 3 months and is a much better buy. Click on the link that could change your life! OPC-3

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Re: Largest UFO Database In The World? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 11:58:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 13:32:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Largest UFO Database In The World? - Hatch

>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 00:38:16 -0700 (MST)
>Subject: Re: Largest UFO Database In The World?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 12:29:39 -0700
>>Subject: Largest UFO Database In The World?

>>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 .."

>>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?".

..and..

>>"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?

>You are correct in your speculation about this "UFO Resource
>Center".

>I believe I can comment on this website and this claim of
>"biggest UFO Database in the World" as I have met this guy
>Christopher Montgomery and he operates (or tries to) out of my
>hometown, Kent, in the State of Washington - a suburb of
>Seattle.

>Essentially its a one man operating web site reposting others

>information with nothing original and a network of several
>friends (and I didn't even think they are still active from a
>few years ago until I read your message). A testament to don't
>believe everything you read on the internet.

>I met Chris briefly at an event several years ago and as I
>recall Chris is a character similar to "Ted Baxter" on the "Mary
>Tayler Moore show" - a melodramatic newscaster.

>My issue with Chris Montgomery is in the past he has taken my
>email announcements and posted his name to them. I asked him
>to kindly stop posting my messages.

>As to whether he has the "biggest UFO Database in the World"...
>that remains to be seen.

>I also believe discriminating people prefer quality of
>information over size. :)

Hello Charlette:

I browsed and clicked around trying to find the "largest UFO
Database", but got nowhere. It turns out that only paid members
have access!

Thus a browser has to kick in \$5 via Pay-Pal even to see if his
own materials have been plagiarized!

If anyone here does have access, I would like to know a lot more
about the contents of the UFO RC Database.

If its mostly pix, then he could bloat his files to any size
rapidly, and be "largest" in terms of bytes if not bandwidth.

Maybe a browse of the individual names on the "Panel of Experts"
will tell us even more. Thanks for the info on Montgomery. I
agree that quality should come before quantity, but that takes
real work. Copycats are not about to do that, if that's what we
have here.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Disclosure Australia Announcement - 02

From: **Diane Harrison - AUFORN** <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 17:38:35 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 13:35:42 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Australia Announcement - 02

Disclosure Australia announces that the second edition of the Project newsletter has been posted at:

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

and is now available for reading.

This issue features:

- a report on the start of the search for Government documents
- The proposed process for case file submissions to the Project Archive.

Happy reading.

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Re: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 13:14:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 14:22:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee - Velez

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 15:46:42 -0300
>Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 23:09:55 -0400
>Subject: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee

>Source: Darkufo

><http://groups.yahoo.com/group/darkufo/message/3569>

>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".

One day... probably in a parallel dimension, a proper medical study of abductees will be undertaken by an independent research organization.

For those who don't know, "Sabre Enterprises" is Derrel Simms' group/project. For those who are unfamiliar with the 'alien hunter' and nemesis of Mondoos*, Derrel Simms he is one individual that has done more to discredit and to set back the study of UFO abductions (IMHO) than just about anybody else. Any information that originates from him, or his 'Sabre Enterprises' is to be taken with a huge block of salt.

Here we have a 'report' with no mention of:

1. ... how many 'abductees' were tested.
2. How they were chosen for inclusion in the study. What criteria was used to select them as 'abductees.'
3. Which tests were performed? Or, why those specific tests were chosen?
4. Who performed the tests and under what conditions? What were the credentials/qualifications of those conducting the 'tests'?
5. What percentage of those tested showed the symptoms mentioned. Part of the group? All of them?
6. Why is a 'Registered Nurse' is presenting the results to the public and not the doctors who conducted the tests? (Assuming the tests were performed by competent, licensed, board certified physicians.)

In spite of any pretensions of being a "report of the findings of a scientific study," plainly, this is not. This one turns out to be just another one of those speculative "unnamed sources

say" kind of a report. The nurse spouts a lot of questionable statistics without providing one iota of information about how it was obtained and by whom.

We who participate in the day to day doings in ufology need to set the bar a lot higher than this. We should all demand clear, concise reports that have been published and peer reviewed before being offered for consumption by the general public. (Posted to the Internet.) This is precisely how websites who spread rumor and pure speculation have become so prevalent on the Internet.

Because of this "report" you'll soon hear people talking about how 'all abductees' are salt and potassium deficient as if it was proven fact. Or how all abductees are 'incontinent' as another alleged study (prematurely) revealed. It's all nonsense that in the end only serves to further cloud an already murky issue.

We need some hard science applied to the question of abduction. We need to demand that it be the best that is available. We need to insure that these kinds of reports are held to the highest standards. Otherwise they are virtually useless and a complete waste of time and resources.

Enough already. If Sabre Enterprises -which is not an organization that is independent of the phenomenon it is allegedly studying, - wishes to file a public report of some scientific findings, then let it do it the right way. Better yet, let us hear about it via the Journal of the American Medical Association, or some other peer reviewed publication.

And not from an unknown R.N. via a UFO List on the Internet.

And as an aside... I am an 'abductee' and because of coronary artery disease I am on very restricted salt intake. Nothing wrong with my potassium or salt levels. Enough of this 'science by proclamation.' We need to know 'who, how, when, where, why.'

Personal opinion respectfully submitted,

John Velez
Speaking strictly for myself

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Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 13:51:19 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 14:24:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 19:10:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

>>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2003 13:28:22 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Out Of The Blue On Sci-Fi

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>>"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.

Hello Herr Oberg, Steve, All,

Steve responded:

>James-
>
>Some of the points you've raised are well taken, but neither
>"Out of the Blue" nor your criticisms will likely impress the
>scientific community as a whole. Somehow the field will have to
>rise above the personalities and knee-jerk reactions that seem
>to prevail on both sides in this genre, but it doesn't appear
>that this will happen any time soon.

My post about 'Out of the Blue' was purely and simply and
expression of my personal opinion about the production. I must
admit to being a bit surprised by Herr Oberg's fourteen page
tome of a response to it.

Man, the program must have been more powerful than even I
suspected for it to have motivated him to spout skepti-bunker
chapter and verse the way he did. He must have a lot of time on
his all-knowing and self-assured hands now-a-days.

More...

Mr. Oberg appears to have no compunction about inferring that
former astronaut (and American hero) Gordon Cooper is a liar.
Ditto for Robert Jacobs. Herr Oberg is so very sure (and full)
of himself and his facts, so sure that he has a good handle on
things, that he realtes to the rest of us as if nothing and no
one can stand up to his omniscience.

*omniscient (Om-nish-ee-ent) adj.

1. Having total knowledge; knowing everything.

-omniscient n.

1. One having total knowledge.
2. Omniscient. God.

>The "experts" you've quoted also have their own baggage to deal
>with, and if you're throwing names around because you believe
>that everyone on this List holds them in high esteem you're in
>for a rude awakening.

One who chooses to ignore the overwhelming evidence for UFOs
as Herr Oberg does, is in for a "rude awakening" period.

>In my short comment on the program after the premiere in
>Washington DC, I stated that there were sections of the program
>that everyone would likely have a problem with. However, the
>overall production was well done and far more reasonable than
>most programs aired on the subject today. Actually, I think your
>criticism shows how powerful the program probably was, in that
>you felt the need to launch such an attack. A few critical
>comments would have sufficed.

I couldn't agree with your comments more, Steve. The 'over the
top' reaction to this one program is not only curious but most
revealing.

My best,

John Velez, Speaking strictly for myself

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Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 14:27:48 -0400
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ASHCROFT AT WAR
WITH UFOLOGY?

"FBI and other law enforcement officials raided a Rachel (Nevada) man's rented trailer home Thursday," June 19, 2003, "while he was out of state, searching for what he said were photographs and data stored in his computer 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 on Friday," June 20, 2003, "on a table inside the trailer in the rural Lincoln County community 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Las Vegas."

"They timed this very nicely while I was in Denver (Colorado) with a TV crew," said Clark, 57, author of Area 51 and S-4 Handbook."

"Clark said he thinks the search warrant was triggered by his research into motion-detector 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 (144 kilometers) north of Las Vegas."

"Clark and other Area 51 buffs think the sensors are linked by radio signals to an interactive 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 was 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 siezed."

"An FBI spokesman in Las Vegas, Jim Stern, confirmed that a search warrant had been executed in 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.'" "

(Editor's Comment: Ongoing investigation!? What for? Clark has neither been arrested, charged, indicted by a grand jury, nor subpoenaed as a witness.)

"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 siezed."

According to KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, Nev., "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."

KLAS-TV "learned that the action was initiated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force." (JTTF)

Earlier in June, Clark had "accompanied the (KLAS-TV Eyewitness News) I-Team" to an entrance to Area 51 and "two sensors were located and base security wrote down the plate numbers of our vehicles. We returned five days ago (Tuesday, June 17, 2003) and drove to the rear entrance of Area 51."

"Two days later (Thursday, June 19, 2003) FBI agents, working with (U.S.) Air Force Intelligence and the Joint Terrorism Task Force raided Clark's home and siezed photos, records and his computer."

"They're paranoid about the location, and I don't see why?" asked Clark."

KLAS-TV "asked the BLM (Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior--J.T.) if it's legal for the military to put security devices on public land, but a (BLM) spokesman couldn't answer our question." (See the Las Vegas Review-Journal for June 21, 2003, "Ongoing investigation: FBI raids home near Area 51." Also the KLAS-TV Eyewitness News broadcast for June 20, 2003. Many thanks to Loren Coleman and Robert Fischer for these news reports.)

(Editor's Comment: No doubt about it. Due process has really gone down the latrine with Attorney General John Ashcroft at the helm.)

LUMINOUS UFO SIGHTED IN NORTHERN SPAIN

"A UFO was filmed (videotaped--J.T.) in the city of Gijon, in Asturias, a province in northern Spain."

"The sighting took place within the framework of the traditional celebrations of St. John's Eve on June 23, 2003 at 11:55 a.m. According to the report in Anyos Luz: 'A 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 beyond the normal.'"

"According to some eyewitnesses, 'the object resembled a star moving in the distance. It was a large thing that flew away very swiftly.'"

"The videotape shows that when the UFO passed over the buildings, small spherical objects can be seen. These have been attributed to the reflection of the UFO in glass windows through which the object was viewed. Another smaller object can be seen moving in the opposite direction. It has been identified as a 'stunned pigeon.'"

Gijon is a port on the Bay of Biscay, located approximately 210 kilometers (126 miles) northwest of Madrid, the capital of Spain. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo Gimenez para esa historia de noticias.)

NIGHT SAUCER SPOTTED IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, UK

On Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at 11:20 p.m., Stuart Wood "spotted what I thought was a low-flying plane out of my living room window" in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, UK. He reported, "I soon realised that there was no engine noise, and that it could not be a hot-air balloon at that time of night."

"It was saucer-shaped with four metallic legs hanging from the undercarriage that were bent in the middle, almost in a crouching stance, with three amber lights, one

of which lit the leg-like structures up. It also had one red and one white blinking light situated on the port or starboard (left or right) side of the object."

"It measured about a centimetre (0.4 inches) across. (I used a ruler from arm's length from where I was standing--S.W.) I think it was about one-half to three-quarters of a mile (0.8 to 1.2 kilometers) away. My friend also witnessed this. The object never moved; it just hovered. After two or three minutes of staring at it, it (the UFO) disappeared." (Email Form Report)

LUMINOUS SPHERE SEEN OVER BUENOS AIRES

On Monday, June 23, 2003, at 7:03 p.m., spherical UFOs were seen over Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

According to Argentinian ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo, the brilliant luminous objects were seen over the urban districts of Boedo, Almagro and Chacabuco in Buenos Aires. Ricardo reported, "I observed an 'intense luminous sphere' over the district of Chacabuco. From my position, looking northeast, the object appeared to be 'a very luminous sphere, moving at a very, very low altitude over the city. It began to disappear as it neared the eastern horizon (the Rio de la Plata estuary--J.T.). However, it vanished in a series of degrees, gradually becoming more and more transparent. It was not a satellite, a bolide or a meteor because of its slow velocity, and it was last seen heading towards (the neighboring country of) Uruguay."

"A few hours later," Ricardo added, "eyewitnesses in the Parque Chacabuco observed 'pulses of anomalous blue light' that 'flashed repeatedly for eight minutes before disappearing into the east.'" (Email Form Report)

DARK AMBER UFO SEEN IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

On Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 11:33 p.m., Chris R. and his girlfriend were on the waterfront in Evanston, Illinois (population 74,239) when they spotted something unusual in the sky.

Chris reported, "My girlfriend and I were looking out over the lake (Lake Michigan--J.T.) and up in the sky when we saw a bright point appear in the sky. It was a dark amber color with no blinking lights on it. It was heading west also. But two minutes into watching it, it stopped in mid-air. Then it moved north for less than 30 seconds, where it stopped again and then continued to head west."

"During the sighting, it never once blinked or made a sound or changed in color. We noticed that once it was past us, we could still see a very faded color of red on top of it. But we still could not make out its shape. There were (other) planes in the air. The object had no markings, blinks or colors of any kind."

"I called O'Hare (International) Airport, and they said they had no aircraft in the area at the time. This is my second (UFO) sighting."

Evanston, Ill. is on Sheridan Road and Asbury Avenue about 6 miles (10 kilometers) north of Chicago. (Email Form Report)

MOTHMAN REVISITED

Cryptozoologist and paranormal researcher Loren Coleman has turned up new and unusual facts in the mystery surrounding "the Curse of The Mothman Prophecies."

A statistically unusual number of sudden deaths have been linked to the opening of the 2002 film, which dealt with the strange events around the collapse of the Silver Bridge in Point Pleasant, West Virginia on December 15, 1967.

In his latest update, Coleman noted that "Aaron Stephen Rebsamen, 14, unexpectedly committed suicide in his Fort Smith, Arkansas home. He was the beloved son of the well-known cryptozoology artist William Rebsamen, who did the cover illustration of Mothman for Coleman's book,

Mothman and Other Curious Encounters."

"Under a tight deadline after the publisher rejected earlier images from another source, Bill Rebsamen created the Mothman painting, overnight, in one creative inspiration."

"Witnesses such as Linda Scarberry, upon seeing the Rebsamen full-length, colored illustration of Mothman, said it is the best drawing, which most matches" the creature that "was first seen on November 15, 1966."

Three days after the boy's unfortunate death, "near Webbers Falls (Oklahoma)," about 40 miles (64 kilometers) west of Fort Smith, Ark., "fourteen people died after a barge collided with an Interstate Highway I-40 bridge, sending cars, trucks and trailers into the Arkansas River early Sunday morning, May 26, 2002."

The bridge collapse was eerily similar to the fall of the Silver Bridge into the icy Ohio River in December 1967.

"The bridge crossed the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River waterway in eastern Oklahoma. Seven women, seven men and at least 10 vehicles were pulled after one of two barges pulled by a tugboat struck a pillar, collapsing a 500 to 600-foot (150 to 180-meter) section of the bridge."

(Editor's Comment: The "seven women/seven men" theme rang a bell in your editor's memory. Then I remembered the Greek myth of Jason and the Argonauts. Every year, ancient Athens was required to send seven men and seven women to the land of Colchis (modern Crimea), to be used as human sacrifices.)

"Among those lost were Andrew Clements, 35, who was traveling from California to Woodridge, Virginia; Jeanine Cawley, 48, of Lebanon, Oregon; Margaret Green, 45, of Stockdale, Texas; Gail Shanahan, 49, of Corpus Christi, Texas; Misty Johnson, 28, of Lavaca, Ark.; James Johnson, 30, of Lavaca, Ark.; Wayne Martin, 49, of Norman, Okla.; Susan Martin, 49, of Norman, Okla.; Jerry Gillion, 58, of Spiro, Okla.; Patricia Gillion, 57, of Spiro, Okla.; David Mueggenborg, 52, of Okarcho, Okla.; and Jeanne Mueggenborg, 51, also of Okarcho, Okla."

"The Johnsons' three-year-old daughter, Shea Nicole, was found floating approximately one-half mile (0.8 kilometers) south of the bridge. She was one of the 14 victims pronounced dead. The Johnsons were on their way to the Tulsa Zoo."

Adjusting for time zones, the Webbers Falls bridge collapsed into the Arkansas River at the same time the "bridge destruction" climax of the film The Mothman Prophecies was showing on movie screens in Sydney, Australia. The Webbers Falls disaster took place on May 26, 2002, the very same day The Mothman Prophecies premiered in Australia. (Many thanks to Loren Coleman for the updated Mothman information. For more, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 22 for June 18, 2003, "'Mothman Curse' may be haunting Hollywood," page 2.)

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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'Crop Circles: Signs of Contact' A Review

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 21:14:13 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 16:14:04 -0400
Subject: 'Crop Circles: Signs of Contact' A Review

Crop Circles: Signs of Contact

by Colin Andrews (with Stephen J. Spignesi)

review by Mac Tonnies

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

I approached "Crop Circles: Signs of Contact" as a tourist might approach a country intimately familiar from maps and travelogues but nonetheless foreign enough to entice. Andrews' book -- a crowded, sometimes repetitious tome suffused with the author's New Age-y interpretation of the enduring crop circle mystery -- is ultimately less than I expected, but not without its highlights. For example, Andrews gives us a number of tantalizing anecdotes that no-one but the most committed debunkers can readily dismiss as collective hysteria. But Andrews neglects to share the entirety of hard scientific evidence he insists proves that some crop formations are of unknown manufacture. A passing attempt is made to demonstrate how the cells of affected crops have been changed (perhaps by microwave radiation), but Andrews too often spends valuable page-space recounting his ideas about environmental maladies and cosmic consciousness.

Structurally, "Signs of Contact" is scattered and underdeveloped. Reading it is like wading through a combination memoir/press release/scrapbook. Most readers looking for an uncluttered, objective overview at the crop circle controversy will be left wanting. But despite his narrative failing, Andrews has several things going for him: he's passionate and sincere about his field of study and he writes with a pervading optimism and justifiable sense of wonder. While Andrews definitely "want to believe" that crop circles represent a nonhuman intelligence of some kind, he's not afraid to address the rampant hoaxing that's plagued British fields; his insider's perspective on self-proclaimed crop artists and frauds is arguably his book's most trenchant aspect.

So, is something truly unexplained going on? Probably. Unfortunately, "Signs of Contact" isn't the definitive reference I expected from a veteran researcher.

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UFO Photographed Over Mexico City

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 17:01:46 -0400
Subject: UFO Photographed Over Mexico City

SOURCE: www.ovni.net (Lucy Guzman)
DATE: July 1, 2003

SPHERICAL OBJECT REPORTED OVE MEXICO CITY

On June 23, 2003 at 13:10 hours, a group of at least four professionals witnessed an object from their office windows at an 80 degree angle of elevation. The dark object - described as being "the size of a pinhead" - remained static until it moved swiftly against the general movment of the clouds. The episode lasted only a few minutes and the object lost itself amid the city's buildings. The incident was reported to Ovni.net by:

www.ufosshop.com

The following is one of the images taken of the June 23rd incident:

MEXICO - 23 DE JUNIO DE 2003

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Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 10:00:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 17:06:27 -0400
Subject: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

Hi -

Enclosed here below is a list of NASA photos extracted from raw Mars Global Surveyor photos of the surface of Mars, displayed by Dr. Tom Van Flandern, who was on Coast to Coast AM Monday night. (Yes, I know that Coast to Coast AM is suspect.)

Dr. Van Flandern started a career in astronomy, but became frustrated by the hair trigger judgements by his colleagues that observed astronomical anomalies were frivolous and not fit subjects for serious study. He and like-minded helpers now study such anomalies and report on them via his web site:

<http://www.metaresearch.org>

The Mars Face (Cydonia region) is one such anomaly. Now that the surface of Mars is being photographed in detail with high resolution cameras, there are tons and tons of new data which haven't been fully analyzed. Dr. Van Flandern combs through NASA's raw data, and reported on a number of interesting new photos of Martian anomalies last night on Coast to Coast AM.

I saved a few from the Coast to Coast web site which appear most interesting and they can be directly called up from the links below much more quickly than either Coast to Coast's site or Dr. Van Flandern's. All are around 50-65K:

<http://www.raven1.net/crownedface.jpg> (new "face")
<http://www.raven1.net/child.jpg> (l-h photo is untouched)
<http://www.raven1.net/glasstube.jpg> (the tubes are ribbed)
<http://www.raven1.net/tubetwork.jpg>
<http://www.raven1.net/hexcrater.jpg>
<http://www.raven1.net/plaintrack.jpg>

Eleanor White

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Website Of UFO Cult In Brazil

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2003 22:14:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 17:42:10 -0400
Subject: Website Of UFO Cult In Brazil

Hi All,

For your consumer awareness

<http://www.portal2.org.br/>

A site with photos of Urandir Oliveira who has been promoting here in the U.S. of his claims of abduction and his "Project Portal" buildings, "extraterrestrial" caverns and claimed healing water holes.

Photos of extensive commercialism including a building marked "Projeto Portal" - photos that other mis-leading 'reports' did not show of this claimed "humble farmer" in which former followers are calling another Jim Jones and Heaven's Gate.

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Disclosure Dialogue #01-05

From: Victor Viggiani <zland@sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 03:13:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 17:45:48 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Dialogue #01-05

The Media Ransom

Don't be afraid. It won't hurt.

The only risk is a few keystrokes and waking up a media mogul or two plus a Congressional Chairperson to the ideals of ETI truth.

If you are a web master, a moderator of a list or even someone with status in a UFO group or yes... researcher look on. Develop a consensus in your constituency about what goes on here.

WHAT DOES GOES ON HERE?

There are several ways to approach disclosure. Disclosure Dialogue has suggested a few approaches to the sleeping awareness of those who wish only to speak about lights in the sky. The wedge of opportunity, like a lightbulb in a dark room is waiting to be ignited. It is so easy to rap on about where we are. Oh so difficult to talk about where we need to be.

Now, it could be time to answer the ransom note of 50 years of cover-up. Place a note in the drawer of clear thinker. Educate. We are the teachers... they are the learners.

The SCI-FI Channel nibbles at the edge of Disclosure in an oh so... tantalizing manner. They seek a constituency. Ms. Hammer go at it and good on ya!! Explain your motives real soon. They must be above a profit motive.

Watergate was built on such... the next Watergate is an ETI-Gate or UFO-Gate. Hate to characterize it like that but you and I know it'll be that way... soon.

But there needs to be more radical people willing to take radical means to make a point towards opening the gate.

HOW and WHY?

With the recent news that some Senators in the USA will re-assess (vote down) the FCC decision to allow easy merging of large comm. companies, it is imperative we take advantage of this impending vote by asking congressional committees to look at the dissemination of Disclosure information. The ransom for control of the media could be mitigated if we speak soon enough. Those who are sharp in Congress may see that media control is linked to journalistic black-balling of anyone who wishes to write the truth about ETUI presence. That's got be reversed.

Below is a list of Senate reps of committees charged with communication issues.

Congratulate them on their decision to stop merger actions. Diversity of views is essential.

Let them know how you feel about the precision of the ETI Issue and ask for a response...now.

Let them know the SCI-FI Channel is on to something that needs exposure... the widest and most continuous exposure ever in media history. In a court of law, if the evidence was this massive, the verdict would be obvious... guilty of ransoming the

truth for 50 years. They are our representatives and the need, no the imperative, of their response to their constituency's concerns is crucial and absolute.

Become a constituency.

Now could be time to answer the ransom note of 50 years of cover-up. Place a note in the drawer of clear thinker. Educate. We are the teachers... they are the learners.

Radicalize and politicize with an e-mail to these...those who say they speak for you:

Sen. John McCain
Republican - Arizona
Chairman 241 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-2335
Website: <http://www.senate.gov/~mccain/>
Email: mailto:john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov
Member of the Communications Subcommittee: No
Sen. Ted Stevens
Republican - Alaska
522 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-3004
Website: <http://www.senate.gov/~stevens/>
Email: <http://stevens.senate.gov/webform.htm>
Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
Sen. Conrad Burns
Republican - Montana
187 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-2644
Website: <http://www.senate.gov/~burns/>
Email: <http://burns.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Home.Contact>
Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
Sen. Trent Lott
Republican - Mississippi
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Email: mailto:senatorlott@lott.senate.gov
Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Washington, DC 20510

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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Email: <http://gsmith.senate.gov/webform.html>
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Email: http://fitzgerald.senate.gov/contact/contact_email.html
Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
Sen. John Ensign
Republican - Nevada
290 Russell Senate Office Bldg
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Ranking 125 Russell Senate Office Bldg
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
Sen. John B. Breaux
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: Yes
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Member of the Communications Subcommittee: No

For Canadians see the 'Questions to Parliament' for the addresses of MPs.

'The voices tell me what to say... what do I believe...? I believe what I know is the truth.' anon

Respectfully Submitted

Victor Viggiani

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'Larry King Live' On Roswell

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 17:48:01 -0400
Subject: 'Larry King Live' On Roswell

First impression: it was awful, appalling, dreadful to watch Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut hesitate and stumble over answers or, when addressed, sit in silence.

We were treated to King saying, "Go ahead. I'm hearing someone else talking. Go ahead. Go ahead, Glenn. Continue. All right, I think that's Walter talking. I think we're trying to talk to Walter at the same time we're talking to Glenn. One at a time. Glenn, what call did you get?"

Why is larry King asking archeologist William Doleman questions outside of his expertise as an archeologist and what he was employed to do by the SCI FI channel?

Example:

KING: Doctor Doleman, are there others?

DOLEMAN: Unfortunately, I'm totally not an expert in the UFO phenomenon. And I am an expert in archaeology, and finding physical evidence. But I'm afraid I can't answer that question.

Nancy Easley Johnston said nothing about her father, Major Edwin Easley's death-bed admission that bodies were found at the crash site, just that something big happened!

Then Leslie Kean is asked about Kecksburg! Why not another Roswell expert or witness?

Schmitt did alright, though now controversial, but no sign of Stan and his powerful remarks on Roswell nor David Rudiak and his findings.

Dr. Marcel has said about all he could say by now.

Then we get treated to reruns of Col. John Haynes and his remarks on memory time compression and anthropomorphic crash dummies.

Sure would like to see better interviews than these, but I guess the operative word here is "live". Not lively, but live.

-Bill Hamilton

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Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 10:03:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 18:06:03 -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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>I did, and found the panel of UFO experts, each with a picture.

>My question is this: Does anybody know these experts? Anything
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I know one guy on this panel - Steve Moreno. He is a fringe
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[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Roswell, '47. One picture showed three dead aliens laying side by side, apparently on some kind of a canvas or cloth.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Tonight: What really happened at Roswell, New Mexico, 56 years ago this week? Did the United States military cover up a UFO crash landing, complete with alien bodies? Do UFOs exist? Have they been here? Tonight we return to Roswell with those who were there. Walter Haut -- he was the information officer at Roswell Army Air Field. He wrote the now famous July 8, 1947, press release that said a flying disk had been recovered. Glenn Dennis -- he worked at a Roswell funeral home and says someone claiming to be the airfield's mortuary officer called to ask him about small caskets. Nancy Easley [ph] Johnston -- her father was in charge of security and clean-up at the Roswell site. Jesse Marcel, Jr. -- his father was a Roswell intelligence officer. He says he saw debris samples his father brought home from the crash site.

And later, Don Schmitt, one of the world's leading UFO experts; Leslie Kean, a journalist investigating the incident known as "Pennsylvania's Roswell"; Dr. William Doleman, archeologist, who conducted tests on the Roswell site last year; and Julie Shuster [ph], Walter Haut's daughter and executive director of the International UFO Museum at Roswell. All next on LARRY KING LIVE.

By the way, we'll be seeing clips tonight and we refer you to the Sci-Fi Channel's documentary, "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence," that's now available on DVD, and we thank them for their help in this program tonight.

We start in Roswell, New Mexico with two guys who were there, Walter Haut, who was the United States Air Force public information officer at Roswell Army Air Field, and Glenn Dennis, who was working at the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, New Mexico.

What call did you get, Glenn?

GLENN DENNIS, FUNERAL WORKER CALLED BY MILITARY RE '47 CRASH: I received a call from the mortuary officer, informing...

KING: Go ahead. I'm hearing someone else talking. Go ahead. Go ahead, Glenn. Continue. All right, I think that's Walter talking. I think we're trying to talk to Walter at the same time

we're talking to Glenn. One at a time. Glenn, what call did you get?

DENNIS: I received a call from the mortuary officer at the base, asking me how many infant hermetically sealed caskets we had, three- and-a-half to four feet, in stock. And I told him -- I said...

KING: What did you make of that?

DENNIS: ... we only had one. It's not military. But I said, I can call the Amarillo, Texas, coffin company by 3:00 this afternoon and have all you need by noon tomorrow [UNINTELLIGIBLE] I said, What's going on out there? And he said, That's not important. Then he calls me back later and he wants to know how embalming chemical would alter the tissues, the stomach contents, and what was our preparation [UNINTELLIGIBLE] bodies laying out in the elements for days. I said, Sir, we have to -- the mortuary officer has to tell us what he wants and how he wants it and what procedure he wants us to follow. And he became a little bit upset. But anyway, that was the way that it all started off with me right there.

KING: All right, Walter, what supposedly happened at the air base, where you were the public information officer?

WALTER HAUT, FIRST TO MAKE 1947 CRASH INCIDENT PUBLIC: We came up with the fact that we had in our possession a flying saucer, and Colonel Blanchard [ph] told me to put it out on every medium I can put it out on, which I did as best I could. And I went home that evening, and THAT telephone and everything that they can use was running completely on -- I don't know what kind of value, but I think it ultimately quit at about 3:00 o'clock in the morning. It was...

KING: Now, did...

HAUT: ... a long -- go ahead.

KING: Were you ever asked to countermand that release? Were you ever asked to change what you were first asked to say?

HAUT: No, I was not told to change it. I put out the facts that we had in our possession, a flying saucer.

KING: Did you, Walter, ever see any of the wreckage?

HAUT: No, sir.

KING: What was said in the days subsequent? Was there a lot of talk about this? Did people at the airfield say they had seen any of these bodies or seen any of these creatures? Was it a wide amount of discussion at Roswell?

HAUT: No. I think you have to take in the idea that the people on the base were accustomed to keeping their mouths shut, if I may use that expression. The need just to talk about information doesn't fit [ph]. People that were working on the base knew what was going on in the aircraft that they were working on. The persons like myself, the flymen, we were accustomed to taking off at certain times and turning around and keep on going.

KING: Well, we're going to -- before we continue questioning, we're going to show you a clip from the Sci-Fi Channel documentary, "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence." It's now available on DVD. And we'll come back with Walter and Glenn. Watch.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Outside of Roswell, southwest of Highway 285, William Woody [ph] and his father reported seeing a fiery object descending toward earth.

KEVIN D. RANDLE, PH.D., AUTHOR, "OPERATION ROSWELL": What's interesting about the Woody aspect of it is that he and his father the next day, or a day or two later, tried to go out to see if they could find where the thing fell and ran into the military cordon. So we've got an interesting little corroboration there that the military was interested in it, and they were turned back by the cordons.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: I know that Walter is a little under the weather, so I'll just have a question or two left for you, Walter, and let you get out and get some help. Did not the next day General Roger Ramey [ph] in Fort Worth say that the object was a weather balloon?

HAUT: Yes. That's what came out. The general just put in a -- it's -- You're wrong when you talk about it. It's just a weather balloon, and forget it. That's about...

[CROSSTALK]

KING: The key question for you, Walter, is, what do you believe?

HAUT: Well, I believe, personally, that we had in our possession a flying saucer, and that's the whole sum -- the story, as far as I was concerned.

KING: So you believe aliens crashed and that -- and that crashed at Roswell, New Mexico, at the air base. Walter, I hope you feel better. I thank you for spending some time with us.

Glenn Dennis will remain. Other guests will join us. Be well, Walter.

We'll return with more on the incredible events of 56 years ago at Roswell, New Mexico, still one of the most talked-about events ever. Don't go away.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The strange wreckage that Brazel [ph] discovered spanned an area 300 yards wide by a mile long. That parcel of land, known to investigators as the debris field, is where some believe an extraterrestrial craft blew apart and fell to earth.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Remaining with us is Glenn Dennis, who worked at the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, New Mexico. Joining us from Colorado Springs is Nancy Easley Johnston, the daughter of Edwin Easley [ph], the Army Air Corps officer in charge of security and clean-up at the Roswell site. And in Helena, Montana, is Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr., the son of Major Jesse Marcel, who was an intelligence officer at Roswell. He says he saw debris samples that his father brought home.

Glenn, back to you. What was the follow-up? What was the eventual result? Did they ever order any of these caskets? Glenn?

DENNIS: Yes?

KING: Did they order -- did the Army Air Force ever order anything from the funeral home?

DENNIS: No, sir, they did not. They did not order anything.

KING: How do you know the Air Force was calling you?

DENNIS: Well, because I knew the mortuary officer out there very well. We were close friends.

KING: Oh.

DENNIS: And I knew all the people out there. We worked at the hospital. We had the only ambulance business, and we were involved quite a bit out at the base. Also, we had a military contract. So I knew them all.

KING: Do you agree with Walter? Do you think that a -- that a foreign object landed there with aliens at Roswell 56 years ago?

HAUT: Well, I agree with him. One reason I agree with him, because all the ranchers and farmers knew what weather balloons

were. And every time they found one, there's a little instrument on the end. And if they turned that in, they got 25 bucks. When this happened, they had no idea what it was. They filled their pick-ups full of metal -- I mean, full of the debris, brought it in to the Roswell Army Air Field. And that's where all the investigation started, right there.

KING: All right, Nancy, your father was Army Air Corps officer in charge of security and clean-up. What did he -- how old were you at the time?

NANCY JOHNSTON, DAD HEADED ROSWELL CRASH SITE SECURITY: I was a year-and-a-half old, so I remember very little!

[LAUGHTER]

KING: What did he tell you later on? JOHNSTON: My father was reluctant to ever talk about this incident. Once my sister and I discovered that an incident had occurred that he had been part of, when we asked him about it, he always told us that he had promised President Truman that he would not discuss it. And he stuck with that up until the end -- until almost the very end.

KING: Doesn't by the fact that he wouldn't say anything tell you that something happened?

JOHNSTON: I'm sure something happened. I am not privy to the knowledge of what exactly happened, but I'm sure something happened.

KING: And Jesse Marcel, Jr., your father was an intelligence officer. You said you saw debris samples that he brought home? What did you see?

DR. JESSE MARCEL, JR., DAD SHOWED HIM CRASH SITE DEBRIS: Yes, Larry. You know, my dad was the -- one of the intelligence officers for the 509th Bomb Group. And as such, it was his job to investigate unusual events like what happened out there. And he was called out one night to the ranch where this thing had landed, picked up some of the debris. He and one of the CIC [ph] agents picked up some of the debris and loaded it in the back of our 1942 Buick. And since our house was on the way to the air base, my dad just swung by the house to show my mother and myself what they had found out there because he realized this was something very, very unusual, something unique, as a matter of fact, because he didn't think we would ever see anything like this again, which, of course, I have not.

And he drove by the house, put it on kitchen floor, woke my mother and myself up so we could look at this. And we got out in the kitchen and looked -- I looked at the debris that was on the floor, and there was just a lot of metal parts, metallic, like, foil-like debris, some I-beam material and some black plastic material. And the first thing he wanted us to do was to look for electronic components, such as vacuum tubes, resistors or condensers because I think he said something like this is part of a flying saucer. And being a young kid at the time, I didn't know what a flying saucer was, but I sure realized later.

But I examined some of the debris, some of the foil. I didn't -- picked it up, looked at it. Didn't try to bend or tear it or stress it in any way. But I found something very unusual. There were some I-beams that were about a foot, a foot-and-a-half long. And along the inner surface of the I-beams, you could see some sort of writing. And there was kind of a purple metallic hue, as you could see very well if you held this up to the light. And I thought at first this was like Egyptian hieroglyphics, but later thought it was not hieroglyphics at all but more like geometric symbols.

KING: I want to pick up there in a minute, but I want to -- hold on one second, Jesse. I want to toss to film clip of your father talking a little about this. Let's watch.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP] JESSE MARCEL, SR., 509TH BOMB GROUP: One thing I was certain of, being familiar with all air activities, that it was not a weather balloon nor an aircraft nor a missile. It was something else, of which -- we didn't know what it was. There were just fragments strewn all over the area. So we proceeded to pick up the parts. A lot of it had a lot of little numbers with symbols that -- to me, I call them hieroglyphics

because I could not interpret them. They could not be read. They were just like symbols of something that meant something. These little numbers could not be broken, could not be burned. I even tried to burn that, would not burn. See, that stuff weighs nothing. It's not any thicker than tinfoil in a pack of cigarettes.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Jesse, subsequently, did your father come home and tell you and your mother to forget everything?

MARCEL: Well, he sure did. As I understood, he flew the material to Fort Worth to General Roger Ramey, who was 8th Air Force commander, for his information. And when my dad got back the next day or the day after, he sat my mother and myself down and told us under no uncertain terms were we to ever discuss this issue again. Of course, here I'm talking about, but -- but that was very definitely one of the commands that he gave us, is not to talk about it, not with your friends, not with anybody, not even family members.

KING: So the obvious, Jesse, is what do you believe?

MARCEL: Well, I think it's something very extraordinary. I don't know what it was. But since that time, I -- and thinking more about this, I can't help but believe that it was something that came from another civilization, much like a space probe that we're sending to other planets right now and -- because the material was unique, like I say. And I do know it was not a weather balloon or even a mogul [ph] balloon, like the Air Force later said, because the material was totally different.

KING: Nancy, what do you -- I know your father said, Say nothing, and he wouldn't tell you what, and Truman and all that. What do you believe?

JOHNSTON: I believe that something obviously happened out there in the countryside close to Roswell that the government has tried very hard all these years to keep us from understanding and knowing about. Since I was not a witness, I have no personal knowledge of what it was, but it had to have been something very big at that time that the government wanted covered up.

KING: Now, Glenn, you still live -- you live in Roswell. Do you believe there's...

DENNIS: That's true...

[CROSSTALK]

KING: Do you believe there's still stuff there? DENNIS: Well, they go out every year, every year after all of the snows and the winter. These government people go out with Geiger counters and everything else, and they have this all marked off up there. And I don't know if they found anything else or not because they do not consult us anymore at all. But I do know the ranchers and I know people up there because our mortuary has been involved up there with most of it -- I mean, with the people there, and very seldom will we ever talk about it. Once in a while, we'll sit down and mention something, but not very often.

KING: Jesse, you think the government set your father up to be kind of a fall guy here?

MARCEL: Well, he was a good soldier. He was just following orders. And I'm sure that he was told to bring the message home to the family that -- that not to talk about it because, apparently, somebody found out that we actually saw the material. And you know, years later, I asked him about the possibility of something being still out there, and he said, No, no, no. They vacuumed that place up, period.

KING: Now, you stay with us, Jesse. Nancy, thanks very much for being with us. We'll hold Glenn, and we'll be -- thank you, Nancy. We appreciate your input. We'll come back with more. We'll meet our full panel later. Don't go away.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In 1947, Americans found their skies filled

with all sorts of strange flying objects.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The UFO phenomenon really took off, actually, in June of 1947 in the state of Washington when a pilot by the name of Kenneth Arnold saw many objects going in formation at a very, very high speed by Mount Rainier in Washington.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Arnold said that nine silvery objects he'd seen looked like saucers skipping over a pond. The next day, his story was front-page news, and a new term entered the American lexicon: flying saucer.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP - JUNE, 1997]

COL. JOHN HAYNES, U.S. AIR FORCE: Over that period of time, dummies were dropped all around there, and I think it's logical to assume that the people there saw Air Force ambulances come out, they saw gurneys come out, they saw body bags come out because the dummies were put into the body bags to protect them. They saw people in pith helmet, they saw people in shorts out there brushing the bushes, looking for the remnants of the balloons. And when you put all that stuff together and spin it, you find that it fits perfectly with many of the occurrences in Roswell during that era.

[END VIDEO CLIP] KING: Remaining with us is Glenn Dennis, who worked at the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, New Mexico, 56 year ago. Staying with us in Helena, Montana, is Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr., the son of Major Jesse Marcel. Joining us now from Roswell is Donald Schmitt. Donald Schmitt is the former co-director of J. Alan [ph] Hynek Center for UFO Studies. He's the author of dozens of articles about UFOs, two best-selling books about Roswell. In San Francisco is Leslie Kean. Leslie's an investigative journalist, director of investigation of the Coalition for Freedom of Information. She's looking into connections of the 1965 incident in Kecksburg [ph], Pennsylvania's. It's been called "Pennsylvania's Roswell." She's not an expert on Roswell. We'll go to her in a little while. Dr. William Doleman is an archaeologist, principal investigator for the University of New Mexico's School of Contract Archaeology. And he conducted a Sci-Fi Channel-sponsored archaeological dig at the purported UFO crash site in Roswell in September of 2002.

Donald, what is your read on all of this?

DONALD SCHMITT, FORMER CO-DIR. HYNEK CTR. FOR UFO STUDIES: Well, I think what has impressed me most of all, especially within the recent years, pertaining to the investigation, as even Nancy Strickland [ph] was describing, the level of extreme pressure for these people who were involved to retain their silence, to keep this event, keep the experience with them for as long as they did, withholding the information even from their loved ones, their wives, their children. And as you all know that a deathbed testimony is admissible in a court of law as physical evidence, and sadly, that's something that we are concentrating on right now. And to date, not a single one of these people on their deathbeds are describing any type of weather balloon, rocket, aircraft, anything conventional. Invariably, they all describe the bodies recovered, as well. And I'm not talking about anthropomorphic wooden crash dummies.

KING: Dr. Doleman, what do you believe?

WILLIAM DOLEMAN, PH.D., LED 2002 ROSWELL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG: I believe that, clearly, something happened or it wouldn't have made the news. At the same time, I kind of maintain a position in which I'm a scientific investigator looking for physical evidence, and I'm not in the business of evaluating the testimony of various people. Instead, I'm engaged in a project that, as far as I know, represents the first intensive effort at what -- at least -- to find some kind of physical evidence of whatever happened back there in 1947. And so in terms of what I believe, it's really kind of irrelevant because what I believe is that scientific investigation is the best way to go about looking for that physical evidence.

KING: Jesse, why do you believe, if it occurred, the Army wanted to cover it up? What's the big deal? Why not tell us there is life somewhere else?

MARCEL: I wish I knew the answer to that question because, for some reason, they are not ready for the public to know what's really out there, in spite of the fact that we're sending probes ourselves to other planets. And obviously, there are civilizations out there that are far advanced of us and can send probes here. So I really don't know the answer to the questions, why they're trying to keep it a secret.

KING: Leslie, what happened at Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in 1965?

LESLIE KEAN, JOURNALIST INVESTIGATING "PA'S ROSWELL": Well, something came down in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in 1965. An object was seen in the sky. There was a meteorite that night, and it went through a number of different states. Citizens of the community saw -- some of them saw it actually make a few turns. It came in fairly slowly and landed in the woods near Kecksburg. A number of witnesses actually saw the object on the ground. Others saw a very extensive military presence come into the region. They cordoned off the area. They kept people away and eventually carted away something on the back of a flatbed truck.

This is what the people of the area tell us. The Air Force has told us that nothing came down that night. So we have a contradiction here, and I'm interested in trying to access information that will solve that mystery.

KING: What do you believe?

KEAN: I don't know what it was. There's no way to know. We know that something came down. It could have been a Russian probe. We don't know what it was, and I'm not in a position to formulate an opinion. I just want -- I believe that the people have the right to the information, the people of Pennsylvania, in particular, who have really suffered a lot by having that information denied to them. And I just think people have a right to know. It was, you know, 1965. Why not tell people what happened there?

KING: We're going to take a break. Jesse Marcel, thanks very much for joining us.

When we come back, our panel will remain, and we'll also meet Julie Schuster, the executive director of the International UFO Museum. We'll also be including your phone calls. We're discussing Roswell, New Mexico, 56 years ago.

Charles Gibson of "Good Morning America" is tomorrow night's special guest. Don't go away.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And so Ramey told the press that all this stuff was, was simply a weather balloon. And that was what most of the press published the next day.

SCHMITT: They never saw the real material. The real material went on to Washington at that time. So Marcel is ordered to pose with the substituted radar reflector balloon. So the first press release, there was a flying saucer, and six hours later, We're sorry, ladies and gentlemen. It's just a weather balloon. The question is, which press release is the true story?

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE [voice-over]: Major Marcel [ph] and Captain Sheridan Cavet [ph] traveled to the Foster Ranch and spent a day gathering the strange wreckage. Marcel was so intrigued by the debris that on his way back to the base, he stopped by his home to show his family what he'd found.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My dad came into my room, very excited and he wanted to show us some material that he'd found. I think he -- the inclination or the intimation there was this was part of a flying saucer.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Discussing the events in Roswell, New Mexico.

Joining us now is Julie Shuster. She is the executive director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell. The earlier guest, Walter Haut, is her father.

What is the -- what did we see at the museum, Julie?

JULIE SHUSTER, EXEC. DIR., INTL. UFO MUSEUM AT ROSWELL: We have a lot of things to offer and one of the things that we try to do is show what Roswell looked like in 1947, give our visitors a glimpse of what Roswell looked like and one of the things we do is our radio display with the teletype and the audio control that show what the radio station may have looked like where Mac Brazel was interviewed.

KING: Do you show anything resembling what might have been captured there?

SHUSTER: We have a lot of artists' renditions of what the saucers may have looked like. We do have a few other displays that give some interpretations.

KING: We know what your father thinks. What do you think?

SHUSTER: Now if I said I agreed with my father, because he's sitting here -- no -- I believe that something did happen. These were people with incredible integrity and very conservative and if they said something happened, something happened.

KING: Donald Schmitt, why would the government -- this has been asked over the years, every time we hear about UFOs, what are they hiding? For what purpose?

SCHMITT: Well, in just looking at the history, specifically of New Mexico in 1947, I'm amazed when I especially lecture on the college circuit when you ask where was first atomic bomb detonated and invariably most people say Japan, whereas anybody here in New Mexico, historically knows it happened right here, just about 150 miles west of Roswell.

Roswell was the hot bed of all military research and testing at that time, the captured V-2 rockets and if we go by the Air Force's Project Blue Book records, which would suggest that there were more UFO sightings here in 1947 than anywhere else, whereas there were also more Soviet spies here...

KING: But the question is, why would they keep the information from the public, assuming it's all true?

SCHMITT: Well, that would be part of it, the fact that it immediately became a concern of the high ranking officials at the Pentagon that if this was of anything of a foreign design and it was some new intelligence, something that could potentially be reverse engineered, replicated, that it would become an immediate race with the Soviets, something that we possessed and hopefully they did not.

KING: And that wouldn't be the thinking now. So we assume that this information is passed along, so why doesn't -- Rumsfeld release it?

SCHMITT: Well, as you have had former President Carter and former President Clinton, the question could be posed to either one of them, whereas they themselves tried to gain access to information, actually tried to release information specifically on UFOs and specifically on Roswell and yet they failed.

It is our position -- my partner Thomas Carey and I -- that it is still a cover up of ignorance, that they have physical proof, but they still don't have the answers as to from where, from why and from whom.

KING: Glenn, why do you think they are not releasing it?

DENNIS: Well, from what I've been told, and being interviewed, the problem is that whoever has this energy could control the whole world and if we don't have the elements on our planet or anything else to reproduce these, then it could be a problem.

I've heard this from three or four different sources and maybe that's true. I don't know. If you remember, the Orson Welles deal.

KING: "War of the Worlds."

DENNIS: Yes.

KING: Yes.

DENNIS: And they didn't know if that would happen in New Mexico or around the world, or anything else if we were being invaded by aliens.

KING: Before we go to calls, Dr. Doleman, what do we know, know. What can you definitively scientifically say?

DOLEMAN: Well, we were funded by the Sci-Fi Channel back in September of last year to conduct an archaeological test excavation at the putative Roswell impact site, which is one of two or three sites. We were led to that location by Don Schmitt and what we did was implement some fairly standard archaeology test excavations methods in a staged research project to look for evidence of the sort that had been originally reported by the eyewitnesses and that primarily includes debris, which was ostensibly all cleaned up, and a gouge or furrow mark in the ground that was made by something that hit the ground and then skipped back up in the air and came back down in another locations. So the methods that we used to look for that involved geophysical prospection using electromagnetic conductivity and metal detection.

KING: I -- I don't want to get into too much technical stuff.

DOLEMAN: Yes, I'm trying to keep it..

KING: What we know?

DOLEMAN: What we know is that during the process of that investigation, we recovered some things that will be analyzed. We have soil samples in which we'll look for evidence of unusual chemical composition using fairly standard geological techniques, under the assumption vacuumed or not, if there was debris, a lot of it was small, just like a broken glass and not all of it was recovered and some of it must be in the dirt out there if there is debris.

We also know that we found in one of the back hoe trenches that we excavated an unusual feature that had essentially the shape that you'd expect if there was a gouge and trench and the backhoe trench where that thing was found was right where there was supposed to be a gouge.

And so, essentially we're still in the analytical stage and the results of the analysis are going to be, I think I made available in a show presented by Sci-Fi coming up in October.

KING: Let me get a call here. Reykjavik, Iceland, hello.

CALLER: Hello.

KING: Hi.

CALLER: How have you, Larry?

KING: Fine. What's the question?

CALLER: Don't you think stories about the aliens being small people with large heads and large eyes and small mouths just came out of the experiments the military were doing after the war? They used children's bodies to investigate the effects of radiation on the human body.

KING: Any truth to that, Donald?

SCHMITT: The Air Force, in its continuing effort to provide alternative explanations and theories became -- reached a ridiculous level in 199, on the 50th anniversary, when it was suggested that these were anthropomorphic wooden crash dummies, albeit five years removed from 1947, with the suggestion that the witnesses were merely time compressing the decades within

their memories. And until they are able to provide a single witness contrary to our own, as evidenced by Jessie Marcel's father and others that we have interviewed and have signed sworn affidavits -- until they can provide a witness at the debris field, at the impact site, at the base, on any of the outgoing and incoming flights involved, suggesting this was an alternative explanation, something prosaic, we will continue to go where the witnesses and the testimony lead us.

KING: Let me get a break. As we go to break, we remind you that the clips you are seeing are from Sci-Fi Channel's documentary "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence." It's now available on DVD, and there you see the cover of the DVD.

And we'll be back with more calls. Don't go away.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

COL. JOHN HAYNES U.S. AIR FORCE: They are talking about 1947. You're talking about dummies used in the '50s, almost a decade later.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I'm afraid that's a problem that we have with time compression. I don't know what they saw in '47 but I'm quite sure it probably was project Mogul. I think if you find that people talk about things over a period of time, they begin to lose exactly when the date was and there were lots of dummies dropped. There were 2,500 balloons launched during this 30-year period in New Mexico alone.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What's the matter, James?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: More of them are coming.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What do you mean?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Different ones. Like him. Many different races. Different species. They're coming!

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Are you okay?

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Julie Shuster, do a lot of people come to that museum?

SHUSTER: Yes, we have people from around the world coming. And last year we had over 205,000 visitors through our doors.

KING: What's that to your right?

SHUSTER: This is Harold our anthropomorphic, he is one of the explanations that was given that we mistook or the people of Roswell in 1947 mistook as an alien. The only problem was he wasn't used until 1952 to the late 1960s. So, we don't think he looks like an alien.

KING: Do most the people come, are they come as believers?

SHUSTER: I think a lot of them do. I can't say most. We have people that come with believe, don't believe, or never going to believe. But a lot of people come and want to have questions answered, if possible.

KING: Leslie Kean, what was found in Kecksburg?

KEAN: Well, Larry, that what is we want to find out, because we don't know.

KING: You mean, they won't show you?

KEAN: That is why we're doing the freedom of information act initiative. We have a law firm working with us and we got a history -- archives research firm. We have got a private investigator. We got a team of people trying to get the documentation that will tell us what came down. And that's why we are working on it. We don't know.

KING: Hamilton, New Jersey, hello.

CALLER: Hi. I have a question for Glenn.

KING: Go ahead.

CALLER: Did you see what the military put in the coffin that was [UNINTELLIGIBLE]?

KING: Did you ever see anything in a coffin, Glenn?

DENNIS: No, I did not. I did not see it. They were all shipped out in what we call body bags and put in a hermetically sealed container and was flown directly to Wright-Patterson.

KING: Tampa, Florida. Hello.

CALLER: Yes, my question for your panel is, what effect, if any did the Cold War between United States and Russia have on disclosure of information on possible UFO crashes such as the one in Roswell in 1947.

KING: Don Schmitt has already referred to that. You think a great effect, right Don?

SCHMITT: Yes, of course it did. Almost a predecessor to our race to the moon, for example. And our development of atomic propulsion. The soviets won't detonate their first atomic bomb until August 1949 but our concern certainly was as to development of such technology and in the event of such a crash here at Roswell, again, certainly the hope that we were the only ones in possession. And we also believe that it may have also become a bit of a bargaining tool. The suggestion it was merely a weather balloon was something that even Premier Joseph Stalin didn't believe back in '47. And there are documents that suggest that he was very concerned that we had even upped our technology regarding the atomic bomb.

KING: Calgary, Ontario, Canada.

CALLER: Larry, a great fan.

KING: Thank you.

CALLER: It seems that the most frequent reports of UFO sightings are in the United States. You don't hear much about sightings in other countries throughout the world.

KING: Doctor Doleman, are there others?

DOLEMAN: Unfortunately, I'm totally not an expert in the UFO phenomenon. And I am an expert in archaeology, and finding physical evidence. But I'm afraid I can't answer that question.

KING: Donald are there others?

SCHMITT: Yes. If I might, in fact, at the center for UFO studies, for example, as they cataloged reports from all over the world, we have reports from almost as many countries that presently are in the United Nations.

KING: Why would you guess, Don, they land in Roswell, they don't land in Washington?

They land in Ennui, they don't land in Paris.

Why not a large area where we could all see them?

SCHMITT: That is always been the nature of the beast, so to speak. In other words, the phenomenon it is has been very late night, very rural, very isolated, yet there have been profound cases over military strategic air command facilities, in fact, even the buzzing of the White House in subsequent weeks in July of 1952 were formations of objects were tracked and aircraft scrambling from Andrews Air Force Base on these unknowns. So again, Roswell...

KING: Not just remote areas?

SCHMITT: New Mexico I think it had to do with the fact it was hot bed of military activity at the time. And indeed in dealing

with something off the planet they were concerned with our military potential back in 1947.

KING: We'll be back with more moments and more phone calls on this ever-fascinating phenomenon.

Don't go away.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: On the front of the draw it said "Operation Blue Book."

This might interest you in big [UNINTELLIGIBLE] photo. Roswell, '47.

One picture showed three dead aliens laying side by side, apparently on some kind of a canvas or cloth, and showed two others standing side by side, I assume they were the ones that lived.

BRYANT GUMBEL, HOST: According to Cox the file contained photos of the crashed spacecraft.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Saucer, as they call it. Was not round as it's been depicted in most cases. It was more egg-shaped, front to rear.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Julie, what does officialdom think of your museum?

SHUSTER: We've had no response, that I know, of from any official sources. We've opened up. We don't try to tell people one way or the other. So, nobody has questioned us, that we know of.

KING: What's that over there to your left?

SHUSTER: This is a prop. This alien was created as a prop for the movie Roswell in 1994 and he is one of our most-photographed, most enjoyed exhibits. People really like to check him out, and see what the aliens might have looked like.

KING: That's been the general description of those who reported to have seen them, that's the general description as to how they looked, right?

SHUSTER: Yes, sir, it was a composite of witness accounts.

KING: Thanks Julie.

Oakland, California, hello.

CALLER: Hi Larry. A quick comment. First, there has been UFO sightings of a major city such as Mexico City...

KING: They never land anywhere, though. They've been sighted everywhere, but they only land in Wallawallawalla.

CALLER: and possible sightings in Phoenix. My question is why are UFO investigations generally not taken seriously? Why are they laughed off as science fiction?

KING: Leslie.

KEAN: Well, she's right. There's a strong attitude of ridicule in the media and everywhere else. I think it's become a cultural phenomenon over many, many years. I think a lot of it is because people are not informed about the issue. If journalists and scientists and others were to study the data, to study what we do know, and to listen to some of the experts that have talked about the issue, I think they would change their minds. But it has become sort of inculcated into our culture. So I encourage people to do some research into this phenomena and, I think, they will discover it worthy of investigation and worthy of news coverage and there are scientists in this country and around the world deserve resource to solve this problem for us.

And we can have these wonderful witnesses coming forward. We can have documentaries made for years and years and years. We aren't

going to solve the problem until we get our scientists on board. Get them the resources they need to find out for us, what these things are and to solve this problem once and for all. And I think that is what is needed. The Ridicule factor has to go.

KING: Hamburg, Germany. Hello.

CALLER: Hello, Larry. You are just great. My question is, how could aliens visit the Earth if nothing can travel faster than the speed of light?

KING: And not what?

CALLER: Speed of light?

KING: How co-- Donald, do you get that question?

SCHMITT: How could they travel the great distances and Dr. Heinich [ph] used the analogy of a deck of playing cards and the thickness of a card equally the distance from the Earth to the Moon being a single card. And the distance from Alpha Centauri 4.3 light years being 19 miles of playing cards. So it truly is, as far as astronomers and astrophysicists, for example -- that it is beyond acceptance within their field.

But we still have to accept the possibilities of parallel universes, interdimensional travel, worm holes, black holes and that type of thing and even teleportation and possibly time travel.

KING: Glenn, do you think we'll ever going to know the whole story?

DENNIS: Well, not at the rate it's going now. There's some sightings just recently in Australia and New Zealand and also I have a call the other day that people that had been in Egypt visiting the pyramids and they shut them down for three or four days and no tourists going out there on a count of the sightings.

KING: Go ahead, Glenn.

DENNIS: I don't know. I think more of the public understands this, the more they know about it, the better the whole world will be.

KING: Dr. Doleman, do you think we're going to get answers?

DOLEMAN: Well, I -- hard to say if we will or not, but I think that Leslie made a very important point, and that's one of the things that interested me in this project I did out there, that is, that all of the Roswell story, up until this point is largely based on eyewitness testimony and anecdotal evidence a few suggestive documents and things like that. And there is actually until this point, no one has bothered to go out and look for actual physical evidence. My part in this whole thing was to apply archaeological techniques to what is essentially an archaeological problem. Go to a site and see if there is evidence.

KING: And we want to thank the Sci-fi channel. That documentary is "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence" is now available on DVD.

We thank Glen Dennis for spending all this time with us. He worked at the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell when all this happened.

Donald Schmitt, is the former co-director of the Jay Allen Heinich Center for UFO Studies.

Leslie Kean, is the investigative journalist looking into the incident in Kecksburg [ph], Pennsylvania, that's been called Pennsylvania's Roswell.

Dr. William Doleman, is the archaeologist and principal investigator for University of New Mexico Office of Contract Archaeology.

And Julie Shuster, is executive director of the UFO Museum.

I'll come back and tell you tomorrow right after this.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

KING: Before we tell you about tomorrow, one of the funniest human beings on the planet and old friend, Buddy Hackett passed away yesterday. What a guy Buddy was. He appeared on this show once or twice, back in the early days, many times on my old radio show. God, he was funny. And he was creative and he was out of his mind. All he did was make you laugh. Dear buddy. We miss him already. Had breakfast with him a month ago. Now he's gone. Sleep well, Buddy.

Tomorrow night Charles Gibson of ABC's "Good Morning America" will be our special guest.

Dolly Parton is going to be aboard on Thursday night.

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Are These Crop Circles The Work Of Aliens Or Hoaxers?

By John Fletcher

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News of the sightings swept through the East Devon community and people have been driving out to the sleepy village on the Newton Poppleford to Budleigh Salterton road to view the latest attraction.

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Roswell Set For Its Annual Ufo Festival

By Brian Rogers

ROSWELL, N.M. This city of 49,000 people has become accustomed to visitors over the years, but this weekends annual UFO festival promises to bring more than 10,000 strangers together to consider the possibility of a 1947 extraterrestrial crash.

Highlights this year include a Roswell film festival and an outdoor showing of the movie Independence Day on July 4, said Shawn Hughes, chief executive officer of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce.

A lot of Independence Day takes place in Roswell on the Fourth of July. So you can watch Roswell on the Fourth of July in Roswell on the Fourth of July, Hughes said. Its a fun festival for the whole family.

Hughes said that last years festival had a \$1.13 million economic impact on Roswell.

Of course, the UFO phenomenon is a growing industry here, Hughes said. He said interest in the crash brought \$5.2 million to Roswell last year, without the festival.

During the festival, visitors will swarm the International Unidentified Flying Object Museum and Research Center, said Director Julie Shuster.

The festival was designed to attract attention to the event, said Shuster.

I firmly believe something happened here at Roswell in 1947, and it was not of this world, Shuster said. And thats not a job requirement.

This years festival boasts appearances by some of the worlds foremost authorities on alien encounters including Derrel Sims, UFO investigator, and Donald Schmitt and Thomas Carey, two of Roswells UFO researchers. In addition to the exhibits and book signings beginning Thursday, there will be a concert Saturday night starring Merle Haggard, Pam Tillis and Marty Stewart.

The festival, which drew 9,600 people last year, is on track to beat that number this year, Shuster said.

Were already seeing 700 to 800 people a day at the museum, Shuster said.

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List,

Today's Daily Mail carried a full-page article on the Bentwaters UFO case, on page 10. It examined the claims of former United States Air Force airman Kevin Conde, who alleges that he unwittingly caused the Rendlesham Forest incident by playing a practical joke on a colleague, spooking him with the lights from a US police vehicle. These claims are not new, and have circulated on the internet for a couple of years. They received some more recent coverage in a regional BBC programme screened on Monday (and possibly in some of the East Anglian newspapers), but this is the first time the claims have received publicity in a national newspaper.

There are a number of reasons why Conde's claims should be treated with caution. Firstly, it should be recalled that the UFO sightings took place over a series of nights. The sighting by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt and the men he took into the forest was on a different night to the original sighting by Penniston, Burroughs and Cabansag.

Conde's story does not fit the observational data from the various United States Air Force military personnel who saw UFOs. See for example the original United States Air Force witness statements published in Georgina Bruni's book on the case, *You Can't Tell The People*.

It is claimed that this was a practical joke, but something about this does not ring true. In my experience, if one plays a practical joke at work, one immediately tells ones friends and colleagues, and word quickly spreads. And yet, no other contemporary of Conde has, to my knowledge, said they remember such a prank.

Conde states that the depressions found at the spot where a UFO allegedly landed were caused by a large helicopter. But this is inconsistent with the indentations found, and landing a helicopter in the small clearing concerned would have been a physical impossibility.

The hoax claims also take no account of the radar and radiation data. Details of this can be found at the following link:

http://www.nickpope.net/rendlesham_files_reviewed.htm

The relevant Ministry of Defence documents, including the Defence Intelligence Staff assessment of the radiation data, are at:

http://www.nickpope.net/selected_documents.htm

In summary, this is an amusing story, but inconsistent with the data, and unsupported by any documentation or witness testimony.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>One day... probably in a parallel dimension, a proper medical
>study of abductees will be undertaken by an independent
>research organization.

>For those who don't know, "Sabre Enterprises" is Derrel Simms'
>group/project. For those who are unfamiliar with the 'alien
>hunter' and nemesis of MondoZ*, Derrel Simms he is one
>individual that has done more to discredit and to set back the
>study of UFO abductions (IMHO) than just about anybody else.
>Any information that originates from him, or his 'Sabre
>Enterprises' is to be taken with a huge block of salt.

Absolutely. "Sabre Enterprises" is a sad joke perpetrated by a
rabid 'true believer'. Simms is welcome to join the scientific
club, but first he has to part with his data and let other take
a look and see if it's repeatable. The UFO research community
should be used to "science by proclamation" by now. It's one of
many evidential dead-ends.

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 14:53:18 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 07:41:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 10:00:18 -0400
>Subject: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

<snip>

>I saved a few from the Coast to Coast web site which appear most
>interesting and they can be directly called up from the links
>below much more quickly than either Coast to Coast's site or Dr.
>Van Flandern's. All are around 50-65K:

><http://www.raven1.net/crownedface.jpg> (new "face")
><http://www.raven1.net/child.jpg> (l-h photo is
>untouched)
><http://www.raven1.net/glasstube.jpg> (the tubes are
>ribbed)
><http://www.raven1.net/tubenetwork.jpg>
><http://www.raven1.net/hexcrater.jpg>
><http://www.raven1.net/plaintrack.jpg>

IMHO, these images are an embarrassment to the planetary SETI
community (such as it is). I've written extensively on the
"Crowned Face" and "tubes" (which aren't really tubes) on my
Mars anomaly website:

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

Mac

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More Red Orbs In Wise County

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 17:13:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 07:42:34 -0400
Subject: More Red Orbs In Wise County

I stumbled on a website called UFO Theatre

<http://ufotheatre.com/>

In their forums they have a section for video and photographic evidence in which the hottest topic is a video of some orbs in a farmers field in Wise County, Texas. I took the time to DL the video (35MB) which was made available in three formats (MPG, AVI and RealMedia). I had trouble with the MPG but the AVI played fine. I haven't viewed the RM version but it is only 719KB for those that don't want to take the time for the other formats.

MPG - <http://rain.prohosting.com/newufozz/redorbl.mpg>
AVI - <http://cp.cvt.dk/cp/ufotheatre/redorbl.avi> (DIVX)
RealMedia - <http://rain.prohosting.com/newufozz/redorbl.rm>

I must say that this video is quite remarkable. It clearly shows an orb type object (perhaps two). The video was taped, according to UFO Theatre, by Brian Bessent.

The weather was dry with no storms in the area so it's unlikely (though not impossible) that it was ball lightning. There are no marshes in the area so it is probably not Marsh Gas. And, according to Bessent, it isn't a laser pointer due to the fact that portions of the video not yet released show the orb clearly against the sky.

You can hear the conversation between the videographer and an unidentified female. The conversation sounds to me like the female was actually doing the taping because there are times when the male didn't know where the object was, even though it was still on screen.

I invite you to look for your self

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Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil@telusplanet.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 20:26:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 07:50:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 01:10:08 -0300
>Subject: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

>UFO Conference October 11 & 12
>Halifax, Nova Scotia
>Canada

>Speakers:

>Stanton Friedman
>Budd Hopkins
>Antonio Huneeus
>Chris Styles
>Don Ledger

>Program and registering details at:

><http://www.ufohalifax.com>

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>**Note the special bus tour to Shag Harbour, NS.

Don:

I see by the list of speakers for the Halifax conference, no one speaking about mutilations, I guess that is not important enough for Eastern Canada, Yet a lot of information I have for instance show a strong indications of Alien involvement.

I have had 7 cases already this summer.

Discovery Channel is doing a documantary about my past success in the purebred cattle business, and my mutilation findings. I have been to close to 100 mutes the last 6 years.

Good luck in Halifax,

Fernand Belzil

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Re: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee

From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 23:30:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 07:55:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2003 13:14:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee - Velez

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2003 15:46:42 -0300
>>Subject: Electrolyte Imbalances In The Abductee

>>Source: Darkufo

>><http://groups.yahoo.com/group/darkufo/message/3569>

>>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

>In spite of any pretensions of being a "report of the findings
>of a scientific study," plainly, this is not. This one turns out
>to be just another one of those speculative "unnamed sources
>say" kind of a report. The nurse spouts a lot of questionable
>statistics without providing one iota of information about how
>it was obtained and by whom.

>We who participate in the day to day doings in ufology need to
>set the bar a lot higher than this. We should all demand clear,
>concise reports that have been published and peer reviewed
>_before_ being offered for consumption by the general public.
>John Velez

Dear John and List,

The only hope of establishing a credible network of UFO
researchers is to absolutely and completely ignore stuff like
this. Just refuse to reply to it or reference it in any way at
all. Otherwise we are inevitably drawn into discussions ad
nauseum with people who have absolutely no interest in critical
investigation or science.

Anyway that's the conclusion I've come to for myself. People are
either interested in careful critical research or they're not.
You can't change 'em. And life is too short to waste time going
around the may pole with them. Better to totally ignore them.
Let them be in their realm and we in ours.

The second thing that serious investigators could do would be to
stop using the term "UFO" entirely. Let the fable spinners have
it. Replace it with some term that is absolutely uninteresting
to the mass media. How about "anomalous aerial phenomena?"

Best wishes,

Eric

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Re: Daily Mail Bentwaters Article

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 04:49:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 07:57:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Daily Mail Bentwaters Article

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 20:41:23 +0100
>Subject: Daily Mail Bentwaters Article

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Hello Nick, List.

>The hoax claims also take no account of the radar and radiation
>data. Details of this can be found at the following link:

>http://www.nickpope.net/rendlesham_files_reviewed.htm

With regards to the following extract from your site, Nick:

"Some questions have been raised about the readings in Halt's memo. Maybe the dial was misread, and maybe the needle was waving around so much that an accurate measurement was impossible. Well, all I can say to that is "maybe". But any official assessment has to be based on the data received. It's also been pointed out that the equipment used was not designed for the task. Short of suggesting that the USAF have a piece of kit designed specifically to measure radiation from UFOs, I'm not sure how to deal with such comments. Of course the equipment wasn't designed for such a task, so of course it wasn't ideal. But one can only use the equipment available, so again, we can only analyse the data we have, not the data we'd like to have."

The scenario is a bit like using a railway sleeper to measure the thickness of a hair.

1. The equipment was operating at the limit of its sensitivity, conservatively inducing a margin of error in the order of 30% (50% is more likely).
2. It is not valid to compare "spot readings" to background radiation. Background readings are averaged over a 10-minute sample period, with the probe suspended 1 metre above ground level, in areas clear of trees.
3. Even the scientists that the MOD checked with don't seem to have taken the trouble to consult the NRPB. Cowling and Horsecroft both overestimated the level of background radiation as 0.01 and 0.015 mr, when in fact the official NRPB level is given as 0.002 mr-only 20% of the lowest estimate!
4. Even assuming that the readings indicated significantly higher than other readings taken in the same way in the surrounding area, there are a myriad of possible causes for this, eg shards of granite, banana or potato peelings, the top of a whisky bottle, would all produce highly localised elevated readings.

As I said in previous posts:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m10-006.shtml>
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m12-010.shtml>

The readings are totally useless either as evidence for or against an ETH explanation, or any explanation involving a radioactive source. The cheese in your fridge would probably produce higher readings if measured in the same way. Your continued emphasis of their relevance amazes me!

"In summary, this is an amusing story, but inconsistent with the data, and unsupported by any documentation or witness testimony".

Regards,

Joe

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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 08:01:23 -0400
Subject: Signs?

Source: The Vallejo Times-Herald, California

<http://www.timesheraldonline.com/articles/2003/07/02/front/news01.txt>

July 2, 2003

Signs?

By Matthias Gafni
Times-Herald staff writer

ROCKVILLE - Scientists, curiosity seekers, media, UFO specialists and a woman wanting to cure her paralyzed dog swarmed to a Rockville wheat field Tuesday after learning of extensive crop circles imprinted over the weekend.

It's unclear whether aliens, teenagers or alien teenagers landed in the field - a mile northeast of Solano Community College at the corner of Suisun Valley and Rockville roads - and created a large group of 15 crop circles sometime before dawn Saturday.

Whatever the source of the circles, which are drawing onlookers by the dozens, farmer Larry Balestra just wants his crop harvested.

The Times-Herald interviewed Balestra, 41, as he stood in the largest of the circles, with a 140-foot-diameter circle.

The farmer, owner of Larry's Produce on Suisun Valley Road, said the 2.5-foot-high wheat grass must have been pressed late Friday night or early Saturday morning. Balestra noticed an odd shadow in his field as he drove by Saturday morning about 6 a.m.

"I walked out and saw a big circle. I was more concerned with the damage," Balestra said. The smashed wheat is not harvestable, he said, because the farm equipment cannot reach the flattened crop. He planned to harvest the field the prior week, but the contractor was not available.

Wheat is not the most profitable crop anyway, Balestra said, at \$100 a ton.

"It's not that much, but in farming, everything counts," said Balestra, who mainly farms vegetables.

Since the crop circles have received wide media coverage, which peaked in last year when the movie "Signs" came out, Balestra has made continual calls to the harvester.

"I tell him, 'You don't understand. You have got to get this down,' " he laughed.

"It's gotten out of control now, as far as the interest goes."

"Good Morning America" and other national television shows have contacted the square-jawed, strong-handed farmer.

He has yet to concede extraterrestrial involvement.

"I don't know. I'm a fairly conservative guy. I thought at first it was baloney. But now with all the curiosity and all the people who believe in it ` I could be persuaded," he laughed.

The field workers, who live in a house a couple football fields away, saw and heard nothing unusual Friday night, Balestra said.

On Tuesday, the farmer answered all the interested onlookers' questions, such as "Were his animals acting normal?" and "Are the electrical systems intact?" They were status quo, he said.

Fariba Bogzaran, 45, of West Marin County, a professor of dream studies at J.F.K. University, traveled up from Berkeley after hearing of the crop circles.

Before getting a firsthand look, Bogzaran contacted the farmer's family members to let them know that "after 10 years of watching crop circles, they would not be harmed by it."

In fact, "if it's a genuine one, next year his crop will grow two inches higher," she said.

Bogzaran traveled to England last year to study crop circles "with experts in the field." She has been studying the phenomenon for 10 years and spoke in Berkeley a couple months ago on the subject.

"The layout of this particular crop circle looks very similar to early crop circles of early England," Bogzaran said.

"As far as whether it's genuine or people made it? It's hard to tell, because so many people walked on it and the wheat was so dry it broke off," she said.

Bogzaran was interested in the events surrounding the creation of the crop circles.

"I'm also very fascinated by balls of light. There are witnesses who've reported people seeing balls of light by these crop circles," Bogzaran said. "One person in a nearby house saw a ball of light Friday night."

Regardless of the crop circle's origin, the professor said the creation had esthetic qualities.

"Even if people made it, they did a good job," she said. "Even as artwork they are beautiful. It's landscape art."

"I love the poetry of it. I'm not a scientist as far as crop circles go, but I'm a scientist of dream studies."

Diane Bingley, 44, of Fairfield, arrived with her camcorder to record the circles.

"I think this was man-made because in a real crop circle the stalks are broken higher up and you can feel the electro-magnetic energy," Bingley said. "If you had a compass, it would screw up your compass and a watch wouldn't work."

"I believe this was something kids probably made," she said. "But, I think it's interesting. It's a fun crop circle."

Bingley, who has studied crop circles on her own for years, said past recorded crop circles were authentic, but the artists may not be aliens.

"I think there are time travelers. I think that's a possibility," she said.

Bingley said she wanted to try the healing powers of the crop circle on her pet.

"I want to bring my paralyzed dog out from the car to see if there would be some positive influence," she said.

Balestra just shook his head when asked about the public's reaction.

"People are really excited when they come out here and see this. To me, that's amazing," he said.

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Balestra has only been farming that field for three years and this was his first crop circle experience.

He rotates the crops each year on the field. Last year's crop was corn.

"I should've planted corn again this year," Balestra laughed.

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Re: 'Larry King Live' On Roswell

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 01:16:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 08:04:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Larry King Live' On Roswell

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 05:53:35 -0800
>Subject: 'Larry King Live' On Roswell

>First impression: it was awful, appalling, dreadful to watch
>Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut hesitate and stumble over answers
>or, when addressed, sit in silence.

Hi Bill,

This subject came up on another List, but according to a release email that was sent around, in late 00 or 01 the below is the general description of the information that Walt gave in his oral history interview to Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser on 11/15/00. Apparently per discussion with Walt, and the family, none of this will be released until after his death. I would observe that limitations such as this are not uncommon in oral history interviews etc etc.

Begin email excerpt on Walters oral history interview....

1. Gave description of the alien body
2. Gave description of the disc
3. Confirmed the crash site was the Corona site
4. Confirmation that Ramey, DeBose, Blanchard, etc. agreed on using the weather balloon story as a cover.
5. Received a clarification on how the press release was done.
6. Received nice description of Blanchard/Haut relationship
7. There were photos taken of the crash site
8. Learned he was a bombardier and received a DSM, etc. and a Purple Heart and how and why.
9. Learned how he came to Roswell and why he left the service and stayed in Roswell.
10. Learned about his youth, schooling, parents, jobs, etc.

End Haut email excerpt...

At the time some researchers were griping and complaining how Walter told Wendy and Dennis more...to which I say he may have trusted them more, then he trusted other researchers.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:51:46 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 13:11:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 10:03:03 -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?

To Eleanor and the List,

Thank you for this information.

I am surprised to learn that NIDS would have 16 implants in its possession.

Where did you find that out?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Signs?

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>Fariba Bogzaran, 45, of West Marin County, a professor of dream
>studies at J.F.K. University, traveled up from Berkeley after
>hearing of the crop circles.

I couldn't help being curious about this person. Is she for
real?

Answer: Yes. John F. Kennedy University looks like a serious
instituiton. It's in San Francisco. It has quite a large and
varied psychology department, or really a series of psychology
departments, offering many specialties. There's a Graduate
School for Holistic Studies, and one of its programs is
Consciousness Studies, which isn't a PhD program; it only offers
a Master's degree. Bogzaran is listed as a member of the
Consciousness Studies department. Dream Studies is a non-degree
certificate program, also part of the Graduate School for
Holistic Studies.

Here's Bogzaran's biography (included in a list of the
Consciousness Studies faculty):

Fariba Bogzaran, PhD . Assistant professor, Consciousness
Studies; Adjunct faculty member, Arts and Consciousness. BS,
University of Wisconsin, 1983; MA, California Institute of
Integral Studies, 1989; PhD, California Institute of Integral
Studies, 1994. Bogzaran is an internationally known and widely
published authority on dreams, art, shamanism and a variety of
Asian health practices. She is also an artist and curator, with
extensive exhibitions of her own artwork. As a curator, Bogzaran
is well-known for her work with the surrealist artist Gordon
Onslow Ford, with whom she has collaborated on numerous books
and exhibitions. Bogzaran lectures internationally on a wide
variety of topics. She has been a member of the Arts and
Consciousness faculty since 1989.

Following are descriptions of the various departments and
schools mentioned in all this. We could conclude either that
these studies are now quite respectable, or that California
craziness has infected even a large university:

Consciousness Studies program:

The 58-unit Master of Arts in Consciousness Studies Program
provides a flexible and supportive structure for students to
examine the meaning of human experience and the nature of self
and reality. The curriculum includes courses that challenge

students' beliefs, examine the relationship between consciousness and the world, and explore new possibilities for personal and social transformation.

Departmental courses encourage the integration and synthesis of a wide range of subjects. Courses in the new physics, living systems theory, altered states of consciousness and issues in deep ecology provide a new scientific paradigm for the study of consciousness. Personal growth and creativity are explored through courses in myth, symbol and methods of self-exploration. East-West religious perspectives and spiritual traditions are examined as different paths to spiritual awareness. The nature of intelligence, insight and human consciousness are explored through courses in transpersonal and East-West psychologies.

Students may choose 9 to 13 elective units from various programs throughout the university. These electives allow students to explore diverse areas, such as dream studies, art and spirituality, comparative mysticism and religion, movement and health, organizational leadership, and human relations and communication. With departmental permission and supervision, students may also develop an individualized concentration by taking all or most of their elective units within a single area such as Dream Studies (see below). Students have the option of completing their degree program with either a 6-unit thesis or a 2-unit masters integration project.

Dream Studies program:

We spend one-third of our lives in sleep and one-third of that time dreaming. Throughout human history, dreams have been shown to be an important vehicle in problem solving, creativity, self-growth and spiritual inspiration.

The 36-unit Certificate in Dream Studies is one of the pioneering programs within an accredited university to explore the inner worlds of dreams. Offering more than fifteen courses that directly and indirectly address the study of dreams, the classes are taught by experts, authors and researchers who have dedicated their lives to exploring this important state of consciousness. This certificate is designed for students and professionals who desire to work with and explore dreams for use in education, research, consulting and writing.

Graduate School for Holistic Studies:

The Graduate School for Holistic Studies, founded in 1977, offers a total of seven master's degrees, one MFA and two certificates. Each degree program shares a common educational goal: to prepare students to work professionally for positive change in the world, based on their own direct experiences of personal growth and transformation.

The Department of Arts & Consciousness has two degrees, an MFA in Studio Arts and an MA in Transformative Arts. The faculty and students form a community of artists dedicated to a common vision—a laboratory for exploring new ways of being artists.

The Department of Integral Studies offers three degrees: an MA in Consciousness Studies, an MA in Holistic Health Education and an MA in Integral Psychology. Each program offers a different lens through which students examine the integration of body, mind and spirit.

The Counseling Psychology Department offers an MA in Counseling Psychology* with three specializations: Somatic Psychology; Transpersonal Psychology; and, at our Campbell campus, Holistic Studies. All of these programs emphasize a combination of personal process and psychological theory within a framework that integrates mind, body and spirit.

At our Campbell campus (near San Jose), the Graduate School for Holistic Studies offers an MA in Counseling Psychology with a specialization in Holistic Studies*. This unique program integrates the somatic and transpersonal psychology perspectives.

* All our counseling psychology degrees meet the educational requirements for the California Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) license.

Re: Signs?

A recent graduating class from this school was honored, the website says, with a "ritual." There were some sweet photos of the ceremony, but no description of what the ritual was, other than to say that it included a reading of the Dylan Thomas poem "Fern Hill."

Greg Sandow

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>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 10:00:18 -0400
>>Subject: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

><snip>

>>I saved a few from the Coast to Coast web site which appear most
>>interesting and they can be directly called up from the links
>>below much more quickly than either Coast to Coast's site or Dr.
>>Van Flandern's. All are around 50-65K:

>><http://www.raven1.net/crownedface.jpe> (new "face")
>><http://www.raven1.net/child.jpe> (l-h photo is untouched)
>><http://www.raven1.net/glasstube.jpe> (the tubes are ribbed)
>><http://www.raven1.net/tubenetwork.jpe>
>><http://www.raven1.net/hexcrater.jpe>
>><http://www.raven1.net/plaintrack.jpe>

>IMHO, these images are an embarrassment to the planetary SETI
>community (such as it is). I've written extensively on the
>"Crowned Face" and "tubes" (which aren't really tubes) on my
>Mars anomaly website:

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

A BIG AMEN!, Mac. In my opinion, those who think those images
reveal anything other than purely natural structures, live in a
fantasy world of their own creation, encouraged by like-minded
groupies.

I would remind believers of the story of The Boy Who Cried
"WOLF!" If they keep this up, and someone among them should come
across some real evidence of intelligent construction on Mars,
we risk no one heeding the announcement because "WOLF!" had been
too often the cry when it was nothing but a Labrador Retriever
begging to lick us on our faces!

Let those who gawk with their mouths all too wide realize that
the disparity of structures with seen on Mars with natural
structures on earth may most likely reflect the very different
geological history and weather environments over the ages on
Mars.

When will they ever learn?!

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 -- 07/03/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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GUIDELINES ON "SENSITIVE" INFO WILL BE ISSUED FOR COMMENT

Procedures for implementing a new information control category called "sensitive homeland security information" (SHSI) are still under development but "will be published for public comment prior to adoption," a Bush Administration official told Secrecy News yesterday.

In last year's Homeland Security Act, Congress directed the President to prescribe procedures to "identify and safeguard homeland security information that is sensitive but unclassified" (section 892). See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2002/hr5710-111302.html#hsi>

But in an act of what might be termed legislative malpractice, Congress failed to specify what it meant by "sensitive." This raised fears in many quarters that the provision would only encourage the Bush Administration to indiscriminately impose new access restrictions on otherwise unclassified information.

In part to allay such fears, Administration officials held several outreach meetings last year with interested non-governmental organizations, and promised that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the new procedures, a promise that was reiterated this week.

First, however, the draft guidance will be circulated to executive branch agencies for their comment, which is expected to happen later this summer.

For related background, the most comprehensive resource is "'Sensitive But Unclassified' and Other Federal Security Controls on Scientific and Technical Information: History and Current Controversy" by Genevieve Knezo, Congressional Research Service, April 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31845.pdf>

PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DATA GOES ON

A Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking declassification of historical intelligence budget data led to a Central Intelligence Agency assertion June 27 that it was "unable to

locate" aggregate intelligence budget figures for fiscal years 1947 and 1948.

In response, the plaintiff (yours truly) this week asked the Court for leave to expand the scope of the lawsuit to encompass subsidiary agency budget totals as well as aggregate figures, extending from 1947 through 1970. See this July 2 Motion for Leave:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/1947/sa070203.html>

Groping for an explanation as to why the CIA would resist disclosure of budget data from 1947, UFO aficionado and author Whitley Strieber proposed that it might be part of a continuing coverup of the July 1947 crash of an unidentified flying object in Roswell, New Mexico. See his "More Evidence of a Roswell Coverup?":

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/news/?id=2860>

Roswell mythology aside, this presumes that official secrecy is purposeful and calculated to achieve a specific end. More often than not, it appears that such is not the case. In fact, when it comes to CIA records, it is often more instructive to inquire why particular information -- such as the disputed CIA-DIA report on those Iraqi trailers -- has been publicly disclosed, not why most other information has been withheld.

CIA historian Michael Warner recently observed that in the 1940s and some time thereafter, the U.S. government fiscal year ended on June 30, not September 30 as is the case today. This means that the Roswell crash, the enactment of the National Security Act and the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency, though they took place in calendar year 1947, all occurred in fiscal year 1948.

DOE WILL REVISE AND RELEASE HEU REPORT

The Department of Energy now says that it will release a revised version of its report on the history of highly enriched uranium (HEU) production that has been eagerly sought for years by nuclear non-proliferation advocates, National Academy of Sciences panels, environmental groups and others.

The report must first be revised, however, because the authors believe that the current version "contains unclassified but sensitive security information that terrorists could use as a road map to the locations of DOE fissile nuclear materials," wrote Joseph S. Mahaley of the DOE Office of Security on June 9. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/06/doe060903.html>

Mr. Mahaley was responding to an inquiry from Sen. Gordon H. Smith (R-OR) on behalf of Roger Heusser, one of those seeking the report's release. Ironically, Mr. Heusser is a former director of the DOE Office of Nuclear and National Security Information.

"I am quite familiar with the document and signed the declassification of it," Mr. Heusser noted with some irritation.

"This report will provide assistance to worldwide nonproliferation efforts by revealing where United States highly enriched uranium resides in the United States as well as in other nations," DOE said of the HEU report in 1997, in what now seems a different era. "It will also assist regulators in environmental, health, and safety matters at domestic sites where this material is stored or buried." See:

<http://www.osti.gov/html/osti/opennet/document/jan97/prcfacts.html#I11>

RECENT FOIA DECISIONS

Recent rulings in Freedom of Information Act lawsuits provide an interesting but none too encouraging snapshot of how the courts are dealing with such cases. See "New FOIA Decisions, April-June 2003" helpfully provided by the Justice Department Office

of Information and Privacy:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost24.htm>

WHITE HOUSE REPORT ON DRUG KINGPINS

In a July 1 letter to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, President Bush summarized a new report on foreign narcotics traffickers and identified and identified seven persons and entities newly designated under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/wh070103.html>

DOD ON PROJECT SHAD

The Defense Department announced on July 1 that it had concluded its investigation into the biological and chemical warfare testing program known as Project 112. The Project, conducted from 1962 to 1973, included the use of actual biological and chemical agents on U.S. military personnel as part of the Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD) program.

See the DoD announcement here:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2003/nr20030701-0163.html>

Several members of Congress criticized the move.

"Thousands of veterans unknowingly participated in SHAD tests that could have exposed them to serious health risks," said Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA) in a June 30 statement.

"A decision by the Department to discontinue its investigation would be premature and would put thousands of veterans at further risk," Rep. Thompson and others wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/06/thompson.html>

See also "Pentagon Reveals Secret Bio, Chem Tests" by Robert Gehrke, Associated Press, June 30:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A54221-2003Jun30.html>

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Re: Crop Circles Work Of Aliens Or Hoaxers?

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 16:36:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Work Of Aliens Or Hoaxers?

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2003 15:51:08 -0300
>Subject: Crop Circles Work Of Aliens Or Hoaxers?

>Source: The Express & Echo - Exeter, UK

><http://www.thisisexeter.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=101955&command=displayContent&sourceNode=99871&contentPK=6213051>

>12:00 - 02 July 2003

>Are These Crop Circles The Work Of Aliens Or Hoaxes?

>By John Fletcher

>Have aliens made their mark in a Devon field, or could these
>first crop circles in the area be the work of pranksters?

Dear Listers,

The information that I have with my contact with a number of circle makers in the UK is that;

1. To imply that the "crop circles" made by humans are hoaxes is to have the position that the aliens are making them and the the human circle makers are the hoaxes.
2. The information that I have is that all the crop circles are man made.
3. If the circle makers stopped making the circles there would be nothing to report.
4. That there is a number of paranormal experiences being encounterd by humans often while making the circles that can sometimes be quite astounding..

This is information that I have gleamed from various UK circle makers.

Obviously this will be a bone of contention, and I in no way wish to to put a damper on what others may consider the truth. But the fact is that I have knowledge that has been given to me direct from some of the circle makers. Things that can be considered paranormal are happening and that the circles do need further investigation. Not from the position that; " It Must Be Aliens". But from the position that something is apparently happening and that indeed needs further investigation.

Max

Its nice to be important but its more important to be nice

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Re: Daily Mail Bentwaters Article

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 20:36:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 16:38:39 -0400
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>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 20:41:23 +0100
>Subject: Daily Mail Bentwaters Article

>List,

>Today's Daily Mail carried a full-page article on the Bentwaters
>UFO case, on page 10. It examined the claims of former United
>States Air Force airman Kevin Conde, who alleges that he
>unwittingly caused the Rendlesham Forest incident by playing a
>practical joke on a colleague, spooking him with the lights from
>a US police vehicle. These claims are not new, and have
>circulated on the internet for a couple of years. They received
>some more recent coverage in a regional BBC programme screened
>on Monday (and possibly in some of the East Anglian newspapers),
>but this is the first time the claims have received publicity in
>a national newspaper.

>There are a number of reasons why Conde's claims should be
>treated with caution. Firstly, it should be recalled that the
>UFO sightings took place over a series of nights. The sighting
>by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt and the men he took into the
>forest was on a different night to the original sighting by
>Penniston, Burroughs and Cabansag.

>Conde's story does not fit the observational data from the
>various United States Air Force military personnel who saw UFOs.
>See for example the original United States Air Force witness
>statements published in Georgina Bruni's book on the case, You
>Can't Tell The People.

Nick these are good points and I agree. A better question is who
is supporting these nearly new claims and why.

Also who is to benefit from this testimony and why has it re
appeared at this time again.

Max

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Dayton Held Part Of Roswell UFO Mystery

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Subject: Dayton Held Part Of Roswell UFO Mystery

Source: The Beacon Journal - Akron, Ohio

<http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/news/local/6225067.htm>

Posted on Thu, Jul. 03, 2003

Dayton Held Part Of Roswell Ufo Mystery

From 1947 to 1969, the U.S. Air Force investigated unidentified flying objects under Project Blue Book, a program headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

Of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book before the program was terminated, 701 remained unexplained.

But what most folks remember from that era are the rumors surrounding 'Hangar 18'.

This month in 1947, witnesses said they saw military personnel recover the remains of aliens after their spaceship crashed in Roswell, N.M.

Reportedly, the bodies and wreckage were flown to Dayton aboard a B-29 and stored in the infamous hangar.

--Paula Schleis

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Blue Book UFO Unknowns On NIDS Site

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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 16:47:33 -0400
Subject: Blue Book UFO Unknowns On NIDS Site

For those interested in the ongoing re-appraisal by Brad Sparks of Project Blue Book cases.

Colm Kelleher
NIDS <http://www.nidsci.org>

Comprehensive Catalog of 1,500 Project BLUE BOOK UFO Unknowns:

Work in Progress (Version 1.6, June 18, 2003)

Compiled by Brad Sparks
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The main purpose of this catalog at present is to help identify and fill in where possible missing or difficult-to-obtain U.S. Air Force documentation on better quality Unexplained UFO cases, not to present here the "proof" of UFO reality nor to discuss possible IFO identifications, subjects reserved for later analysis once full files can be examined. Here the goal is preliminary and to compile more complete documentation, not the perfection of the analysis or categorizations. This catalog will be used eventually to produce another catalog of UFO Best Evidence after a screening process based on Hynek's and other criteria and for that reason columns for data on Duration, No. of Witnesses, Angular Size and "Instrumentation/Scientists etc." have been separately presented from the available case data and/or calculated where possible.

When Project Blue Book (BB) closed down on Jan. 30, 1970 (it was not on Dec. 17, 1969, which was merely the announcement date by the Secretary of the Air Force) the total number of Unidentified sightings was thought to be 701 and this is the number given on all subsequent press releases and so-called "fact sheets." However, based on the review by Hynek and the CUFOS staff of the released sanitized BB microfilm and Hynek's personal records which included many missing (and unsanitized) BB documents, the final number was determined to have been approximately 587, apparently reflecting an IFO elimination process carried out on old historical cases by the last BB Chief, Major Hector Quintanilla in the 60's (and of dubious scientific validity based on examples McDonald studied), which must have reduced the number of Unexplained cases by 114. Evidently the AF did not update its annual historical UFO statistics to reflect this gradual winnowing process, not realizing it could improve upon its anti-UFO PR position by reducing the perennially embarrassing number of Unidentifieds.

However, in reverse, Hynek re-evaluated 53 Blue Book IFO cases as Unexplained UFO cases, bringing the total partially back, up to 640, unfortunately a complete list identifying these is not available, though some of the worksheets have been copied by Jan Aldrich from CUFOS-Hynek files. A number of the re-evaluated cases have been included in The Hynek UFO Report book published in 1977.

Much more disturbing are the indications from my limited review of BB cases that there may be as many as possibly 4,000 Unexplained UFO cases miscategorized as IFO's in the BB files. McDonald similarly stated in 1968 at his CASI lecture that from

his review of BB cases he estimated that 30-40% of 12,000 cases were Unexplained, or about 3,600 to 4,800. These are mostly military cases and many involve radar.

The BB files total some 13,134 cases altogether, UFO and IFO, according to the Hynek-CUFOS revised statistics, or about 14,613 when 1,558 "info only" cases are included, per the FUFOR Index. Many cases are actually multiple incidents filed under one date/location. For simplicity I am therefore rounding up to 15,000 as the approximate total number of UFO incidents in the BB files.

This catalog is based primarily on the outstanding catalog prepared by Don Berliner of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) from his exhaustive review of the then unreleased Project Blue Book (BB) files at Maxwell AFB (Air Force Base), Alabama, in Jan. 1974, which included many witness names that were later sanitized out ("blacked out") of the public release of the BB files by the Air Force in 1974-5. Berliner's effort ought to be supplemented with the tremendous intelligence coup by William Weitzel and FUFOR in early March 1998 in discovering and later securing copies of the unsanitized pre-redaction record copy 16 mm Maxwell AFB microfilm of the BB files that the National Archives inadvertently made available (at the College Park, Maryland, facility in Record Group 341 / 190 / 68 / 08 / 03, boxes 1-6, 70 films numbered 30,362 through 30,431), but no resources are available for such a large-scale research project. All of UFOlogy owes an enormous debt of gratitude to FUFOR for this lasting contribution to the preservation and disclosure of this vast treasure of priceless military UFO records.

The Berliner catalog has been heavily augmented here with:

(a) Listing of BB Unknowns selected from the National Archives index of BB cases (published by Steiger in Nov 1976 and available on the World Wide Web at various websites) but lacking descriptive sighting details.

(b) Partial case listings of re-evaluations by Hynek and CUFOS staff (primarily in The Hynek UFO Report, Dell, Dec. 1977), who personally retained many thousands of unsanitized BB case files in his personal papers which are now with CUFOS.

(c) The 1969 Magonia catalog of landing/close encounter cases by Jacques Vallée who as Hynek's assistant in the 60's examined the BB files and Hynek's copies of BB cases, when many reports had not yet "disappeared."

(d) Battelle Memorial Institute list of 12 Best Unknowns which also caught a few cases before records vanished (May 5, 1955, report issued as Blue Book Special Report No. 14).

(e) Lists by James McDonald who saw and copied BB files on five research trips from June 1966 to Aug. 1970 and conducted his own exhaustive and independent investigations, especially see his prepared statement in the 1968 House Committee on Science and Astronautics hearing (McDonald 1968) and his 1969 AAAS paper as revised and published posthumously by Sagan & Page (McDonald 1972).

(f) Records obtained by Jan Aldrich of Project 1947 directly from unsanitized BB files on the Maxwell AFB microfilm, from McDonald, CUFOS and Keyhoe/Richard Hall/FUFOR files, from FOIA requests, and from SHG oral history and file recovery efforts.

(g) Condon Committee investigations of BB cases published in the Condon Report (Bantam Books edition, New York, Jan. 1969; especially see the convenient "Sightings, Unexplained" listing in the index, p. 961).

(h) FUFOR's Index to the Case Files of Project Blue Book (1997) which consists of a computer printout reportedly prepared by David R. Saunders of the Condon Committee, but which inexplicably includes cases up to Dec. 1969 near the end of BLUE BOOK and over a year after the AF contract with the Condon Committee had ended.

(i) National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP).

(j) Willy Smith's case evaluations (On Pilots and UFOs, UNICAT

1997).

(k) NICAP website compiled by Francis Ridge.

(l) Dominique Weinstein's Aircraft/UFO Encounters (Nov. 1997; and rev. 5th ed. June 2001, Aircraft UAP Encounters).

(m) H. B. Darrach and Robert Ginna, LIFE magazine article, April 7, 1952.

(n) Various USAF records obtained by Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, especially a collection of long-missing Project SIGN/GRUDGE records found at the St. Louis records center, however please note that it is uncertain whether all of these cases are in the BB/predecessor files or had ever been and got lost or were removed.

(o) U.S. Air Force Intelligence TOP SECRET analysis of flying disc incidents, April 28, 1949, Report No. 100-203-79 or "AIR 203."

(p) Martin Shough catalog of radar UFO incidents, 1987, revised 2002, and augmented by Jan Aldrich.

(q) My personal investigations and research (especially all bracketed [] material and most parenthetical () material).

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Ardmore Tennessee Report - 06-03

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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 16:50:33 -0400
Subject: Ardmore Tennessee Report - 06-03

Ardmore Tennessee, United States

Date: Early June, 2003
Time: 9.00 p.m.

I received a report from a very kind and helpful lady on July 1, 2003. She was looking for possible answers over what her and her husband witnessed at the beginning of June at 9:00 p.m. in Ardmore Tennessee, United States. Also the witness talked with a friend shortly afterwards, explaining what the couple saw. To the witnesses surprise her friend also said she noticed the same bright light on the same evening at the same time when she was outside, but never gave it much thought until the witnesses brought the topic up.

Report & Update below:

I have been looking for something for almost a month now, to help me understand what we saw one night.

We live in Southern Tennessee USA, in the central part. My husband and I were coming home about 9:00 PM, and as we started down the road towards our home, I got a glimpse of a very bright light off to the north of us, not very high up, over the tree tops, it was more of a glowing or illumination...not a reflection! I told my husband to look, and as he looked up, he said it was a plane. I told him that it was not and since it was moving slow, I was gonna follow it, and we did. We took back roads and tried to keep it in site, at one point, we went down a dirt road and it looked like it just hovered above the trees, maybe 1500 feet or so. It was a giant egg shape.

At first I thought it was a blimp, and as of yet, I am not sure what it was.....one thing for sure, it was something I had never seen before. There was no sound at all, and it was moving very slowly. Not once did it speed up. As it moved out of sight, we had to drive a short distance to be able to see it again, and it was moving to the South west....still not making a sound. As we got into town, where we could see it better, it was moving further away, and appeared to be going higher. Other people had to have seen it, but nothing was ever mentioned in the papers or to the police. About 2 weeks later, I was talking to a friend who lives in the area and told her about it, and it jogged her memory to the same night, she went outside, and just looked up and seen a bright light, and wondered what it was, but never thought nothing else about it. I have tried to find out what a blimp looks like at night in the sky, and I can't find anything. I wanted to call the airport in Huntsville Ala, and see if they seen anything on radar, but my husband said, "They probably wouldn't tell you if they did." So I didn't call them.

Can you help me out, what do you think it was? Anything you can tell me, I would appreciate it.

Thank You.

(name deleted by HBCC UFO Research)

Update: I asked a number of questions in hopes of trying to get a better idea of what the folks saw that evening. Below is the witnesses response.

Thanks for the answer to my email. I will try to answer the questions as well as possible.

It took place about the first part of June, of this year 2003., about 9:00 PM. The weather had been rainy for a few days, but it was rather clear that night, during that time. From the time we spotted the light, until we lost sight of it, was about 30 minutes, I think. Maybe 45, with all the driving up and down dirt roads and trying to find it again when it would go behind the trees and hills. At one time when we seen it hovering, we had driven down a hill on a dirt road, and it was off to our left, hovering above the trees, if I held out my arm and measured the length of it between my index finger and thumb, it would have probably been about an inch and half to 2 inches in length.

(My arms are short also) When we seen it hovering, we could not make out any details on it, it was just bright, no sound, no flashing lights, no indications of windows or anything like that. It was just so bright, I don't see how anyone didn't see it. The town we live in, is Ardmore Tennessee, which borders the state of Alabama also. Interstate 65 runs north and south. And the town of Ardmore is located on the line. As we drove into town, so we could get a better look, due to the horizon line, we noticed that no one even acted like they seen it. The teens were cruising the strip and not even noticing what was going on. As we entered the town, the road we were on was coming from the north east., and the object had moved across town and was headed to the West, southwest. My friend that seen the light, lives south west of Ardmore, and she only briefly got a glimpse of the bright light, they have a lot of trees there and she couldn't see it at all, just a light in the sky, through the trees.

The bright light was like the color of a fluorescent light, kind of glowing. Putting off a lot of light around it. I said it was egg shaped, more of an oval, with the egg lying on its side, not standing up. When it hovered over the trees, it wasn't long, rather, we stopped and looked at it, maybe 2 minutes, and then we drove off, trying to get a better look, as it started moving slowly again. It never made a sudden movement, and never sped up, unless it did so while we were driving to get a better look. The path it took, seemed to be straight. We were the ones going in circles.

I was in awe, I have always been amazed at these things, and although people have made fun of me, I know my husband seen it with me that time. When we finally got out of the woods and back up on top of the hill coming into town, it was headed on to the west, southwest. And getting to far off to see it good, but you could still see the bright light. It was just getting farther away, and my husband wanted to come home, and quit chasing something we may not want to catch.

Usually when something odd is in the sky, the meteorologist say something about it on the news at 10:00 that night, but not a single word was said. Especially Adrian Gibson on channel 31 in Huntsville Ala. where we get most of the weather conditions. That's why my husband said it was probably a blimp. I got on the Internet and tried to look up pictures of blimps at night, and nothing came up....that was any help. My friend said she didn't see anything that she could speak of, except the light. She didn't see the object. So I guess we will have to go on my word. Attached is a drawing I did to kind of show you how it appeared at first.

Thanks again (name deleted by HBCC UFO Research)

The statement below referrers to a computer drawing the witness sent to me which gave me a better idea of where they were when they spotted the object. I will be posting this report along with the computer image to my site soon.

Ps. from the bottom of the page, we were going down a steep hill to our home, which is the X (we were going North, but down hill)

I would really like to extend my thanks to the witness for this

wonderful report.

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Strange Days... Indeed July 5, 2003

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 07:49:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:49:10 -0400
Subject: Strange Days... Indeed July 5, 2003

Please tune in to EBK's "Strange Days...Indeed!" this Saturday at 9:30 P.M. Eastern. I will be playing audio clips from January 22-23, 1958 regarding the censoring of Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe on the CBS Armstrong Circle Theater's production, 'UFO: The Enigma of the Skies'. Plus audio clips from listener's requests. It should be a fun hour, so have your tape recorders ready.

Wendy Connors

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Bentwaters Hoax Claims

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 18:06:44 -0400
Subject: Bentwaters Hoax Claims

List,

It may just be a coincidence (although my Ministry of Defence training encourages me to be suspicious of coincidences) but has anyone given any thought to the name of the person who is retrospectively claiming that his practical joke led to the various UFO sightings at Bentwaters, Woodbridge, and Rendlesham Forest?

The individual concerned is Kevin Conde. Presumably that could be pronounced "conned". Is this a clue? Who is kidding who? Have we all been... conned?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:18:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 18:08:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
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Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:52:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 18:17:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:51:46 +0200
>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

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Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:45:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 19:06:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

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To quickly clear up this issue.

In 1996 NIDS conducted an analysis on "implants" from two
individuals.

The report has been continuously on the NIDS web site since
1998:

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

After the analysis of the first two implants had been completed
the NIDS science advisory board (SAB), see:

<http://www.nidsci.org/personnel.html>

strongly urged that NIDS cease analysis of any further
"implants" on the grounds that the first two analyses had
yielded nothing beyond normal, trivial, mundane data.

The NIDS SAB stated that no evidence of anomalies had been found
in these "implants".

NIDS has never received "16 implants". After 1996, no further
work was done by NIDS on "implants" for the reasons given.

Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

Colm A. Kelleher Ph.D

Administrator

NIDS

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 19:13:42 -0400
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Yes, it's NASA data. It's Van Flandern's interpretations that I disagree with. See the following essay I wrote I wrote on May 5, 2001 and posted to my site on page 15:

Tom Van Flandern Loses Face at Press Conference by Mac Tonnies

This morning, astronomer and SPSR member Dr. Tom Van Flandern addressed the Washington Press Club, intending to present the strong evidence favoring the existence of extraterrestrial artifacts on Mars. He failed - not for lack of evidence, but for a curious need to embellish imaginary profiles on the planet's surface.

In his slide presentation, available online as part of his otherwise commendable Meta Research website, Van Flandern presents wildly implausible "artistically reconstructed" images showing what he perceives as a giant "bird" (which I still can't seem to make out, even with the artistic enhancement_), a few curved lines he construes as a megalithic portrait of a "child," and a credibility-straining "seahorse" sculpture created by viewing portions of a landform in convenient isolation.

[image here]

Typical example of alleged "artifact" from Van Flandern's presentation. Creatures and characters of all sorts can easily be imagined on the Martian surface with the help of some "highlighting," as this illustration demonstrates.

This unforgivable technique, which Van Flandern relies on again and again during his presentation, is best compared to taking a giant cookie-cutter to the Martian surface in such a way as to produce any desired "anomaly". So there's no wonder Van Flandern sees so many enigmatic shapes on Mars; armed with enough perceptual cookie-cutters, it's easy enough to populate Mars with just about anything.

Deer, complete with antlers? Van Flandern's got one (with the

dubious aid of an overlaid drawing).

Cleopatra, complete with headdress? She's there, too - albeit in murky profile in need of some strategic digital retouching.

To Van Flandern's credit, he addresses the Face - but only in relatively cursory detail, and completely ignoring the confirming partial image taken in 2000, which clearly shows the "eyeball" feature predicted by Vincent DiPietro as well as the rectilinear "teardrop" and corner of the anatomically accurate "mouth."

Van Flandern also explores the "tubes" with some success, making a sound argument for a possible structural origin. He also looks closely at the similar bright lines abundant in Cydonia, notably on top of the Cliff and at the edge of the Main City Pyramid. But for all of the genuine mysteries addressed, Van Flandern's main concerns appear to be vague, improbable "faces" and fanciful "animals" that have never had the luxury of having been subjected to peer-reviewed scrutiny. And as he piles one impossibly weak image on top of the next, it's made clear exactly why fellow Cydonia researchers have never treated them as anything but the amusing caricatures they are (if, of course, they can see them in the first place).

[image here]

The justly scorned "Smiley Face" used endlessly by would-be debunkers to explain the tendency to "see" human faces where none exist. The "Smiley Face" bears no morphological resemblance to the Cydonia "Face" and is irrelevant to investigating the possibility of artificiality.

It was hoped by many that Van Flandern's high-visibility press conference would pique the planetary science community's interest in the prospect of discovering artifacts on Mars. Instead, we're left with a pointless residue that recalls Mike Malin's own "Smiley Face" crater, or the likeness of Kermit the Frog seen in a wash of meteorite ejecta.

Fortunately, the Cydonia inquiry does not rely on the weight of any one self-proclaimed authority. Researchers such as Lan Fleming, Efrain Palermo, David Jinks, and Richard Hoagland - whose insights I continue to value, even if I disagree with some of his tenets--are actively shaping our perception of the Red Planet and the surprises it may have in store for us. Revelations will not take the form of press conferences - a lesson learned from NASA's own politically motivated "disclosures" of Mars data familiar to planetary anomalists for years before becoming "official."

Accepting the reality and implications of extraterrestrial intelligence, assuming its works are on Mars waiting for us to explore and discover, will more likely be a quiet affair, and the online "Cydonia underground" is driving this process in the only way it can: from the inside-out.

-end-

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

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Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 19:51:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 12:29:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

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>A BIG AMEN!, Mac. In my opinion, those who think those images
>reveal anything other than purely natural structures, live in a
>fantasy world of their own creation, encouraged by like-minded
>groupies.

I'm in the relatively unique position of totally supporting the search for extraterrestrial structures on Mars and other planetary bodies yet remaining critical of much of the "evidence." As with the UFO controversy, there is an unfortunate tendency for a camp of "true believers" to confront close-minded pseudoskeptics.

Talk of "groupies" is worrying but probably unavoidable. The central question is very simple: Can we use science (i.e., geology, archaeology, exobiology) to prove the existence of extraterrestrial artifacts?

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UC Berkeley-Led Team Probes for Martians

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 20:49:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:09:12 -0400
Subject: UC Berkeley-Led Team Probes for Martians

Source: The Berkeley Daily Californian, CA

<http://www.dailycal.org/article.asp?id=12091>

July 3, 2003

A UC Berkeley-led team of researchers is out to discover if Martians, long the little green men of science fiction movies, ever once really existed.

The 10-person team has received a \$1.23 million grant from NASA to study the origin, evolution and future of life in the universe.

The researchers are focusing their study on Mars because it is the most accessible site in the solar system that could have reasonably supported life, Jill Banfield, a UC Berkeley earth and planetary science professor, said in a statement.

Five of the team's 10 members are UC Berkeley researchers.

The researchers will study the cold, dry deserts of Oregon and Idaho, regions of the earth whose environments most closely resemble Mars.

Some organisms in these environments live off inorganic chemicals instead of photosynthesis, which could give researchers clues as to how life on Mars is sustained.

"By understanding how certain microbes utilize iron and sulfur, common elements in Martian geology, we can obtain clues as to how life may have emerged and thrived on Mars," Banfield said.

The \$1.23 million is for the first year of a five-year grant.

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: **Betsy Sinkey** <westoo@attbi.com>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 20:17:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:15:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

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>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 16:19:08 -0700 (PDT)
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Mac Tonnies

You have made an excellent observation and pointed out the selective exclusion of important scientific specialization groups, most especially archeology and exobiology.

The mainstream scientific community has resigned itself to the idea that Mars is and always was a dead planet and has drawn the line there. This is an unfortunate conclusion, not to mention their exclusion of other warranted streams of investigation.

I will be looking forward to the release of your book in 2004.

Regards

Betsy

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It Does Not 'Rain Rocks' In Brazil

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 22:38:19 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:25:29 -0400
Subject: It Does Not 'Rain Rocks' In Brazil

Dear Colleagues,

Please, be advised that it does not rain rocks in Brazil.

The story of rocks falling from the sky during an abduction is just one of many, many fake stories fabricated by the biggest Brazilian UFO hoaxer of all times.

Also, the rocks collected from Ms. Linda Howe have absolutely ordinary, NATURAL ORIGIN, as they were several times examined by geologists in Brazil. Plus, those rocks can ben EASILY FOUND in almost all the hills of Serra de Maracaju, state of Mato Grosso do Sul, where the hoaxer has his millionaire farm and where he runs his obscure Project Gateway, a cult movement towards UFOs where naive people are allowed to see "UFOs" and make contacts with "aliens", if they PAY A VERY EXPENSIVE TICKET at the door.

Of course, those "UFOs" and "aliens" are as improbable as rocks falling form sky...

The professor consulted by Ms. Howe to examine the rocks, who concluded that they are extraordinary, is invited to visit the hills and will certainly be surprised to see THOUSAND OF ROCKS just exactly like the ones he was supplied with. Are aliens making rock rains in Brazil? Hardly...

Please see details of this new amusing story at:

www.seattlechatclub.org/urandir.html
www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html

A. J. Gevaerd, editor
Brazilian UFO Magazine

This info is cross-posted from another List and contains interesting facts.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2003 11:50 PM
Subject: [SD] Linda Moulton Howe, Rocks from Brazil UFO abduction case

Scientific examination of the rocks that rained down on people during the Corguinho Brazil UFO sighting and abduction case.

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'Mysterious' Rocks Common in Brazil

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:50:11 -0400
Subject: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common in Brazil

According to Archaeologist Gilson Martins of the Federal University of Matto Grasso, those 'mysterious' rocks Linda Moulton Howe is currently reporting as "mysterious" on her website are common to a specific area in Brazil. See full statement from Istoe Magazine below*.

According to reports from Ufologists in Brazil, Urandir sells these unusual rocks for as much as \$50 each.

Verifiable as A.J. Gevaerd - Brazilian UFO Magazine Editor - has shown in his presentations in documented statements and photos by and of the contractors that gather them in cansisters for Urandir to sell. Contractors even resort to using rototillers to dig up more as they have exhausted surface supplies.

Unusual rocks but not Alien

These rocks, which have a high iron content, are likely volcanic lava drops that hit water and cooled quickly, which explains their shape and structure. Unusual but not extraterrestrial in origin.

Has anyone bought these rocks?

Perhaps anyone wanting their money back should contact Linda Moulton Howe via earthfiles.com as she is promoting them on her business website as mysterious and "otherworldly" and hence promoting their sale.

I'm sure as a responsible business and news reporter she will gladly refund buyers.

*"The rocks that Urandir presents as sent by extraterrestrials are common in the immediacy of the mountain range of Maracaju, whose more visible mount is of Is Sebastiao, neighbor to the Vestibule [Project Portal]. Even so they have sufficiently exotic format, these rocks have a natural geologic origin. They are sandstone rocks with high degree of iron."

- Archaeologist Gilson Martins, of the Federal University of the Mato Grosso Istoe On Line Magazine

<http://www.zaz.com.br/istoe/1583/brasil/1583ets.htm>

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Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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>>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:51:46 +0200
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>Colm A. Kelleher Ph.D

>Administrator

>NIDS

Hello Colm:

I'm glad you clarified the NIDS position on these matters.

As an aside, I have "cracked" the UFORC site (Largest UFO Database in the World), without paying the \$5 PayPal fee. I didn't even ask their esteemed "Panel of UFO Experts" how to do it.

Its the worst collection of junk imaginable. Many, or most, pages are simply taken off the internet from various sites that are otherwise free. There are many Canadian Crop Circle newsletters for example. Here is only one:

<http://www.uforc.com/database/page8.html>

(I'll get back to Implants in a moment... chuckle!)

One page in Spanish looks like its taken out of a course catalog for an engineering school in Latin America. It has absolutely nothing to do with UFOs, but what the heck? Its a furrin' language which looks spiffy:

<http://www.uforc.com/database/page16.html>

The "database" and "research" pages can be browsed up on Google and click right in! Here's some really neat "research":

<http://www.uforc.com/research/page28.html>

Masuya Chinari (Japan) has been spamming the UFO sites with his Sun Wars stuff for months or years. It was so insane that months ago, I put him in the Prize-winning Crackpots corner of this links page of mine:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/ULINKS2.html>

Look to the lower right, and don't miss Time Cube as well.

Montgomery's UFORC Database pages can all be examined by simply changing the number 28 in the URL above, to all numbers from 1 to about 68. Just type the numbers into your browser Location (URL) line, leaving the rest of the address unchanged.

The first few are black screens. In that case, click the right mouse button and hold it down. Drag across the page diagonally. Voila! The 'hidden' text appears. It was in reverse field, black on black. [burp!]

Back to Implants: Here's the tale of one Paul Schroeder who had implants removed from his scrotum and elsewhere, not to mention "one major black unseen thread connected interdimensionally from ones chest to an alien control panel."

<http://www.uforc.com/database/page6.html>

So, NIDS has pretty much dropped Implants studies?

I guess 'rods' are out of the question. The Rod chasers seemingly refuse to use simple butterfly nets. They prefer video-cam images.

I would like to know more about the story of the "16 recovered implants". Not the implants themselves, but rather how the story originated and developed. I'd like to learn the mechanics of it. That might help us calibrate our filters.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Watching The Skies Over Sudbury

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Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 08:03:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 08:03:09 -0400
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Source: Northern Life - Sudbury, Ontario

<http://www.northernlife.ca/lifestyleArticle.asp?32id11-pn=&view=42376>

July 03, 2003

Watching The Skies Over Sudbury
By Tracey Duguay

The truth is out there and Sudbury's self-proclaimed UFO historian is determined to find it.

The subject of unidentified flying objects has intrigued Michel Deschamps for most of his life; especially after a personal UFO sighting he remembers when he was about nine years old.

It's looking for the answers to the age-old questions like "why are they here" and "what do they want from us," that feeds Deschamps' interest in UFOs and extraterrestrials.

"The basic fascination is I've come to the realization that we're being visited by something from someplace else."

Although he holds down a full-time job at Walmart, most of his recreational time is spent researching the history of UFO sightings in Sudbury and the surrounding communities.

In fact, in 1992, he started painstakingly reviewing every edition of local newspapers from their first publication dates, looking for articles on UFO sightings. It took him over two years to complete his research and resulted in an impressive collection of articles.

However, he doesn't limit his research to just local statistics and reports, but also likes to keep current on sightings from around the world.

"I'm trying to keep up with world events about this stuff, not just local."

He admits he hasn't been as diligent in the sky-watching department as he used to be and blames it on his passion for watching the Space Channel on television.

"I haven't been sky watching at all for the last couple of years," Deschamps says. "I haven't had the energy or desire to go out there."

Ironically, he says watching this particular channel is sort of a "break from reality" from his own life, which he describes at times as "stranger" than some of the programs he follows.

He's thinking about starting a sky-watchers group whereby people interested in UFOs can exchange phone numbers and keep each informed about recent sightings.

Deschamps can compare the time and details of the sighting to

air traffic or planetary movement in the region to determine if it indeed was a UFO.

"I've got astronomy programs on my computer and I can check right away to see if it was a planet or a star."

He says UFOs move quicker than objects like planes or helicopters. They can also take off and stop "on a dime," unlike most aircraft.

"I know the difference between a UFO and something "man-made"... I've seen planes, helicopters and satellites, and these things [UFOs] don't behave at all like any of those things... there's a distinct difference."

The easiest way to figure out if a person has really had a close encounter of the extraterrestrial kind is by their reaction. Deschamps says people intuitively can feel it when they see something out of the ordinary. The hair stands up on the back of their necks and their eyes get kind of a "glazed over" look when they recall their experience.

"Once you see something, you're convinced and that changes people for life," he says. "Even if the sighting is 50 years ago, they'll remember it like it was yesterday."

While Deschamps believes in some cases of alien abductions, he doesn't think most cases are reliable because the physical evidence just isn't there to support it.

It makes perfect sense to him, however, that abductions happen and he compares it to current space exploration. For example, when astronauts visit Mars and other planets, they bring back samples of dirt and other materials to analyze. So, according to Deschamps, it only makes sense when alternate life forms visit Earth, they occasionally bring something back with them as well, namely people, animals or other objects.

The whole generation abduction theory puzzles him though.

"I just can't understand why they're taking the same people over and over again."

Deschamps says the focus on UFO research is switching to more physical evidence, like landing sites, rather than abduction or humanoid stories.

Since credibility is a big issue in matters relating to UFO experiences or research, physical evidence is more concrete or believable than first-hand accounts.

The skepticism that exists towards this subject and the people who are believers is disheartening to Deschamps. He occasionally thinks about giving up, since it's hard to keep the faith in the face of such disbelief.

Television shows like the X-Files (now cancelled) did a lot to raise the profile about possible visits from beings from space and the potential for government cover-ups.

He talks about rumours the technology used in Stealth planes, satellites and transmitters came from the sites of crashed UFOs.

Deschamps, who says he doesn't scare easily, was worried a few times when unexplained events happened to him in the throes of a UFO sighting.

"When I had trouble with the phones, I got scared. I thought my phone was being tapped. On four different occasions in the early 90s, I was talking to somebody about UFO's on the phone and my phone went dead mid-sentence. No explanation."

One gets the sense that no matter how discouraged or scared Deschamps gets, he'll keep digging through newspapers, websites and watching the skies until he has the answers to the age-old questions that have always plagued him.

Anyone interested in talking about UFOs or reporting sightings can call Michel Deschamps at 670-2759 or e-mail him at ufoman@ican.net.

For additional information on UFO's, visit these websites:

<http://www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/main.html>

<http://www.ufobc.ca/>

<http://virtuallystrange.net/>

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:18:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 10:45:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:45:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

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Thank you, Dr. Kelleher, for your update. Here is the link to a
September 2002 List-Post

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/sep/m10-008.shtml>

from Gildas Bourdais, who reports some detailed knowledge of at
least ten implants, along with other information about the
involvement of Dr. Leir and NIDS.

Are there any plans to display photos and NIDS' analyses of
these other implants? The public is undoubtedly hungry to
at least see photos of all implants that are available, even if
the time to analyze them is not currently available.

Eleanor White

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 08:57:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 10:55:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 16:19:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 12:29:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

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>Personally, I think there is strong circumstantial evidence that
>some objects on Mars are non-natural, including the infamous
>Face.

I think you could be right (about intelligent construction) in that structure, but I doubt it is a deliberate face. The human mind is very creative.

>I present what I think is a broad-spectrum treatment of the Mars anomaly issue in my book "After the Martian Apocalypse" (Simon & Schuster, early 2004). Until then, there's my website:

I can hardly wait to read it, because I'm confident it will be thoughtful and fascinating.

Ray Stanford

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Re: UC Berkeley-Led Team Probes For Martians

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 07:17:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:05:47 -0400
Subject: Re: UC Berkeley-Led Team Probes For Martians

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: ufo UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 20:49:49 -0300
>Subject: UC Berkeley-Led Team Probes For Martians

>Source: The Berkeley Daily Californian, CA

><http://www.dailycal.org/article.asp?id=12091>

>July 3, 2003

>A UC Berkeley-led team of researchers is out to discover if
>Martians, long the little green men of science fiction movies,
>ever once really existed.
>Snip<

>The researchers are focusing their study on Mars because it is
>the most accessible site in the solar system that could have
>reasonably supported life, Jill Banfield, a UC Berkeley earth
>and planetary science professor, said in a statement.

>Five of the team's 10 members are UC Berkeley researchers.

>The researchers will study the cold, dry deserts of Oregon and
>Idaho, regions of the earth whose environments most closely
>resemble Mars.

<snip>

When I was working on my degree in Biology (not that it did me
any good), I spent a lot of time in the high Oregon
desert. Notably the Alvord/Steens Mountain area. When I saw the
Mars Rover pictures I was more than slightly surprised. Yes, the
Steens look like Mars. Take a Look.

<http://www.alvordinn.com/Area.htm>

There are some amazing hot springs and lakes in the "High
Lonse" of the Steens of Oregon. Alvord Lake is one, there is the
Alvord Chub - a fish that lives in an environment that is several
orders more hostile than the Great Salt Lake.

>Some organisms in these environments live off inorganic
>chemicals instead of photosynthesis, which could give
>researchers clues as to how life on Mars is sustained.

>"By understanding how certain microbes utilize iron and sulfur,
>common elements in Martian geology, we can obtain clues as to
>how life may have emerged and thrived on Mars," Banfield said.

Of course, we are not looking for the Olympus Mons Chub, a
bacterium would, be a whole lot less threatening than, say a
fish, to the Fundamentalist Darwinist. I've had many
conversations about this with my colleagues in the hot springs at
the foot of the Steens. I was considered a little strange as I
do know, there is something more than just the 'blind
watchmaker.'

GT McCoy

Who, by the way had the usual unimpressive "lights in the sky"
July 3rd sighting, in Coos Bay Oregon - for the fourth time.

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Re: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 10:23:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:22:39 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil

>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 23:57:15 -0700
>Subject: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil

>According to Archaeologist Gilson Martins of the Federal
>University of Matto Grasso, those 'mysterious' rocks Linda
>Moulton Howe is currently reporting as "mysterious" on her
>website are common to a specific area in Brazil. See full
>statement from Istoe Magazine below*.

>According to reports from Ufologists in Brazil, Urandir sells
>these unusual rocks for as much as \$50 each.

>Verifiable as A.J. Gevaerd - Brazilian UFO Magazine Editor - has
>shown in his presentations in documented statements and photos
>by and of the contractors that gather them in cansisters for
>Urandir to sell. Contractors even resort to using rototillers to
>dig up more as they have exhausted surface supplies.

>Unusual rocks but not Alien

>These rocks, which have a high iron content, are likely volcanic
>lava drops that hit water and cooled quickly, which explains
>their shape and structure.

They are of terrestrial origin but are definitely not of
volcanic origin, as hypothesized or otherwise.

On Linda's own website, one can see the thin sedimentary layers
indicating slow deposition over a long period, in water. Over
extended periods, the sand grains are 'glued' together both by
natural silica deposition and by iron oxide - in this case,
evidently, the in-water excretion of ferrophagic (iron eating)
bacteria.

As the colony of ferrophagic bacteria grows (sometimes around a
piece of organic debris, but potentially around almost
anything), water current 'eddies' create low-level circulation
around the colony, creating an expanding, circular cavity into
which it continues to grow as silica (both colloiddially
deposited and as sand grains, from above) and iron build
peripherally, from above (hence, the layering).

In that way, across time there is formed a sometimes very UFO-
shaped (bi-convex disc, or even spherical) concretion of purely
terrestrial origin. This can occur anywhere in the world where
there is the right water chemistry, temperature range, and
bacterial environment. The process is somewhat more complex than
the basics explained here, but I suspect this is about all list
readers will want or need.

The Brazilian stones are, in fact, quite similar to some of the
concretions from the USA that are sold as "Boji stones" at
mineral, gem, and fossil shows all over the USA. Most of them
are formed in the way described.

A geologist may understand very little about such petrogenesis,
dealing as they generally do with only much larger scale

processes and rock masses. On the other hand, such is more the province of specialists in petrology, per se, although many petrologists deal almost exclusively with larger scale rock masses, their formation processes, and potential economic value.

I hope the Brazilian UFO hoax gets thoroughly thrashed at the MUFON conference this weekend. If not, Ufology is in even sadder shape than I think it to be. That 'noise' is not part of the UFO 'signal', and I hope those of you in attendance will clearly declare so.

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 10:28:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:24:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 16:03:20 -0700 (PDT)
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>This morning, astronomer and SPSR member Dr. Tom Van Flandern
>addressed the Washington Press Club, intending to present the
>strong evidence favoring the existence of extraterrestrial
>artifacts on Mars. He failed - not for lack of evidence, but for
>a curious need to embellish imaginary profiles on the planet's
>surface.

>In his slide presentation, available online as part of his
>otherwise commendable Meta Research website, Van Flandern
>presents wildly implausible "artistically reconstructed" images
>showing what he perceives as a giant "bird" (which I still can't
>seem to make out, even with the artistic enhancement_), a few
>curved lines he construes as a megalithic portrait of a "child,"
>and a credibility-straining "seahorse" sculpture created by
>viewing portions of a landform in convenient isolation.

Well, given that we have a number of these symbolic drawings,
some huge as on the Nazca plain, here on Earth, I'm not sure why
someone attempting to find similar figures in NASA's Mars images
should be labelled 'an embarrassment'.

I'm no 'true believer' or 'groupie', by the way. I take the
stiffest issue with those who label anyone interested in
interpretations of other-worldly photos as such. I am 'open
minded', and I also have beliefs. I am interested in the Mars
photos and I am willing to look at interpretations of such.
Then, I make up my own mind.

Having seen a number of the un-doctored versions, I do believe
Mars has plenty of artificial structures. There is no shame
attached to stating that.

Having beliefs does not mean I or anyone else can't
objectively evaluate evidence. Someone with beliefs can
objectively evaluate evidence, in spite of rhetoric to the
contrary. At 62, I have lived long enough and dealt with enough
people in enough situations to know that for certain.

Eleanor White

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From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 11:07:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 12:52:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:52:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

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>[See: <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/apr/m17-005.shtml>
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Hello Gildas, Eleanor, All,

Eleanor has misquoted me. If memory serves, I was discussing, on
'Strange Days... Indeed', the fifteen or sixteen alleged
'Implants' that Roger Lier had recovered surgically since 1995/6
with EBK. When asked about the whereabouts of these recovered
objects I said that they 'probably' ended up at NIDS - because
of Lier's existing connection to Bigelow/NIDS. I don't know 'for
sure' that they in fact ended up there.

I hope this clears up any confusion that Eleanor's recollection
of my statements may have created. My apologies to Colm Kelleher
in case he's been getting mail asking about these recovered
implants.

I _would_ however like to know what Roger Lier did with those
recovered objects. Were they analyzed? If so, by who? Was it
performed by an independent lab? Or by his then partner, Derrel
Simms' Sabre Enterprises? What, if anything, was the result of
the analysis?

I'm fairly certain that if they had recovered a genuine extra-
terrestrial object that we all would have heard about it by
now.

Regards to all,

John Velez

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UFORC [was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 09:05:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 14:26:30 -0400
Subject: UFORC [was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 02:04:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

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Larry,

Is there a reason for making a point about this? Re the link to that one news update, that was one "phenomenon" that I had briefly taken the time to look into, out of personal curiosity. I soon came to the conclusion there was nothing really to it, as did Colin Andrews at the time and others. We simply took the time to make some enquiries.

The fact that our CCCRN News newsletters were reprinted on the UFORC site has nothing to do with me; when you have that kind of e-mail service, it is bound to get redistributed by a lot of people that you will never even know of. I know it's happened before. Only a couple times I've had to ask it to be stopped as because occasionally some people were receiving forwarded copies of it who hadn't subscribed and thought it was coming from me and it wasn't.

If this is part of what you refer to as "junk" (I hope not...) than that shows that you know little about our work here. Personally I am known as perhaps being more conservative in this "field" than a lot of other crop circle researchers out there, I take a cautious approach, not making any wild claims and the like. We continue to work closely with the BLT Research Team / Nancy Talbott and have from the beginning (since 1995). We are the only such organization in this country also, studying this phenomenon primarily, but do also work with other respected groups such as MUFON, UFOBC, AUFOSG, UFOROM, etc. Our focus is on the field research in the prairies each summer/fall. I would suggest looking through the CCCRN web site (which has always been free to access) and seeing some of this. Again, my personal approach is conservative, but while also trying to speak on some of the stranger aspects of this phenomenon, from personal experience on many occasions now, not always an easy balance, that between science and "paranormal" (which is a term I don't even like much). We also have now a growing catalogue of circle reports going back as far as 1925 that we currently know of, which comes from research done, talking to farmers, etc. The findings so far are similar to those in other countries by other research groups of almost entirely simple circles and rings pre-1980s. In more recent years, I've taken a much stronger

interest in simpler formations again, as there are interesting patterns there in type, distribution, etc. over the years which are important I think, worth paying attention to. Our research is serious, that is my basic point.

Just to clarify, we have no direct association with UFORC and I don't even know much about them, but please do not dump on the work of some others that you may know little about simply because some of their material may have been re-posted there, an unfair swipe in my opinion. If that was not your intention, then my apologies.

I did note though that Mr. Montgomery bills himself as the world's leading UFO authority... news to me...

Paul

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Re: A Very Ambitious Project

From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g@t-online.de>
Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 20:19:11 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 14:44:39 -0400
Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 13:49:34 -0500
>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.

I suspect feedback concerning this project was not too great
unfortunately, at least there was none on this List.

I, for myself speaking, am greatly interested in collecting UFO
data in digital form.

First of all I would suggest a kind of database with all online
documents from sites like Jan Aldrich's Project 1947, Dale
Goudie's www.cufon.org and others.

No copies of it, just references. It should also be noted whether
a document is just a pdf-file with scanned images or a text file
which can be searched.

Another important step may be to organize the process of putting
scanned images from newspaper clipping or FOIA documents into
written form.

Someone would have to type it because many 'sources' are poor
quality (I of course would volunteer - among others I hope - to
do it - I've already done that just check the links).

Brad Sparks also released his new Version 1.6 ;-) of his
'Project Blue Book Unknowns' at www.nidsci.org (NIDS). This
could be a GOOD starting point to find out which FOIA Documents
could be included in a database, next.

So all of you just come a bit closer to another and help us to
build up an open database of UFO info!

P.S.

RR0 - Information System
<http://rr0.sourceforge.net>

RR0 - static ufological website that launched the RR0-IS
project - 'UFO data for french-reading people'
<http://rr0.free.fr>

Links - FOIA documents (I hope this is not too hard to edit for
EBK ;-)

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Daniel G.

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Just the Cases - UFO sightings database
<http://cs.tu-berlin.de/~thomasg/ufodb.htm>

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Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 12:00:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 14:47:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 07:18:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:45:42 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

<snip>

>>In 1996 NIDS conducted an analysis on "implants" from two
>>individuals.

>>The report has been continuously on the NIDS web site since
>>1998:

>><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

>>After the analysis of the first two implants had been completed
>>the NIDS science advisory board (SAB), see:

>><http://www.nidsci.org/personnel.html>

>Thank you, Dr. Kelleher, for your update. Here is the link to a
>September 2002 List-Post

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/sep/m10-008.shtml>

>from Gildas Bourdais, who reports some detailed knowledge of at
>least ten implants, along with other information about the
>involvement of Dr. Leir and NIDS.

>Are there any plans to display photos and NIDS' analyses of
>these other implants? The public is undoubtedly hungry to
>at least see photos of all implants that are available, even if
>the time to analyze them is not currently available.

Eleanor-

I think Colm answered that question, and the implication is that
someone is sitting on research that they refuse to share. In
fact, the NIDS web site is a wealth of good reports and valuable
research data.

As I read the post, it seems that Gildas also speaks of only two
implant cases that NIDS is directly involved in:

====begin=====

The implants

Two series of tests have been performed in 1998 under the
direction of NIDS, more precisely of Colonel John Alexander, at
the Los Alamos National Laboratories, and at New Mexico Tech. In
his book, his articles and conferences, Roger Leir mentions
studies made in other laboratories, but these have not been

published yet.

We first have the results of the analysis done at New Mexico Tech in 1996, paid by NIDS and published on its web site, at:

<http://www.nidsci.org/>

In addition to this document, we have the 'letter of opinion' of the metallurgic engineer who did the tests, Mr Paul A. Fuierer. It is not on the NIDS site, but it is reproduced by Dr Roger Leir in his book, with his comments, and on his own web site, at:

<http://alienscalpel.com/NMTEch-opinion.htm>

It is also on the web site of the Abduction Information Centre (AIC) managed by John Velez, on which we have in addition some critical comments on the New Mexico Tech Analysis, at:

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

As for the analyses done at Los Alamos, it seems that they are presented, rather briefly, and only in the book of Dr Leir, which he published on his own initiative. It seems important to repeat here that, in the initial agreement between NIDS and the Leir-Sims team, it was understood that NIDS would publish a scientific article (according to Leir in his book). But instead of that, in 1996 they pushed Leir to publish rapidly an article in the MUFON UFO Journal (see p 175 of the book). Probably, this did not help to achieve the goal of obtaining a scientific publication.

====end=====

Obviously, we have scientists stating their opinions as to the value of this data, and without clear consensus as to some anomalous quality of the material, there's little reason to pursue a scientific journal article (IMO). Skeptics have enough inconsistencies to point to without our help and encouragement.

My two-cents.

Steve

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Hello, E.T.! Roswell Calling!

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Source: San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/news/archive/2003/07/03/state1917EDT7029.DTL>

Hello, E.T.! Roswell Calling!

July 3, 2003

Leslie Hoffman
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.(AP) - Will E.T. phone from home?

A Houston company hopes so. This weekend, officials with Team Encounter plan to beam into space what they claim is the most powerful greeting ever sent from Earth, trying to reach out and touch someone - or something.

Team Encounter will place its "cosmic call" Saturday to possible extraterrestrial neighbors using a 230-foot diameter radio astronomy dish in Evpatoriya, Ukraine, and a temporary mission control set up at the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M.

The message will be a digital mixed bag: text, photos, and audio and video clips from paying customers and school kids all over the world. The intended targets are five stars deemed reasonable candidates for harboring life-supporting planets.

The message doesn't lack for its own star power, featuring an introduction by newsman Hugh Downs, a greeting from Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, and a music clip from rocker David Bowie.

"We've gotten everything from jokes to great musical scores," said Charles Chafer, president of Team Encounter. "We got one drawing of a kid's Nintendo because he wanted ET to know how kids play."

The company, which seeks to be the world leader in public space missions, made a scaled-down call to the cosmos in 1999. Chafer said the transmissions are efforts to reach out and "to join the galactic community."

Choosing Roswell as the place for mission control this year was obvious. The southeastern New Mexico community has become a UFO Mecca since the purported 1947 crash-landing of a suspected alien spacecraft on a local farm.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, Team Encounter officials will send a message from the Roswell museum to the Ukrainian site, telling scientists to begin the transmission, which will take about 15 hours to send.

The cosmic call will be a featured event at Roswell's UFO festival this weekend - an event that draws thousands of true

believers and curious onlookers every year.

But sponsors don't expect a response - if there is one -- anytime soon. The message will take two years to reach the nearest star, and 14 years to reach the furthest, Chafer said. He expects the soonest an answer might arrive would be five years.

"We'll sit here by the phones," he said. "I think if a response comes in, we'll know it."

Team Encounter: <http://www.teamencounter.com>

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Space Aliens? In Solano?

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Source: San Francisco Chronicle

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2003/07/03/MN250605.DTL>

July 3, 2003

Space Aliens? In Solano?

The mystic set comes 'round to see crop circles, feel the healing energy

True believers, visionaries, psychics and people in purple robes lay down Wednesday in the middle of a Solano County wheat field where vortexes were converging and all things were possible.

"I feel like I'm melting right into the earth," said Lily Kyle. "It's intense. There's a coalescence, no doubt about it."

Kyle was among hundreds of folks who have come to the field at the junction of Suisun Valley Road and Rockville Road, about four miles west of Fairfield. It was there, on Saturday morning, that a half-dozen crop circles were discovered in the waist-high stalks of grain.

The circles, measuring up to 50 yards across, are either a sure sign that alien spaceships zipped into town or a testament to what a couple of tanked-up pranksters can do in the dead of night with a piece of rope and a few strips of wood.

Kyle must be included among those who believe in the first possibility. She had come from Ukiah to plop herself down on the ground under the noon sun and see if the circles' power could bring relief to her bad back.

"I think it's helping," she said. "I do feel more relaxed."

Also feeling more relaxed was Sylvia Keita, a journeyman psychic from the Berkeley Psychic Institute, who brought her mother and her 12-year-old daughter to the wheat field.

"I can feel the healing energy," she said.

"It's real," said her mom, Michelle.

"I think it's making my asthma better," said her daughter, Danielle.

Kinetic Reaction

Dozens of people walked up and down the wheat field, snapping pictures, lying in the crushed stalks, taking measurements, dancing, breathing deeply, humming and waving their arms to the heavens. Some snatched up handfuls of the crushed wheat and said they would take them home and either eat them, plant them in their gardens or sprinkle them on their ailing body parts.

"I feel vacillations," said Connie Pearson, who came from New Orleans. "Low vibrations. I feel reality, which is a function of agreement. It's very exciting to be here."

Crop circles began showing up in English fields about 30 years ago. Most authorities say they are the work of scamps -- one scamp stands in the center of a circle, holding one end of a rope, and others walk around him, holding the other end to keep the circle round and dragging boards to flatten the plants.

But crop circles also have spawned a subspecies within the psychic commonwealth. Books have been written. Carolyn North, who dropped by the wheat field, has written two books herself. Crop circles, she said, are "authentic happenings" and "one of the genuine mysteries of our time."

She also said she could feel a cosmic power after pacing in the circle for about a minute.

"The energy is coming up toward my throat," she said. "I feel a sense of calm and of reassurance."

Late-Night Visitation

Also hanging around the wheat field was 12-year-old Pat Kavanagh, who lives with his family in a two-story house directly across Suisun Valley Road. He said his big brother, Charles, told him that something besides aliens was involved.

"He was driving home from work late Friday night," Pat said, "and the next morning, he told me that he had seen a large spotlight, like a motorcycle light, in the middle of the field. No flying saucers or spaceships."

The crop circles have spawned a miniature boom among the nearby fruit stands and restaurants. Rubberneckers paused to load up on strawberries and other goodies.

Farmer Larry Balestra, the owner of the wheat field, said he discovered the circles on Saturday morning and immediately concluded they were the work of late-night pranksters. He said he is growing weary of neighbors calling him "the chosen one." And he figures the stunt cost him about \$500, the value of the crushed wheat.

"Some people," he said, "have too much time on their hands."

E-mail Steve Rubenstein at srubenstein@sfchronicle.com.

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Roswell Awaits Thousands Of 'Disc' Jockeys

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<http://www.borderlandnews.com/stories/borderland/20030703-132023.shtml>

July 3, 2003

Roswell Awaits Thousands Of 'Disc' Jockeys For UFO Festival

Erica Molina
El Paso Times

ROSWELL -- A city famous for what might have happened one summer night 56 years ago will celebrate the incident this weekend when thousands of visitors turn out for its 2003 Roswell UFO Festival.

"We've become a tourist attraction by chance, not by design," said Julie Schuster, executive director of the UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell.

A flying disc reportedly crashed in the desert near Roswell around July 4, 1947. Newspapers across the country soon reported that Roswell Army Air Force Base released word of a captured flying saucer. The base soon amended its statement, saying the item was actually a weather balloon.

But the explanation has not satisfied the many who believe an unidentified flying object did crash near the New Mexico city, and the curious have flocked to Roswell since then.

"I'm not limiting myself," said Northport, Ala., resident Blake Harbin, who visited Roswell's UFO Museum on June 30.

The festival, in its ninth year, promises to be bigger than ever, and has made the move to the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds to accommodate the thousands interested in aliens.

"It's the mystery of it all," festival director Carl Lucas said. "Something happened here and nobody is really sure what it was. We'll present the facts for people to decide for themselves."

These facts, as well as the more serious and scientific part of the festival, will be presented at the UFO Museum.

"We're trying to get people thinking," Schuster said. "We provide information relating to the Roswell incident and other UFO phenomena around the world."

Presenters scheduled at the museum include UFO investigator and researcher Derrel Sims; actor Roy Thinnes; archaeologist William Doleman; and Roswell investigator, researcher and author Don Schmitt.

But perhaps the biggest new draw is the first Merle Haggard UFO Music Festival on Saturday featuring Marty Stewart and Pam Tillis.

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Larry King Talks Aliens

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<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/070203/news05.html>

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Larry King Talks Aliens

Matt Ward
Record Staff Writer

It is a titillating mystery.

A story so fascinating that if it's ever proven true, it could shake the very foundation of modern civilization.

Our thoughts about religion, science, medicine, philosophy, history, even energy, could be transformed by the realization of one mere fact _ this planet is not unique, we are not alone in the universe.

The skeptics want hard proof, the believers say they only have to look toward the sky. Surely, of those trillions of sparkling lights in the night, at least one biological entity exists with the capacity for intelligence.

The Cable News Network's Larry King Live featured a discussion focused on the Roswell Incident Tuesday night about the possibility of life on other planets, in particular the ones who decided one July day in 1947 to crash land their lightweight saucer onto a Chaves County ranch.

A parade of figures from that era, or their children, were featured in the broadcast. Callers were invited to dial up their opinions, King the ever-gracious, but curt moderator.

A consensus was reached by all involved, except King, that something big happened at a ranch not too far from here 56 years ago _ and they claim the government covered it up, fearing exposing the truth would be too dangerous.

Today, Roswell banks its tourism dollars on the popularity of the annual UFO Festival. The International UFO Museum attracted 205,000 people alone last year. Hotels are popping up like ground squirrels out of the desert floor. And new documentaries, books and articles are produced about the incident every year, mentioning this dusty town by name multiple times.

Tuesday's broadcast featured not only a series of tough King-questions but footage from documentaries, pictures of Roswell from that long-gone era and footage of high-ranking military officials denying anything serious happened here.

Walter Haut, Glenn Dennis, Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr., Nancy Johnston and Julie Shuster represent just a handful of people with local connections who swear something happened here, either UFO-related or possibly some military, Cold-War incident that will

remain classified for national security reasons.

A smattering of their comments follow.

"I believe personally that we had in our possession a UFO," Haut, credited with making the incident public for the first time, said. "People on the base knew what was going on inside that craft."

Dennis, a Ballard Funeral Home employee in 1947, is often mentioned in books as the man the military called about procuring child-sized coffins, ostensibly to transport the tiny remains of extraterrestrials.

"I agree with him," he said about Haut's comments.

Johnston's father was in charge of military security at the alleged crash site.

"My father was very reluctant to talk about this incident. He said he promised he would not discuss it," she said.

Marcel, who's father was an intelligence officer for the 509th bomber group at Walker Air Force Base here, claims his uniformed dad brought crash debris home.

"I think it is something very extraordinary. I believe something happened out there in the country near Roswell ... it had to be something very big," he said.

Shuster's comments were interesting in their characterization of the Roswell Incident's main players.

"These are people with integrity who are conservative people," she said. "If they say something happened, something happened."

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UFO Convention Lands In Dearborn

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Source: The Detroit News

<http://www.detnews.com/2003/wayne/0307/02/d03-207118.htm>

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

UFO Convention Lands In Dearborn

Network expected to draw 500 believers to 34th annual event

By Joel Kurth
The Detroit News

DEARBORN -- The quest for proof of intelligent life in outer space is coming to the land of Coney Island hot dogs and the giant freeway tire.

As many as 500 true believers are expected to attend the Mutual UFO Network's international convention, which runs from Friday to Sunday at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Among the subjects of the science-heavy symposium: crop circles, UFO activity in Brazil and alleged alien abductions.

The 34th annual event comes as so-called "UFologists" try to gain credibility for what many consider pseudoscience. A 1997 Time/CNN poll claimed 80 percent of Americans think the government conceals evidence of aliens, but organizers complain their studies are still lumped in with efforts to find Sasquatch or the Loch Ness Monster.

"It's taken seriously, but not as seriously as it should," said Jean Waskiewicz, 55, of Livonia, who operates the Michigan chapter's Web site, www.mimufon.org.

"It still has a stigma. You still have a lot of people who don't want the word 'UFO' attached to anything. I still get my fair share of looks."

Michigan continues to be a hotbed of UFO research.

The National UFO Reporting Center claims it has logged 513 sightings in the state; and last year, enthusiasts investigated four cases of supposed crop circles from Bad Axe to Eaton Rapids. One of the field's top crop circle experts, William Levengood, lives near Jackson.

Membership in the UFO Network's Michigan chapter has increased to about 110 from 70 in the last few years, said Rich McVannel, 59, a building material salesman from Boyne City who says he's been abducted repeatedly and has piloted spaceships.

"People care about UFOs. Behind sex, UFOs get the most hits on any Internet search engine," Waskiewicz said.

A Google query for "UFO" netted 2.1 million files and 199 million for "sex."

The convention is open to the public, but includes fees for listening to speeches. For information, visit the group's Web site: www.mufon.com.

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Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 16:02:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 16:30:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 12:00:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

<snip>

>As I read the post, it seems that Gildas also speaks of only
>two implant cases that NIDS is directly involved in:

Yes - I know NIDS has only analyzed two. But Gildas Bourdais lists ten (one of which was not an implant.) Is there anywhere the public can at least see close up photos of the other seven? And is there any chance a qualified person or group other than NIDS might be interested in analyzing them?

Or has someone examined all of the other seven, and deemed them inert lumps of metal too?

I find the Leir web site, AlienScalpel.com a serious turn-off, being so sensationalized that its difficult to have any confidence in. The web videos there show small things, but not at the magnification and clarity of the NIDS photos of implants #1 and #2.

The problem those of us who are not ufology insiders have is that we hear claims of unusual properties from some sources, and claims that there are no genuine UFO implants in responsible hands from others. Who is right? We can't even look at all of the implants as things stand now.

I would think that researchers interested in implants would want the remaining seven on the Bourdais list resolved, publicly, somehow.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO RC

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 13:34:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 18:35:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO RC

>From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 09:05:41 -0700
>Subject: UFO RC [was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 02:04:29 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

><snip>

>>Its the worst collection of junk imaginable. Many, or most,
>>pages are simply taken off the internet from various sites that
>>are otherwise free. There are many Canadian Crop Circle
>>newsletters for example. Here is only one:

>><http://www.uforc.com/database/page8.html>

>>(I'll get back to Implants in a moment... chuckle!)

><snip>

>Larry,

>Is there a reason for making a point about this?

Yes there is, most absolutely.

Fantastic claims in this domain do nothing but harm.

Honest researchers and UFO students have wasted years and years chasing bogus leads down. Now here comes the "The Largest UFO Database in the World", all or most of which is copied like a Texas high school term paper, and you have the (whatever) to write to me?

Anyone who has not seen the obvious damage has not bothered to look. May I ask if you are among the "Panel of Experts" I referred to earlier? Just curious.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 14:33:16 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 18:37:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 10:28:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

<snip>

>Well, given that we have a number of these symbolic drawings,
>some huge as on the Nazca plain, here on Earth, I'm not sure why
>someone attempting to find similar figures in NASA's Mars images
>should be labelled 'an embarassment'.

A member of the Society for Planetary SETI research has proposed an interesting method for deducing the reality of Martian "geoglyphs" seen in profile. Basically, if one sees what looks like a Nazca-like design and the image has been cropped by data transmission, this allows you to make an a priori prediction on what the "missing" section should show if and when new photos are taken.

If the predicted features are indeed there, then the prediction has quantitative significance.

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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 14:39:44 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 18:38:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern - Tonnies

>From: Betsy Sinkey <westoo@attbi.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 20:17:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: Mars Photos From Dr. Tom Van Flandern

<snip>

>You have made an excellent observation and pointed out the
>selective exclusion of important scientific specialization
>groups, most especially archeology and exobiology.

That's the biggest stumbling block to objective research. Once the scientific establishment is willing to concede that the possibility of a former civilization can't be dismissed out of hand, perhaps we'll see several seemingly disparate disciplines converge (specifically geology and archaeology, which might have more in common than most think).

Right now, the Mars exploration program is committed solely to geological interpretations of any oddities it might happen across; this needs to change.

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

Mac

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Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 18:04:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 19:27:45 -0400
Subject: Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 02:04:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:45:42 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:52:52 -0400
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 18:17:48 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:51:46 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

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>>>>I am surprised to learn that NIDS would have 16 implants in its
>>>>possession.

>>>>Where did you find that out?

>>>>I first heard that from John Velez on a Strange Days... Indeed
>>>>broadcast, I'm guessing about a year ago? I wrote Dr. Colm
>>>>Kelleher and asked him the question soon afterward, and as I can
>>>>best remember got a kind of non-answer. (That PC is now dead so
>>>>I can't recover his reply.) However, Dr. Kelleher didn't deny he
>>>>had the implants.

>>To quickly clear up this issue.

>>In 1996 NIDS conducted an analysis on "implants" from two
>>individuals.

>>The report has been continuously on the NIDS web site since
>>1998:

>><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

>>After the analysis of the first two implants had been completed
>>the NIDS science advisory board (SAB), see:

>><http://www.nidsci.org/personnel.html>

>>strongly urged that NIDS cease analysis of any further
>>"implants" on the grounds that the first two analyses had
>>yielded nothing beyond normal, trivial, mundane data.

>>The NIDS SAB stated that no evidence of anomalies had been found
>>in these "implants".

>>NIDS has never received "16 implants". After 1996, no further
>>work was done by NIDS on "implants" for the reasons given.

>>Colm A. Kelleher Ph.D

>I'm glad you clarified the NIDS position on these matters.

<snip>

Hola Laroo, All.

Larry wrote:

>I would like to know more about the story of the "16 recovered
>implants". Not the implants themselves, but rather how the story
>originated and developed. I'd like to learn the mechanics of it.
>That might help us calibrate our filters.

I had a long conversation with EBK about this just today. What's going on is; Eleanor partially remembers a discussion between Errol and myself on SDI regarding the alleged implants that Dr. Lier has surgically recovered. I had read a post (not certain if it was on UFO UpDates, but somewhere) by Dr. Lier in which he brazenly recruits candidates (abductees) for a new round of invasive surgical procedures in order to recover more of these 'objects'.

I was outraged. (What else is new? ;) And I publicly asked; What happened to all of the alleged implants that he had already recovered? I wanted to know why he needed more than the 15 he had already collected. It is my recollection that in the last six or seven years, the total number of surgeries that have been performed by Roger Lier in an attempt to recover an alleged alien implant is 15 - to date.

Anyway, what I was asking about were the objects that were already in hand. Had they been analyzed? Where? By who? What was the results of the analysis? Why did he need to cut even more abductees? I still get mad when I think about it.

If the objects that were recovered were consistently coming up as prosaic/ordinary things, then for Pete's sake, why subject more people to invasive surgery?

That's my best recollection as to the genesis of this whole conversation. I hope this clears up any confusion that Eleanor's Post may have caused. If EBK and I can figure out which program we had the conversation on, we'll give it another listen. If needed, I'll post a transcript or sound file so everybody can hear exactly what was said.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: UFOFC - Hatch

From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 08:43:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOFC - Hatch

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO Updates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 13:34:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOFC

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>look. May I ask if you are among the "Panel of Experts" I
>referred to earlier? Just curious.

Hi Larry,

I agree with you actually. People who know me know I am not one of those who makes fantastic claims, indeed the opposite if anything; I've even sometimes been "criticized" somewhat by those who do, the ones who go around insisting that crop circles "must" be made by aliens, etc. for example and won't listen otherwise to other possibilities. That kind of thing does a lot of damage, I agree with that completely.

The only thing I was questioning was the inclusion of one of our CCCRN updates, and thus CCCRN, in the "collection of junk" as you put it. You do not know our work here. I have worked long and hard to bring serious researchers together in Canada, since 1995, to study the circles phenomenon in a like manner. I do not have any connection with UFOFC, have never met them or talked to them etc. I do remember getting a couple e-mails years ago from them, just saying they liked our work here, that's it. I am not on their "panel of experts". Here is the link to it, their "Advisory Panel" of experts (none of whom I've even heard of):

<http://www.uforc.com/ufoap/index.html>

Do you see me on it? No. And I wouldn't want to be. And the link is right there on the front page I found, you don't even have to break into the web site to see it...

I agree with your criticisms re what is on their site, etc, at least some of what I've seen so far, but that does not translate to our organization here by default. We have no working relationship with them at all, period. I did notice when I looked at their site today that they taken some photos from our site without permission and the wrong (non-specific) credits are given.

BTW, I went through the pages as you mentioned previously, and

Re: UFORC - Hatch

none came up as black screens with reversed text. Maybe a browser problem, I don't know (I'm using Internet Explorer, on a G3 Mac).

Paul Anderson

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Millennium Disclosure

From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 21:49:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 08:58:30 -0400
Subject: Millennium Disclosure

For those who may not be aware, a disclosure effort is, in fact, underway. But expect this to remain clouded by the usual infighting that exists between the various parties and interests that have always wrestled over the UFO issue. And, for various reasons - not necessarily directly related to an actual belief or non-belief in the existence of UFOs - that infighting is expected to continue for some time.

I have read some of the recent derogatory comments on this List, pertaining to the Sci-Fi Channel's recent documentary, "Out of the Blue." My heart goes out to some of you whose names I recognize, that are/were affiliated with certain efforts of the past to purposefully downplay the issues. We understand the former purposes behind this, however changes are underway. You might look back to those days, and question the motives of those who seemed so "motivated." In this day and age, there are staunch proponents who are highly motivated to "follow the money trail"..... And with that, perhaps you may gather my meaning.

As to my own research and insights, I have begun a 'disclosure series' of articles. I consider myself mostly finished with my objective, minus some small details that may likely remain dubious. A link will be provided, below, to my "Millennium Disclosure" series.

Toward the subject of "implants," I will mention that my article relating to my analysis of the "abduction" phenomenon will not appear for some weeks. However, I will note - as mentioned by Mr. Valez - while in light of "prosaic/ordinary things"; that the function and location of the "induction" implant was, at first, externally located and operated. Some 'smoking gun' clues have been available in published cases for as long as 40 or more years.

Have a great Independence Day holiday and may God keep America Strong!

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

"Alien Conspiracy: Unraveling the UFO/Alien Mystery"

http://www.geocities.com/chrisb_evans/menu.html

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Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa Feb-03

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 09:07:08 -0400
Subject: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa Feb-03

Hi List

The gentleman who sent me the following report and photos is a very credible person. Also there is information I cannot and will not make available on this case. Plus the person this case relates to will remain anonymous. The photos of the marking on the man's left wrist will be posted on both of my sites. As more information comes in I will be posting the updates to my site.

As always, I would like to thank the person for sending me the information and pictures.

See: http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/small_roundish_scoop_mark_called.htm

Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Date: First week of February, 2003

Brian,

Something kind of interesting happened in the first week of Feb. 2003. I had gone to bed around midnight and woke up at 08:00. Upon waking I found a small roundish scoop mark on my left wrist, characteristics were as follows:

1. About 1/8", two millimeters in diameter.
 2. The bottom of the wound is concave.
 3. There was no pain at all associated with the wound.
 4. The bottom of the wound was flecked with very small dots of blood.
 5. The bottom of the wound was slick and smooth as if it was cauterized.
 6. It looked as if it had been done just five minutes before I awoke.
 7. The wound took two months to heal and is now only visible using a jeweler's loupe.
- There is nothing sharp near my bed that would cause a wound.
- I know there was no wound on my wrist before hitting the sack because upon retiring I took off my watch and did not observe any blemish in the left wrist area.

Thinking it had been a rather large insect bite, I went to a local Ottawa clinic. The doctor looked at it and said, why did you have that done? When I informed him how it had appeared, he became quiet and paused for a few moments, then said that the mark was from a procedure called a "punch biopsy" that appeared to be done by a left-handed individual using a laser scalpel-

type device.

The doctor said that he could not comment on this officially and recorded the reason for my visit on my file as an "insect bite". He also consulted a small notebook and gave me a URL stating that I could get more information. The doctor stated that this was the fourth or fifth case of what he called "involuntary sampling" and noted it appears to be an emerging phenomenon.

The fact that this doctor had the URL handy is pretty interesting. BTW, I didn't question him further as he was uncomfortable.

When I mentioned this to a friend he was at my front door within seconds of saying, "This I gotta see" and hanging up.

Funny this stuff should happen to me now, I'm not a young kid at (age deleted) so why "they" would want to sample the DNA of an old fart is beyond me.

Of the attached images, I took the dark image, while my friend took the rest.

Brian Vike

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 18:04:01 -0400
>Subject: Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

Hi All, Listers,

Just wondered if anyone could either tell us what these objects actually are, or give us an URL to obtain the information.

If they are ordinary things then it may be of more interest to abductees to know what they are, than what they are not. If they are a danger and should be removed, or if they can be left.

I suspect I have one of these things in my left ear and I wonder whether it should be left there or removed as it does cause some problems now and then

Thanks

col

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Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Beau

From: Jerome Beau <jbeau@noos.fr>
Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 14:07:21 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 09:39:02 -0400
Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Beau

>From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 20:19:11 +0200
>Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project

>I suspect feedback concerning this project was not too great
>unfortunately, at least there was none on this List.

Yes this can be disapointing but is also quite understandable
and even expectable. I see a few reasons for that :

1. No belief in project's success: Some people have seen similar projects start and fail, or think that the project idea/concept/design will make it fail. The fact is that it will fail only if you don't warn about/fix yourself the flaws you may detect. Why would you do it ? Because doing it will make the final product suit your needs.
2. "Wait and see" behavior: One may think that the idea is not so bad but don't want to commit and spent time and effort before being sure it have goods chances to succeed (wait for software releases, wait for famous UFO expert's contributions, etc.). The fact is that the more you work on it, the more it will succeed. Another fact is that the less you work on it, the less it will fit your needs.
3. Lack of time: UFO experts on this List already spent a lot of time working on investigations, books, websites, case studies, etc. This is a misunderstanding about what is expected in such an Open Source project : either one can work a lot for a year or just post once a single line comment on a mailing list of the project.
4. Don't know what to do/how to help: One can wonder how to contribute ("I'm not such a good UFO expert", "I'm not a software expert", "I don't understand what is expected from contributors", actually even stating that is helping the project to get more clear). You can help in many ways, like just stating what you expect from such a project from a user point of vue. Even stating why you don't intend/can't contribute help the project to be more effective.
5. Fear of the project being led by someone/some organization you don't agree with. Once again the project is Open Source, so the more you contribute (technically or at the strict ufology level), the more the project goes in your way.

Anyway, as I stated in a previous message, the project will proceed, as both a ufological and software challenge.

>I, for myself speaking, am greatly interested in collecting UFO
>data in digital form.

Yes, one can see it in your great JTC website. The goal of RR0 IS (or whatever name we could give to this project) is to go beyond data collection by adding customizable data processing. Everyone will be able to write and run its own data processing function, classification systems, an so on on a selected data set.

>First of all I would suggest a kind of database with all online
>documents from sites like Jan Aldrich's Project 1947, Dale
>Goudie's www.cufon.org and others.

>No copies of it, just references.

That is a good idea, which just fits well with the project.
Given the RR0 IS architecture, either :

- one or more RR0 IS server(s) reference(s) the static documents
hosted in those servers. Some additional information can then
be added to the Document metadata (author, textual
transcription, etc.) to allow some processing on the document's
data.

- any of these websites host an RR0 IS-compatible server to
allow those documents to be exchanged/replicated and so
targetable by user-defined processing functions.

A common misunderstanding about RR0 IS is to think that it aims
to build a centralized server hosting all UFO data. It just aims
to unify the way data are retrieved, and add processing
capabilities on it.

>It should also be noted whether a document is just a pdf-file
>with scanned images or a text file which can be searched.

>Another important step may be to organize the process of
>putting scanned images from newspaper clipping or FOIA documents
>into written form.

Actually the RR0 IM (Information Model) defines a Document as a
textual Record - see:

<http://rr0.sourceforge.net/JavaDoc/org/rr0/im/business/report/doc-files/Sources.html>).

This allows a document to provide both its data in a raw form
("contents") and in a parseable/computable textual form
("text").

>Someone would have to type it because many 'sources' are poor
>quality (I of course would volunteer - among others I hope - to
>do it - I've already done that just check the links).

Here again, once a Document is referenced in the RR0 IS, it may
be completed with metadata such as textual transcription (in
various languages) and so targetable by some process. For
example you may define a "account quality" function that count
the number of words in the text, or much more complicated
functions of your own and that will be available to the whole
community.

>Brad Sparks also released his new Version 1.6 ;-) of his
>'Project Blue Book Unknowns' at www.nidsci.org (NIDS). This
could be a GOOD starting point to find out which FOIA Documents
could be included in a database, next.

Right.

>So all of you just come a bit closer to another and help us to
>build up an open database of UFO info!

Thanks again for your support Daniel.

To everybody, once again, the RR0 IS aims to be your tool,
built/specified by yourself.

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

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Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 15:38:35 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 10:18:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 18:04:01 -0400
>Subject: Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 02:04:29 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>>From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:45:42 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 17:52:52 -0400
>>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 18:17:48 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:51:46 +0200
>>>>>Subject: Re: Speaking Of 'Non-Disclosure'

>><snip>

>>>In 1996 NIDS conducted an analysis on "implants" from two
>>>individuals.

>>>The report has been continuously on the NIDS web site since
>>>1998:

>>><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

>>>After the analysis of the first two implants had been completed
>>>the NIDS science advisory board (SAB), see:

>>><http://www.nidsci.org/personnel.html>

>>>strongly urged that NIDS cease analysis of any further
>>>"implants" on the grounds that the first two analyses had
>>>yielded nothing beyond normal, trivial, mundane data.

<snip>

>I had a long conversation with EBK about this just today. What's
>going on is; Eleanor partially remembers a discussion between
>Errol and myself on SDI regarding the alleged implants that Dr.
>Lier has surgically recovered. I had read a post (not certain if
>it was on UFO UpDates, but somewhere) by Dr. Lier in which he
>brazenly recruits candidates (abductees) for a new round of
>invasive surgical procedures in order to recover more of these
>'objects'.

>I was outraged. (What else is new? ;) And I publicly asked; What
>happened to all of the alleged implants that he had already
>recovered? I wanted to know why he needed more than the 15 he
>had already collected. It is my recollection that in the last

>six or seven years, the total number of surgeries that have been
>performed by Roger Lier in an attempt to recover an alleged
>alien implant is 15 - to date.

To John Velez and the List

Very briefly,

John, you have the name wrong - again - Leir, not Lier. Second, you have the number of implants wrong - 10, not 15. Third - I have not seen anywhere that Dr Leir "brazenly" recruited candidates.

I know a competent metallurgist who read Dr Leir's book carefully and found the the metallurgic composition very unusual, for the implant analysed by New Mexico Tech.

This, alone, would grant further study, it seems to me. The injunction of the scientific board at NIDS to stop research immediately sounds very strange to me.

BTW, the results of the first analysis, made at Los Alamos, remain to be published, apparently. If there was nothing in them, why then a second analysis ? And without telling the metallurgist what it was about?

One more point - quite a few photos and microphotos of implants have been published, in Dr Leir's book and in many articles.

I strongly suggest that we just wait a bit for new developments, and refrain from scornful comments in the meantime.

Gildas Bourdais

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Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 12:27:41 -0400
Subject: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

Dear List Members

For those of you interested in the Rendlesham Forest incident, known in the USA as The Bentwater's UFO Case, I have some interesting updates. But first I would like to address the testimony of practical joker Kevin Conde.

Over the years sceptics and debunkers have offered various theories for what could have happened during that week, the latest being a practical joke allegedly played by the aforementioned US airman.

Michael Hanlon of the UK Daily Mail interviewed Kevin Conde, who told the journalist that the famous 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident was nothing more than a practical joke on his part.

This is quite a statement!

Considering I spent three years investigating the incident, interviewed hundreds of people involved, and wrote a book about the case, I was, as I told the journalist, 'Amazed to hear this claim.'

We are of course coming up to what is known in media terms as the 'silly season', and this particular story fits the bill. We can do without people like Conde who is amongst dozens who know very little about the case, and as Nick Pope states in the Daily Mail article, "Frankly, there are a lot of people retrospectively trying to write themselves into the story."

Conde's story is so full of discrepancies that no serious researcher would pay attention to it. But then we can't call the debunkers (those who encouraged Conde to go public), serious researchers. After all, aren't these the same people who thought the UFO was a lighthouse until proved wrong? But as usual they had to find another mundane theory. What was it, a tractor? Well, now there's yet another theory, a battered car!

In my opinion, claims such as Conde's, should not be taken seriously without more information to back up their testimony.

Conde's claim to fame is that he drove a battered 1979 Plymouth Volare standard issue American police car, down the taxiway, where he stuck the spotlight on, after sticking red and green lenses on it. He then drove the vehicle around in circles, in the fog and put on his PA loudspeaker, whilst flashing his car lights. He claims this was the basis of the famous 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident.

Let's examine Conde's testimony. It doesn't take a genius to see the flaws.

1. Conde can't recall the date of his alleged prank. If this is so then how can he claim he was responsible for the 1980 incident?

2. Conde says there was fog on the night in question, but there was no fog during any of the incidents that week.

3. He says he played his loudspeaker, but the UFOs were silent.

4. The car he used for the prank was a 'battered 1979 Plymouth Volare.' Let us not forget that incident took place in 1980, which means the so called battered police vehicle would have been less than a year old at that time.

5. Conde claims he played the prank on the taxiway! The incident did NOT take place on or near the taxiway, but inside the forest. And let us not forget that the UFO was first seen falling into the forest, which prompted those at the East Gate, John Burroughs and his sergeant, Bud Steffans, to think it was a downed aircraft. The lights, of course, were not going up into the sky, but were falling down from the sky.

6. Conde says he was unaware of the Rendlesham mystery until he looked up his old base on a US military website. If this is the case then how could he claim that as far as he was aware they found nothing above background [radiation] levels?

7. USAF personnel usually work in pairs when patrolling the base in vehicles. I'm assuming he was patrolling the base, and if so then he most likely would have had a partner that night. Who was that person and why has Conde failed to mention him?

8. When asked about the metallic spacecraft and [ground] depressions Conde pointed out that a large helicopter had landed the previous night, apparently with three landing skids. Conde obviously hasn't seen the USAF photographs of the landing site showing the three ground indentations being examined by a British police officer and USAF Captain Mike Verano. For anybody interested, these are available in my book on the case entitled 'You Can't Tell The People' available at www.amazon.co.uk

Was there really a 'large helicopter' capable of forming three depressions in a triangular pattern? And if so, then why would the USAF alert the local constabulary to the landing site. Surely a USAF captain would know if these indentations were formed by one of their own helicopters. And why would a 'large' helicopter land smack in the middle of the forest, and even more important, how was 'a large helicopter' able to land amongst the trees.

Kevin Conde, a part-time police officer in Sacramento, says, "I was amazed. I had no idea about all this nonsense."

What nonsense? At least the witnesses testimony is backed up by ample evidence.

He then goes on to say:

"I hate to be cynical, but when I see people making money out of this, I have to ask myself if they are not nuts, what are they?"

Does he have any idea how much it costs in time, effort and money to do investigative work, and furthermore, he has no idea the sacrifice, stress, frustration and God knows what else, that the witnesses have had to endure these past twenty three years. He should be ashamed of himself for acting out of vanity instead of considering the cost to others. Conde is no doubt enjoying his fifteen minutes of 'silly season' fame, but if he wants to stay in the limelight he will need to prove himself. And I for one am only too pleased to challenge him.

For instance:

Aside from the discrepancies in his story, which are far too many to dismiss, I have yet to hear from any USAF personnel who recall Conde serving at the base at the time of the incident. If any do recall him it will be interesting to see whether they remember him being a practical joker, let alone recollect any prank similar to the one he claims to have carried out.

And what proof does Conde offer other than his own verbal testimony?

And what about his Air Force records. For somebody who is claiming to be responsible for such an historical event, I would want to inspect these records and speak to those who worked alongside him. And that's just for starters.

A glance at the BBC website INSIDE OUT reveals how most people feel about Conde's ridiculous claims. BBC Suffolk, which was the first to feature Conde's outrageous claims, should be criticised for being so naive. For in an attempt to get an exclusive hoax story, the producers and researchers, having spent money on the documentary, such as flying Conde from USA etc, have themselves fallen victim to a real practical joke. For one thing is certain, Conde's story had nothing to do with the Rendlesham case.

Regarding the landing site:

For twenty three years people have been searching for the landing site relating to the initial incident which took place on the 25 December 1980. This was a landing of a small, triangular craft (see Colonel Halt's memorandum for description). The incident involved USAF witnesses Jim Penniston, John Burroughs and Edward Cabansag.

Brenda Butler, who along with Dot Street, were the first researchers to learn about the case back in January of 1980, a few days after the initial incident.

In the past Brenda thought she had discovered the site based on Colonel Halt's description, but I later pointed out that Jim Penniston was not in agreement with this, and of course he was one of the witnesses to the event. Halt's encounter took place later that week, albeit that he did investigate the initial landing site.

A couple of years ago forester Vince Thurketle, took me to what he believed was the original site after viewing the USAF photographs.

But a few weeks ago Brenda sent me photographs of an area of the forest that her partner Peter is absolutely convinced is the genuine site. Using the USAF photographs, Peter has spent a year trying to match the location, not an easy task considering the size of the forest, the fact that it's been twenty three years since the incident took place, and of course the considerable damage caused during the storm of 1987.

I have examined the pictures sent by Brenda and Peter and have to say they are a good match with the USAF photographs. I haven't personally done any research into these recent photographs, or visited the site in question, but if Peter has found the original site, then it tells us that contrary to popular belief, the trees surrounding the site were not felled after the incident because in the recent photo they are still intact.

But even more interesting is a close up photograph of one of the trees, which shows damage on its trunk. Witnesses, including Colonel Halt, examined the site and recorded details of damage to the trees. There is a section of Halt's tape where he appears to be trying to climb the tree to look at damage. This is interesting because the mark on the tree photographed by Peter, is quite high on the trunk, which may dismiss the theory that these marks could have been caused by sap samples taken by foresters.

Meanwhile, I have located Captain Mike Verano, who has insisted that he went out (he is shown in the USAF photograph) and investigated the site and agrees that he took a British police officer with him. So the USAF photos are given even more credibility. Also, it's worth looking closer at the USAF photographs which depict a scuffed-up area just off centre, exactly in the same position as described and measured by Colonel Halt in his tape recording twenty three years ago.

Best wishes

Georgina Bruni

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Re: UFOFC - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
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>From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
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>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 17:21:11 -0700
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>>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 13:34:18 -0700
>>Subject: Re: UFOFC

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>>Yes there is, most absolutely.

>>Fantastic claims in this domain do nothing but harm.

>>Honest researchers and UFO students have wasted years and years
>>chasing bogus leads down. Now here comes the " The Largest UFO
>>Database in the World", all or most of which is copied like a
>>Texas high school term paper, and you have the (whatever) to
>>write to me?

>>Anyone who has not seen the obvious damage has not bothered to
>>look. May I ask if you are among the "Panel of Experts" I
>>referred to earlier? Just curious.

>I agree with you actually. People who know me know I am not one
>of those who makes fantastic claims, indeed the opposite if
>anything; I've even sometimes been "criticized" somewhat by
>those who do, the ones who go around insisting that crop circles
>"must" be made by aliens, etc. for example and won't listen
>otherwise to other possibilities. That kind of thing does a lot
>of damage, I agree with that completely.

>The only thing I was questioning was the inclusion of one of our
>CCCRN updates, and thus CCCRN, in the "collection of junk" as
>you put it. You do not know our work here. I have worked long
>and hard to bring _serious_ researchers together in Canada,
>since 1995, to study the circles phenomenon in a like manner. I
>do _not_ have any connection with UFOFC, have never met them or
>talked to them etc. I do remember getting a couple e-mails years
>ago from them, just saying they liked our work here, that's it.
>I am not on they're "panel of experts". Here is the link to it,
>their "Advisory Panel" of experts (none of whom I've even heard
>of):

><http://www.uforc.com/ufoap/index.html>

>Do you see me on it? No. And I wouldn't want to be. And the link
>is right there on the front page I found, you don't even have to
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>BTW, I went through the pages as you mentioned previously, and
>none came up as black screens with reversed text. Maybe a
>browser problem, I don't know (I'm using Internet Explorer, on a
>G3 Mac).

>Paul Anderson

Hello Paul:

Sorry for any misunderstanding!

My point particular point there was that UFORC was taking other
people's materials, freely available elsewhere, and charging
their visitors to see them!

UFORC reproduced several CCCRN pages. I grabbed one as an
example, and didn't mean to imply that was junk.

Did UFORC get permission from CCCRN to mirror their pages? If
so, fine. Otherwise, they just copied them uninvited. I pretty
much dredged the entire UFORC site to see if they had 'borrowed'
any of my work for their PayPal visitors. I found none of that
yet.

The UFORC 'largest UFO database in the world' (all 68 pages
worth) appears to be gathered at random, without regard to
quality and relevance. They might even put up something good by
chance.

While I don't put much stock in Crop Circles personally, I did
not mean to trash the people who study them or their work.

Here's the UFO Advisory Panel again (the link you refer to says
"Consult with our panel of UFO experts..")

<http://www.uforc.com/ufoap/index.html>

I didn't really think you were on that list. [burp] Sorry for
that unnecessary zinger also.

Again, does anybody know much about these people? I mean from
memory, short of doing a Google Search. I can do that from here.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Rendlesham UFO Hoax - Kelly

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Fwd Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 17:30:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO Hoax - Kelly

Rendlesham UFO Hoax - My Mother The Car

I knew John Burroughs, a witness to the strange configuration of lights that descended upon the Bentwaters's base in 1980. I worked with him for ten years in Arizona before he moved on in 1994. I was also stationed in England, at Lakenheath AFB at the time of the UFO incident from 1978 to 1980. I too, like John, was a Security Police Specialist for the Air Force. It was because of the numerous conversations with John about the incident that stoked my interest about Ufology that I became a field investigator with MUFON, then a section director for Maricopa County here in Phoenix, AZ. My interest in UFO's soared for awhile.

It is discouraging to me that so many people have begun to debunk this case. The lighthouse theory is a moronic and pathetic excuse for explaining it away.

Colonel Halt recently stated that the lights were away from the lighthouse during the movement of the unidentified sightings. But of course, were not supposed to believe him? Or, are we not supposed to believe the other Security Policeman that were at the site either?

What about reports of all of the cameras that were there at the scene taking photographs of this object? Was that made up to?

Now we have a report of a nitwit driving a car with flashing lights through the forest. Yeah that was it. Of course, I didn't know that a car could descend vertically from the sky through the trees and then to the ground.

I am so glad that the truth has finally come out...

James Kelly

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Re: UFORC - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 11:11:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFORC - LeFevre

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Gentlemen,

Yes, there is no doubt UFORC has misleading claims and takes from many researchers and organizations without permission.

We've been active in the Seattle area for five years now with public presentations and feel we know just about every UFO group or organization in the area. Big, small, microscopic. We have yet to see UFORC put itself out there in the public eye for scrutiny since it started in 1998.

If it makes anyone feel any better, as I live in the same town, I shall certainly smack UFORC's Director Chris Montgomery upside the head or at least give him a piece of my mind if I see him at a grocery store. Largest UFO Database in the World? My ass.

Charlette

Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia -

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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 11:14:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia -

>From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil@telusplanet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 20:26:11 -0600
>Subject: Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 15 May 2003 01:10:08 -0300
>>Subject: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

>>UFO Conference October 11 & 12
>>Halifax, Nova Scotia
>>Canada

>>Speakers:

>>Stanton Friedman
>>Budd Hopkins
>>Antonio Huneeus
>>Chris Styles
>>Don Ledger

<snip>

>I see by the list of speakers for the Halifax conference, no one
>speaking about mutilations, I guess that is not important enough
>for Eastern Canada, Yet a lot of information I have for instance
>show a strong indications of Alien involvement.

>I have had 7 cases already this summer.

>Discovery Channel is doing a documantary about my past success
>in the purebred cattle business, and my mutilation findings. I
>have been to close to 100 mutes the last 6 years.

Hi Fern,

I also "believe" or feel that mutilations are directly connected
to UFO occupants....regardless of what anybody says..... And
despite Linda Howe's poor judgment of the Brazil hoax, her work
on mutilations is second-to-none in the field and reinforce the
idea that aliens are involved in these gruesome attacks/
slaughters.

I'd love to read your material... or even try to purchase any
interview you might hqave done with radio or TV crews.....

Ccordially,

Michel M. Deschamps
Sudbury, Ontario

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Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

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Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 11:30:56 -0400
Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

Source: The Observer - UK

http://observer.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,6903,992218,00.html

Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

Paul Harris
Sunday July 6, 2003
The Observer

They have been the subject of derision for claiming aliens have visited Earth from outer space, but believers in the existence of UFOs were this weekend excitedly poring over newly released military documents that show how fighter aircraft were scrambled to intercept strange shapes in Britain's skies.

The secret papers obtained from the US military give an insight into an astonishing chain of events sparked by UFO sightings over East Anglia in 1956.

After receiving numerous calls reporting bright lights darting across the sky, fighters from RAF Lakenheath spent more than seven hours trying to shoot down the objects, which were picked up on army radar screens.

The classified documents were secured under the US Freedom of Information Act by Dave Clarke, an author researching the subject.

One US Air Force intelligence report described how '12 to 15' objects were picked up on radar screens on 13 August 1956. They were tracked for more than 50 miles. One object was logged travelling at 4,000mph. 'Operators making these radar sightings are of the opinion that malfunctions of equipment did not cause these radar sightings,' the document said.

The radar logs describe white lights darting across the skies. At times, the objects travelled in formation and performed sharp turns.

One document describes how an object was tracked by radar for 26 miles, before it hovered for five minutes then flew away again.

A cable was sent from US Air Force Headquarters in Washington warning of the 'considerable interest and concern' at the sightings and demanding an immediate inquiry. The cable asked if they were linked to a similar scare reported by a British radar station on the Danish island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea a week later.

Most UFO sightings are explained by phenomena such as clouds, weather balloons or unusual atmospheric events. At the time of the 'Lakenheath incident', observers did report an unusual level of meteorite activity. Meteors, and the trails they leave behind, can register on radars and critics have said this explains the Lakenheath incident.

Astronomical phenomena are also considered a possible cause. One pilot sent up to intercept the objects reported 'chasing a star.' Others described objects they were able to 'lock on' to

with their radar systems but that then manoeuvred around them.

But for UFO believers the new documents confirm their Lakenheath sightings as the most dramatic of British UFO encounters and provide proof that alien craft have 'buzzed' Britain for the past 50 years. 'I am absolutely convinced they were breaches of our airspace by some extraordinary flying machines,' said Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO magazine.

Clarke admitted this weekend it was difficult to attribute all the visual sightings and radar activity both from the ground and the on-board radar systems to meteorites or weather conditions. He believes the incident was treated so seriously by the military that it sparked a Cold War security scare. By 1956, the RAF Lakenheath air base, where the fighters were scrambled from, was on the front line of the geopolitical divide. Lakenheath played host to the new super-sensitive American U-2 spy planes and also provided storage facilities for atomic bombs.

Clues to solving the mystery may still lie in secret US archives. After being told no more documentation existed, Clarke discovered a reference to a further document on the incident in the US National Archives. He has logged a request to release it. All British reports were destroyed in a fire five years after the event, according to RAF records.

Clarke believes the incident had such serious security implications that documents must still exist. 'I am a UFO sceptic but this is an incident that has me baffled. It is just possible that some form of Soviet spy craft was responsible, but difficult to match any of their planes to what was observed at the time,' he said.

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Crop Circles Draw Curious To Fairfield

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Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 00:15:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 11:35:10 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles Draw Curious To Fairfield

Source: Woodland Daily Democrat - California

<http://www.dailydemocrat.com/articles/2003/07/05/news/news90.txt>

July 6, 2003

Mysterious Crop Circles Draw Curious To Fairfield

A flight to get an aerial view of a series of crop circles discovered earlier this week in Fairfield, netted another surprise - a second field with a crop circle.

From MediaNews Group and wire reports

Located south of the site where local farmer Larry Balestra discovered 15 large flattened circles and shapes in his wheat field, the newly-discovered circle is smaller with a straight line protruding from it. The smaller circle is located in a field off Suisun Valley Road behind Solano Community College's rear parking area. Rick Roach, Photo Editor of The Vacaville Reporter, discovered the new circle as he and a local pilot were angling for a photograph of the larger crop circles in Balestra's field. "I said, "Hey! There's another one,'" Roach recalled. He snapped several shots of the shape. Scientists, curiosity seekers, media, UFO specialists and even a woman wanting to cure her paralyzed dog have swarmed to Balestra's wheat field at Suisun Valley and Rockville roads during the past week after learning of extensive crop circles imprinted there over the weekend. Balestra, of Suisun City, found the 15 large flattened circles and shapes in his wheat field last Saturday, one of them more than 140 feet in diameter. "What the heck?" Balestra muttered to himself upon walking into the field and making the discovery. He then pulled out his cell phone and told his wife, "You won't believe what I'm looking at." It's unclear whether aliens, teenagers or alien teenagers landed in the field. Whatever the source of the circles, which are drawing onlookers by the dozens, Balestra just wants his crop harvested. "The harvester can't pick this up," he said. The farmer, owner of Larry's Produce on Suisun Valley Road, said the 2.5-foot-high wheat grass must have been pressed late Friday night or early Saturday morning. Balestra noticed an odd shadow in his field as he drove by Saturday morning about 6 o'clock.

Despite the conviction of many UFO buffs that extraterrestrials have played a hand in previous crop circle occurrences around the world, Balestra appeared convinced there was a much more earthly explanation to his ruined field. "I guess some people have too much time on their hands," he said. Balestra said someone must have come into the field Friday night and created the intricate designs. Fariba Bogzaran, 45, of West Marin County, a professor of dream studies at J.F.K. University, traveled from Berkeley after hearing of the crop circles. Before getting a firsthand look, Bogzaran contacted the farmer's family members to let them know that "after 10 years of watching crop circles, they would not be harmed by it." In fact, "if it's a genuine one, next year his crop will grow two inches higher," she said. Bogzaran traveled to England last year to study crop circles "with experts in the field." She has been studying the phenomenon for 10 years and spoke in Berkeley a couple months

ago on the subject. "The layout of this particular crop circle looks very similar to early crop circles of early England," Bogzaran said.

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 12:02:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 18:53:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Groff

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 16:46:49 +0100
>Subject: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>Dear List Members

>For those of you interested in the Rendlesham Forest incident,
>known in the USA as The Bentwater's UFO Case, I have some
>interesting updates. But first I would like to address the
>testimony of practical joker Kevin Conde.

<snip>

>Conde's claim to fame is that he drove a battered 1979 Plymouth
>Volare standard issue American police car, down the taxiway,
>where he stuck the spotlight on, after sticking red and green
>lenses on it. He then drove the vehicle around in circles, in
>the fog and put on his PA loudspeaker, whilst flashing his car
>lights. He claims this was the basis of the famous 1980
>Rendlesham Forest UFO incident.

I'm curious where the term "battered" came from. The only quotes
I've seen are on the BBC website but the term "battered" was
never used there (that I could see).

It seems to me that if things did happen the way Conde says,
then it should be easy to duplicate. I don't think that there
was ever any mention of fog in previous reports though, so that
would have to be verified first. If there was no fog then
Conde's story could not hold any weight.

Terry Groff

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

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Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 13:59:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 18:56:04 -0400
Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Groff

>From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 20:19:11 +0200
>Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2003 13:49:34 -0500
>>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.

>I suspect feedback concerning this project was not too great
>unfortunately, at least there was none on this List.

>I, for myself speaking, am greatly interested in collecting UFO
>data in digital form.

One of the major problems will be co-operation from ufologists
and researchers.

I'm thinking if databases could be provided in XML (Extensible
Markup Language), then they could all communicate with each
other without anyone having to copy data to their systems. This,
however, may require a learning curve that some may not be
willing to undertake but I'm sure that most IS people know what
XML is and how to use it. I also foresee someone creating
applications that will do the conversions for them. I do know
that MUFON is currently working on converting all of their
"whitepaper" to digital format.

Researchers could access a database via RR0 IS then read _and_
manipulate all information right in their browser windows via
various JAVA applets and servlets. No one would have to install
any special applications. Most users would have all they need
already. All major browsers support JAVA.

A project like this is necessary if the UFO community really
wants to pull together instead of isolating themselves in their
own little worlds. There is a tremendous amount of information
out there. All we need to do is pull it together.

Terry Groff

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

From: **Chris Evans** <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 18:25:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 19:02:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 15:38:35 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

Since my own comments toward this subject [implants] are a part of an article that I have not yet finished, I still however want to repsond, since these are very important questions being asked in this round of discussion.

To simplify matters for sake of posting, I am providing a direct link to a page [no graphics] prepared especially for this List. See link below.....

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

http://www.geocities.com/chrisb_evans/vs-implant.html

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Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lffleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 22:13:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 12:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

Sorry for the delayed response. I took a week off from the "star wars" for the July 4th holiday and have just returned home.

>Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg
>From: James Oberg <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 <lffleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <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.

To the best of my knowledge, the specialist who first noted the
correct position of the flare in the STS-48 video was myself.
Of course, image analysis is not my professional specialty. But
it's quite obvious that it's not the specialty of Mr. Oberg or
his anonymous specialists, either. At least I've demonstrated
some facility in that discipline. Mr. Oberg's specialists,
whatever it is they specialize in, have demonstrated none.

>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.

It's truly amazing how casually Mr. Oberg contradicts his OWN stated opinion - see:

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

Oberg is on record as stating:

"What is the "flare" in the camera that precedes the change in motion of all the objects? I believe the flare in the _lower_ left camera FOV is an RCS jet firing...."

(Emphasis mine)

So Oberg first said (incorrectly) that the flare was at the bottom of the image. Now he comes up with a glib rationale for why it's actually at the top of the image, where I correctly placed it. If Oberg so easily disregards his own previous writings, why should anyone else take anything he says seriously?

Yes, a rocket might produce a flash such that its peak intensity is in the upper left corner of the video field of view if assumptions about exhaust impingement angles and camera look angles (as yet unsupported by Oberg) were true -- assumptions that he had no need to make until I pointed out that the location to which he originally assigned the flare was WRONG.

However, even if the rocket plume, shuttle surfaces, and camera were oriented so as to produce a light flash with maximum intensity at the upper left corner, it is highly unlikely that the exhaust plume originating at the lower left would produce the spatial distribution of brightness values shown in Figure 6 of my NFS article at:

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

The brightness differences in the image caused by the flash event forms a roughly triangular patch aligned on the camera FOV diagonal, running from the upper left corner of the image towards the lower right corner. In terms of Oberg's approximate coordinates, the flash has an axis of symmetry that runs from (0, +1) to (+1, 0). A flash caused by rocket exhaust originating at the (-1, -1) or (-1, -2) position (to the left of the camera FOV and below it) could have an axis of symmetry that intersects the (0, +1) position but NOT the (+1, 0) position (lower right).

The flash has the same orientation and shape as the pre-existing lens flare caused by scattered sunlight, so it's reasonable to conclude that the flash is in fact an intensification of that lens flare.

>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.

What I find truly puzzling is that, after viewing these hundreds of hours of shuttle videos, Oberg and his "specialists" have failed to produce ONE SINGLE example in other shuttle videos of the lens flare seen in the STS-48 video during the 12 years that have passed since the STS-48 mission. I think it's time that Mr. Oberg be asked to produce the evidence to back up his endlessly repeated claims. If he provides the mission and GMT for a video sequence that replicates the STS-48 flare, I'd be more than willing to acquire it from NASA under the FOIA. Or does Mr. Oberg expect his assertions to be believed without evidence, like the guy who claimed to have a dead alien in his freezer until the government agents took it away?

>I hope this explanation casts some light on this obscurity.

As is often the case, Mr. Oberg's explanation sheds more heat than light.

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Re: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 08:23:32 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 12:41:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil - Gevaerd

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 10:23:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil

>>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2003 23:57:15 -0700
>>Subject: 'Mysterious' Rocks Common In Brazil

Dear Ray and friends.

I was on Whitley's Dreamland last Saturday and I was given a fair platform to present the Brazilian researcher's side of the hoax story. I was asked by Whitley about the stones - the mysterious disc-shaped rocks - found in the area by LMH and presented as evidence of alien activity in Corguinho at Earthfiles.com.

It looks like that the professor contacted by LMH found some unusual patterns in them, thus leading the investigative journalist to accept the hoaxer's claims that they have extraordinary origin and/or nature. Actually, the hoaxer openly says the the rocks are from outer-space..... Oh yes!

The fore-mentioned professor, in communication with a co-worker of mine, said there isn't any conclusion as to the origin and/or nature of the rocks. And the he would not speculate beyond his knowledge. It seems that LMH, once again, as with Phyllis Budinger, just jumped ahead.

If the rocks are alien, then I should be asking how is it possible the a large extension of the Maracaju Hills, in my state, which cover at least 600km of land, are full of them? Are the hoaxer's alien friends bringing rocks to Brazil, just for the amusement of the hoaxer himself, his followers and LMH?

Funny how such a famous and recognized investigative reporter can even consider that kind of garbage as "possible scientific evidence". Of what? Of a fabricated abduction? Aliens dropping rocks on people? Rocks raining from the sky? Rocks announcing an abduction in progress?

Get real.

A. J. Gevaerd

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 13:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 15:38:35 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 18:04:01 -0400
>>Subject: Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

<snip>

>>I had a long conversation with EBK about this just today. What's
>>going on is; Eleanor partially remembers a discussion between
>>Errol and myself on SDI regarding the alleged implants that Dr.
>>Lier has surgically recovered. I had read a post (not certain if
>>it was on UFO UpDates, but somewhere) by Dr. Lier in which he
>>brazenly recruits candidates (abductees) for a new round of
>>invasive surgical procedures in order to recover more of these
>>'objects'.

>>I was outraged. (What else is new? ;) And I publicly asked; What
>>happened to all of the alleged implants that he had already
>>recovered? I wanted to know why he needed more than the 15 he
>>had already collected. It is my recollection that in the last
>>six or seven years, the total number of surgeries that have been
>>performed by Roger Lier in an attempt to recover an alleged
>>alien implant is 15 - to date.

>To John Velez and the List

>Very briefly,

Hello Gildas, All,

You wrote:

>John, you have the name wrong - again - Leir, not Lier.

Oops. I have a tendency to invert certain letters, 'ie' among
them. My apologies to Dr. Leir.

>Second, you have the number of implants wrong - 10, not 15.

I got the number, 15, from either Dr. Leir himself or Derrel
Simms. I could be wrong... but I know for sure I didn't just
pull that number out of the air. Although I can no longer recall
where I read the number 15, I did read it somewhere.

>Third - I have not seen anywhere that Dr Leir "brazenly"
>recruited candidates.

This recruiting surgery candidates via e-mail lists is not an
isolated incident.

Dr. Leir was at one time a participant of the Abduction
Information Center's e-mail List. I had to drop him from the
List because after I specifically asked him not to recruit
surgery candidates among the AIC members, he did so anyway.

And yes, it is 'brazen' when he has already performed so many surgeries with no definitive or positive results. If he has recovered an extraterrestrial object, it is the best kept secret in the world.

As far as I know, the results of the analysis on any of these objects that has been made public shows that they are ordinary objects. Why continue to recruit abductees to perform invasive surgical procedures if none of the recovered objects he already has in hand have not proven to be anomalous/justify further surgeries.

>I know a competent metallurgist who read Dr Leir's book >carefully and found the the metallurgic composition very >unusual, for the implant analysed by New Mexico Tech.

He read Leir's book? Or did he conduct an analysis on the object in question himself?

>This, alone, would grant further study, it seems to me. The >injunction of the scientific board at NIDS to stop research >immediately sounds very strange to me.

How so? They tested two of these objects and drew a blank both times. (the 'implants' turned out to be prosaic objects.) Maybe NIDS didn't have the funds or time to conduct an analysis on any of the others. You need to pose this question to Colm Kelleher or to John Alexander who was head of NIDS at the time.

>BTW, the results of the first analysis, made at Los Alamos, >remain to be published, apparently. If there was nothing in >them, why then a second analysis? And without telling the >metallurgist what it was about?

Good question.

>One more point - quite a few photos and microphotos of implants >have been published, in Dr Leir's book and in many articles.

>I strongly suggest that we just wait a bit for new developments, >and refrain from scornful comments in the meantime.

Scornful? How about 'outraged'? I see no need for Dr. Leir to cut any more abductees unless he has evidence that one or several of the objects that he has already recovered are of extraterrestrial origin. So far, there has been no report of any such object(s) having been recovered by anyone, anywhere.

Period.

Unless/until that happens, I will protest and speak out against subjecting anyone else to invasive surgical procedures. This isn't Nazi Germany.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa

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Subject: Re: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa

>From: Brian Vike - HBCCUFO <hbccufo@telus.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 19:51:28 -0700
>Subject: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa Feb-03

>The gentleman who sent me the following report and photos is a
>very credible person. Also there is information I cannot and
>will not make available on this case. Plus the person this case
>relates to will remain anonymous. The photos of the marking on
>the man's left wrist will be posted on both of my sites. As more
>information comes in I will be posting the updates to my site.

>As always, I would like to thank the person for sending me the
>information and pictures.

>-----

>Ottawa, Ontario
>Canada

>Date: First week of February, 2003

>Brian,

>Something kind of interesting happened in the first week of Feb.
>2003. I had gone to bed around midnight and woke up at 08:00.
>Upon waking I found a small roundish scoop mark on my left
>wrist, characteristics were as follows:

- >1. About 1/8", two millimeters in diameter.
- >2. The bottom of the wound is concave.
- >3. There was no pain at all associated with the wound.
- >4. The bottom of the wound was flecked with very small dots of
>blood.
- >5. The bottom of the wound was slick and smooth as if it was
>cauterized.
- >6. It looked as if it had been done just five minutes before I
>awoke.
- >7. The wound took two months to heal and is now only visible
>using a jeweler's loupe.

>- There is nothing sharp near my bed that would cause a wound.

>- I know there was no wound on my wrist before hitting the sack
>because upon retiring I took off my watch and did not observe
>any blemish in the left wrist area.

>Thinking it had been a rather large insect bite, I went to a
>local Ottawa clinic. The doctor looked at it and said, why did
>you have that done? When I informed him how it had appeared, he
>became quiet and paused for a few moments, then said that the
>mark was from a procedure called a "punch biopsy" that appeared
>to be done by a left-handed individual using a laser scalpel-

>type device.

>The doctor said that he could not comment on this officially and
>recorded the reason for my visit on my file as an "insect bite".
>He also consulted a small notebook and gave me a URL stating
>that I could get more information. The doctor stated that this
>was the fourth or fifth case of what he called "involuntary
>sampling" and noted it appears to be an emerging phenomenon.

>The fact that this doctor had the URL handy is pretty
>interesting. BTW, I didn't question him further as he was
>uncomfortable.

>When I mentioned this to a friend he was at my front door within
>seconds of saying, "This I gotta see" and hanging up.

>Funny this stuff should happen to me now, I'm not a young kid at
>(age deleted) so why "they" would want to sample the DNA of an
>old fart is beyond me.

>Of the attached images, I took the dark image, while my friend
>took the rest.

Hello Brian, All,

Just to corroborate the post, above:

Over the years I have been contacted by four different
physicians who independently of each other have identified the
photos of the 'scoop marks' I have had posted at the old
Intruders Foundation website and now at AIC, as being the result
of a medical tissue gathering procedure known as a 'Punch
Biopsy'.

[See: <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pev1.htm>]

Three out of the four members of my immediate family unit have a
scoop mark/punch biopsy scar. None of us have ever had such a
test performed by any 'earthly' physician. Scoop marks are
fairly common among those reporting a lifetime of UFO occupant
abductions.

Regards,

John Velez

Webmaster A.I.C.
Former creator/webmaster of Budd Hopkins'
Intruders Foundation website

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UFOs vs. The Bible

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The UFO Craze
Nelly F. Villafuerte

The UFO phenomenon has again been generating a lot of curiosity and interest - especially in other countries. Providing good copy to attract media attention, scientific research and even congressional investigations. Unlike in the yesteryears, sophisticated tools of modern science are now being used to unravel the mystery of UFOs. Like remote sensing technologies and modern archaeological forensic science.

UFO (UFOs) is the acronym for unidentified flying objects. Also referred to by many as extraterrestrials, extraterrestrial beings, space visitors, or alien beings. The word ufologist has now been coined to refer to somebody who is a real UFO buff and is very serious in documenting and recording everything about UFO encounters. Believe it or not, there are even UFO organizations today the main agenda of which is to record UFO sightings and everything related to UFOs.

Are UFOs really out there? Where do they come from - from outer space, inner space, or from within the bowels of the earth? Are they lovable or loathsome? Do the UFOs really have the power to "walk-in" our bodies as some people say? Were there UFO's during the biblical times or even during the pre-historic times?

The most popular theory to explain the UFO phenomenon is the so-called extraterrestrial hypothesis which simply states that UFOs are spacecrafts sent here from the other inhabited worlds. People have long fantasized that intelligent-non-human being live in other planets. But the notion that these beings from other planets are building machines to cross space to visit us is something new. Just listening to UFO enthusiasts, devotees, and dabblers talk about UFOs with much excitement especially about the movies and television shows on UFOs makes one conclude that this UFO mystery has penetrated our lives, whether we like it or not.

The dilemma as to whether there are really aliens who have landed in our biosphere, or to use a more descriptive phrase "in our midst" has inspired people to use the print and broadcast media including the Internet to arouse the senses of the public to the fact that UFO stories are not a collection of lore and myth but a reality. Other UFO fanatics even go to the extent of saying that the UFOs have the supernatural power to "walk-in" our bodies as well as in the bodies of other animals. But what is scary is the theory of many UFO researchers and buffs that UFOs or these aliens from space are so advanced spiritually and technologically that they can clone our genes and they also feed on humans, ala vampire style. This kind of UFO propaganda definitely puts up human beings psychologically off balance. I

am referring to our mental and spiritual outlook. Of course, the pervasive influence of our movies and televisions in conditioning our minds to accept UFOs as well as to overwhelm us of their supernatural power cannot be discounted.

Does biblical logic support the thesis that UFOs were created by God? What the Holy Bible in the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament of the Bible says is that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27). From this biblical verse, it is very clear that life on earth was created by our Omnipotent and Almighty God. Our planet Earth as we know is only a small part of the universe. While we know that the Earth is the only planet where life exist - we cannot deny the fact that ongoing scientific studies and researches are being conducted by different countries to advance the theory that there might be a planet out there where there is also life like in the earth. But be it as is _ to date the divine act of creating man and woman is something that has never been duplicated in any place of the universe. The claim of many that UFOs are real, is indeed an attempt to promote the thinking that the divine act of creating human life has been duplicated. If not by God, who then created the UFOs, if they really exist?

Ufologists - people who are real UFO buffs and who are very serious in documenting and recording everything about UFO encounters claim that the fact that hundreds of people have reported sightings of UFOs (like having seen flying saucers land in open fields while others say that they have actually seen strange-looking people from outer-space) - have definitely strengthened the theory that UFOs are real.

It is disturbing to note that stories about UFOs during these end times are spreading wide and far. The curiosity of many, including Bible-believing Christians, about UFOs has distracted many from the biblical truths. What is alarming too is that, there are so many deceptions going around slowly creeping into our human consciousness giving credence to the supernatural validation of UFOs sightings and close encounters. Obviously a diversionary tactic of Satan and his evil cohorts to divert our attention to Jesus and His Lordship.

People have always been attracted to search for the unknown. The obsession of many to know more about the existence of UFOs is a good example. The problem is that without the biblical guidelines as the spiritual compass - this attraction to search for the unknown can lead to disastrous consequences. As an offshoot of this attraction to search for the unknown, cults and occults that are inconsistent with the Holy Bible are born every day.

Our God is a personal God. Bible-believing Christians believe this without doubt. Not some kind of a cosmic IT or some kind of force floating out there. God did not make us robots to compel us to love and obey Him. God gave us a free will. This means that we have a choice to love God or not.

Instead of spending so much time trying to unravel the mystery of UFOs, why don't we spend time to know more about our living God who created us and gave us life - by reading His Word, the Holy Bible?

This column continues to give out copies of the Holy Bible for free to those who cannot afford to buy their own copies. If interested, please send your letter-request to Ms. Nelly Favis-Villafuerte, 6th Floor, New Solid Building, 357 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City. Kindly mention if it is the Tagalog, English, Cebuano, or Ilocano version that is preferred.

This column is also giving out for free a 42-page, 3x5 inch booklet that briefly explains the basic of salvation as presented in the Holy Bible. To those who are struggling as to what the Holy Bible really says on how souls can be saved from eternal damnation - please do not hesitate to write me and ask for a copy of this booklet. Let us not forget the biblical verse that says: "What profits a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?" Have a joyful day!

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CIA's Cover Blown? Make Up Something About UFOs

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Word For Word

The C.I.A.'s Cover Has Been Blown?
Just Make Up Something About UFOs

By Stephen Kinzer

The State Department recently issued a collection of previously classified documents that shed new light on the Central Intelligence Agency's role in the June 1954 coup in Guatemala that ousted the president, Jacobo Arbenz Guzm=Eln. Mr. Arbenz had clashed with the United Fruit Company, which for many years exercised decisive influence in Guatemala, and the Eisenhower administration feared that he was leading his country toward Communism. The coup brought Col. Carlos Castillo Armas to power and set off more than three decades of civil conflict and repression in which hundreds of thousands of Guatemalans were killed.

Here are excerpts from documents related to the coup plot, which was code-named PBSUCCESS.

Telegram from C.I.A. headquarters to a C.I.A. station, whose location remains classified, Jan. 26, 1952:

Hq. desires firm list top flight Communists whom new government would desire to eliminate immediately in event of successful anti-Communist coup.

Memorandum for the record, Sept. 18, 1953:

At 1500, 18 September 1953, a meeting was held at the office of [Allen W. Dulles, the Director of Central Intelligence] to discuss the present status of PBSUCCESS and to consider future plans for this operation. . . . Cabell [Gen. Charles P. Cabell, the agency's deputy director] stated that he concurred in approval of the general plan but felt that the budget estimate should be increased to \$3,000,000 to provide more adequately for contingencies. Mr. Dulles agreed.

Memorandum from Col. J. C. King, chief of the Western Hemisphere division, C.I.A. Directorate of Operations, Sept. 25, 1953:

Tasks for Chief of Station, Guatemala

- a. Controlled penetration of the Communist Party.
- b. Controlled penetrations of the major labor unions.
- c. Controlled penetrations in the major anti-Communist organizations.

d. Controlled penetrations in the armed forces, or controlled agents with access to current planning both in senior and junior officer groups.

e. Controlled agents with access to high-level Guatemalan Government political propaganda planning. . . .

The station will prepare a list of the 25 most dangerous Communists and pro-Communists and attempt to gather data re these targets which could be used for character assassination. . . . More pictures of comparisons of living conditions of the top Commies and the peons will be of special value.

Memorandum for the record, Oct. 29, 1953:

Station Guatemala has been directed to take the following actions:

1. Transmit all rumors re Arbenz officials, the Guatemalan Army, revolutionary activities and Communist activities.
2. Prepare a weekly "psychological barometer" report on local conditions.
3. Make a continuing study of morale factors among students, laborers, army officers, enlisted men, government officials, farm owners, and business and professional men. . . .

Paramilitary Action: An initial shipment of approximately 15 tons of arms and ammunition is now ready for shipment from [DELETED] and subsequent transshipment to [Colonel Castillo Armas in] Nicaragua. . . . This material is intended for use by [Colonel Castillo Armas] in his Nicaraguan training center and to test facilities for clandestine introduction of arms into Guatemala.

Memorandum from C.I.A. headquarters, Nov. 5, 1953:

Station was instructed to mail "mourning cards" for 30 successive days to Arbenz and top Communist leaders. Cards were to mourn the purge or execution of various Communists in the world and to hint forthcoming doom to recipients.

Telegram from PBSUCCESS headquarters in Florida to C.I.A. headquarters, Jan. 30, 1954:

White Paper [issued by the Guatemalan government] has effectively exposed certain aspects of PBSUCCESS If possible, fabricate big human interest story, like flying saucers, birth sextuplets in remote area to take play away.

Memorandum for the record, March 2, 1954, from Colonel King:

At 1910 on 28 February, I picked [Pseudonym] up in my car at the corner of Massachusetts and Wisconsin. We drove for about an hour out River Road and I am certain were not observed. [Pseudonym] expressed his regrets for the compromise of the five paraphrased cables, and in a manner which appeared to be entirely sincere. I asked him how it was possible, with all of the security indoctrination which he had had, plus the great emphasis on secrecy based on all phases of PBSUCCESS, to have done such an unpardonable thing as to leave sensitive papers in a hotel room. He replied that he had no explanation, that it was a stupid, unpardonable thing to do, but that it was an act of thoughtlessness and carelessness. . . . It was agreed that for the next month [Pseudonym] will remain in Chicago. We discussed two general areas where he could bury himself after that date - Alaska and the Pacific Northwest He has never been in the Northwest and suggested as a possibility that he get a job until fall as a fire watcher on a mountain top where he would meet very few people.

Memorandum from PBSUCCESS headquarters to C.I.A. station in Guatemala, Apr. 28, 1954:

Consider it highly important to mobilize anti-Communist activities of the Catholic Church dignitaries and of Catholic lay organizations. . . . This could be done, for instance, by describing graphically how the local church would be turned into

a meeting hall for the "Fighting Godless," how the reader's children would have to spend their time with the "Red Pioneers," how the pictures of Lenin, Stalin and Malenkov would replace the pictures of the Saints in every home, and the like.

Dispatch from PBSUCCESS headquarters to all PBSUCCESS stations, June 13, 1954:

Rumors, combining fact and fiction, which ought to be circulated, may include the following (not every rumor is applicable to every group of people and to every situation; select from the following suggestions whatever is suitable for given moment and audience):

A group of Soviet commissars, officers and political advisers, led by a member of the Moscow Politbureau, have landed. . . . The government has issued an order devaluating the quetzal at the rate of 1:10. Use your money immediately to buy food and durable goods. . . . In addition to military conscription, the Communists will introduce labor conscription. A decree is already being printed. All boys and girls 16 years old will be called for one year of labor duty in special camps, mainly for political indoctrination and to break the influence of family and church on the young people. . . . Food rationing is about to be introduced. . . . Arbenz has already left the country. His announcements from the National Palace are actually made by a double, provided by Soviet intelligence. . . . An educational reform is being prepared. There will be no longer any religious instruction at state expense, but on the contrary lessons in atheism, Soviet style.

Add rumors of your own, following the day-by-day changes in the situation.

Telegram From C.I.A. headquarters to PBSUCCESS headquarters, June 24, 1954:

We now prepared authorize bombing specific targets in [Guatemala City] area since you and [John E. Puerifoy, the American ambassador to Guatemala] feel this now the most effective move to achieve success. Targets should be selected with a view to having desired effect on army and regime morale with minimum political cost to [the United States].

Telegram from C.I.A. headquarters to PBSUCCESS headquarters, June 30, 1954:

Heartiest congratulations upon outcome developments past forty-eight hours. A great victory has been won.

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Monument Commemorates Roswell UFO Crash

By: Associated Press

(Roswell-AP) -- A monument on a rocky hilltop about 65 miles north of Roswell commemorates the spot where something fell from the sky in 1947.

More than 20 people gathered Saturday to dedicate the stone monument.

The director of Roswell's UFO museum, Julie Shuster, says it's a tribute to the people who came forward to report what they saw in the fields north of the city more than a half century ago.

Some believe an alien spacecraft crash-landed at the site.

A film crew from the Sci-Fi Channel was on hand to tape the event.

The dedication was among the events during the annual UFO festival, which draws thousands of true believers and curious onlookers each year.

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Another UFO Excuse?

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Subject: Another UFO Excuse?

Tier-3 Derived UAV - Aviation week

Hello All,

Found this story interesting, who knows, the birth of another
UFO excuse?

http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_awst_story.jsp?id=news/07073news.xml

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Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

Dearborn discussion is UFOs, crop circles

By Zlati Meyer
Free Press Staff Writer

While millions of Americans were enjoying traditional July 4 weekend amusements, a few hundred of them took part in that Earthling pasttime -- discussing alien lifeforms.

They swapped Thomas Jefferson for the Mutual UFO Network's 34th Annual International conference held at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn from Friday through Sunday.

Jay Benson traveled from Atlanta to attend. The 40-year-old IT consultant, quoting his favorite lecturer Neil Freer, said the aliens who "jump-started our DNA," the Annunaki, wanted to make humans a slave race to mine gold for Annunaki leaders living on planet Nibiru.

The attendees were believers - and those who wanted to hear the facts about other-worldly visitors. Audience members included an Oakland County psychologist and an aspiring police officer.

"I think it's real; I think things are out there," said Jerry Beekel, 53, a steel-foundry worker from Pittsford, near Hillsdale, who was wearing a UFO-emblazoned T-shirt. "Anyone who believes in God believes He made things other than man. I believe there's a cover-up."

Beekel's comment coincided with a speech entitled, "Cosmic Watergate," by presenter Stanton Friedman.

Friedman suggested that a directive to "get the heck off our planet" made President Richard Nixon nix Apollos 18 and 19. Friedman hypothesized that aliens come to Earth to monitor their "neighbors," whom he described "as idiot Earthlings," who killed thousands of their own in World War II and created destructive atom bombs, V2 rockets and radars.

"They make sure we don't get out there. Would you want us out there? We don't even have someone to speak for the planet. Would aliens want us in an intergalactic agency?" Friedman asked his audience.

Lecturers filled their well-attended talks with pseudo-science theories such as the existence of a magnetic-propulsion system that could move saucer-shaped vehicles, and that the star over Bethlehem the Bible says shone on the night Jesus was born was likely a UFO.

The convention program listed dozens of Ph.Ds as MUFON consultants, but Bruce Maccabee, who has a doctorate in physics from American University, was the only person with an advanced degree presenting.

Crop-formations expert William C. Levengood's bio didn't list any academic credential. In his lecture, Levengood explained, "Energies come down in very precise patterns and penetrate the soil. The soil changes properties - I won't get into that - which, in turn, enhances the seeds."

His multimedia presentation included aerial photographs of the mysterious formations, pictures of flies "not associated with wheat plants" on the same plants, pieces of corn that germinated before their husks open and burned kernels next to untouched ones.

In a makeshift marketplace down the hall, vendors hawked books and remote-viewing training sessions on video for \$110.

Other items included an audiotape titled "How the War on Terror Interrupted ET Contact;" 144 pages of newspaper and magazine articles about mind-control for \$22; a music CD subtitled "A Soundtrack to My Abduction," and a children's picture book to introduce the concept of extraterrestrials.

And even on this holiday weekened when Americans rejoice in freedom from royal rulership, the King made an appearance. The book "Elvis' Search for God" shared tablespace with a Tennessee accountant's memoir of her abductions.

Tony Sivalelli runs the Weight Station gym in Mt. Clemens.

"I don't think people are ready for the bigger picture, for understanding," he said.

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Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia -

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Subject: Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia -

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 01:20:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

>I also "believe" or feel that mutilations are directly connected
>to UFO occupants... regardless of what anybody says..... And
>despite Linda Howe's poor judgment of the Brazil hoax, her work
>on mutilations is second-to-none in the field and reinforce the
>idea that aliens are involved in these gruesome attacks/
>slaughters.

>I'd love to read your material... or even try to purchase any
>interview you might hqave done with radio or TV crews.....

Dear Michel,

"...despite Linda Howe's poor judgment"? How about "in lieu of"?
There are hundreds of cattle mutilation investigators in the
field besides Linda Moulton Howe.

Realize, the Brazil case is seriously demonstrating how Linda
has compromised her reports and its scientific analysis. Even
her own analysts have been commenting on her slant. Any future
reports therefore have to be seriously considered also as
slanted. Hardly a courtesy to the integrity of the field
regardless of anyone's beliefs of how mutilations occur. If you
think the public doesn't recognize this, think again.

Fern is recognized by the UFOBC group at www.ufobc.ca where he
has his reports posted. As a cattle expert familiar with
anatomy, behavior and breeding of cattle this gives Fern an
advantage over other investigators in researching a mutilation
scene. This can also be advantageous when it comes to
investigating a scene quickly as he has the trust of ranchers,
the industry and the International UFO community.

I personally think its very important we recognize even more so
now ground level reports from experts in the field and I will
take Fern's cattle rancher's mutilation report over Linda's
anyday.

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Re: UFOs vs. The Bible - Carr

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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 14:20:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs vs. The Bible - Carr

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs vs. The Bible

>Source: The Manila Bulletin - Philippines

<http://www.mb.com.ph/news.php?search=yes&art=35601&s=3&fname=OPED/2003-07/OE03070535601f.txt>

>07-05-2003

>The UFO Craze
>Nelly F. Villafuerte

Yes, the "UFO craze," as Nelly so aptly phrases it, is nearly as widespread and far-reaching as the bizarre "omnipotent god" craze.....

--Scott C. Carr
The Flying Saucer Gazette
www.arols.com/sardonica
www.apocalypsefiction.com

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A MISSILE OR A UFO BUZZES A PLANE OVER BENEVENTO?

A plane in flight was allegedly buzzed by a missile-shaped object over the city of Benevento.

This was the report made to authorities by the commander of a Alpi Eagles Fokker 100 which, at around 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 June, was set to land in Naples with 80 passengers coming from Palermo, when the commander called the control tower to report having observed a strange and large, elongated "missile-like" object, coming towards him from the opposite direction and passing very close underneath the plane.

The alarm involved ENAV (the National Flight Assistance Agency), ENAC (Civil Aviation National Agency), ANSV (Flight Security National Agency), the Ministry of Transportation Services, and the First Minister Crisis Unit, featuring the activation of the usual security procedures.

In the report drafted the following day, the commander described an "unidentified flying object" approaching him at an altitude of approximately 8000 feet: it was cylindrical in form, 3 to 4 meters in length, white in color, and reflected the sun rays. The object, observed by both pilots, was reportedly not detected by radar systems; for security reasons, however, the state prosecutor in Naples opened an investigation and confiscated the radar recordings and the tape recordings of dialogue between the aircraft and the control tower.

[Il Giornale, 27, 28 and 29 June 2003; UFO-Italia, 27 to 29 June; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi and Antonio Cuccu]

27 SEPTEMBER:
CISU CONFERENCE IN VITERBO

The last weekend of September in Viterbo will be the setting for the 18th National Ufology Congress, organized as in every year by the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

In fact, CISU executive board accepted the Viterbo branch as a proposed host for this year's edition of the most enduring Italian UFO conference, which will also be open to the public and - for the first time - viewable over the Internet in real-time, as well.

This initiative will be part of the local "Viterbo September" manifestations and its title will be: "On Things Seen in the Sky: the Study of UFO Phenomena". More detailed information will be forthcoming.

[Il Messaggero, Viterbo Edition, 18 June; collaboration by Angelo Ferlicca and Gildo Persone']

A NEW BOOK ON "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND"

A new Italian book has come out that is devoted to UFO abduction cases.

It's entitled "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Investigations of Alien Abductions, 1947-2001 - From the Clones of Higgins to the Monselice Incident"; it's penned by Gianfranco Degli Esposti and it is published by Editoriale Olimpia.

The volume totals 224 pages and costs 16 Euro.

[Enigma mailing list, 23 June; UFO Notiziario, June]

Collaborators on this edition were: Renzo Cabassi, Antonio Cuccu, Angelo Ferlicca and Gildo Person=E8.

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Secrecy News -- 07/07/03

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 57
July 7, 2003

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** FOIA: WHERE WE ARE TODAY
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ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT ISSUE

Controversy over Israel's reported nuclear weapons program erupted briefly on the floor of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, last week, when a Palestinian Arab Knesset member, Isam Makhoul, raised the sensitive issue, citing the FAS web site.

"The Federation of American Scientists site notes that Israel has nuclear weapons stored in the Haifa Bay area, on Mount Elabon in the Galilee, and in Kefar Zekharya near Bet Shemesh. Are these facts correct?" asked MK Makhul.

"Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East," replied Minister Gideon Ezra, employing the standard Israeli government formulation.

"Israel endorses the principle of nuclear non-proliferation," he said. At the same time, he added, the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty "does not provide an adequate response to the reality that prevails in our region, as demonstrated in the past by Iraq and today by the case of Iran."

See "Arab MK Quotes US Source on Israel's Nuclear Program" by Haim Shibi, Yediot Aharonot, July 3, translated with some apparent errors (e.g. Gideon Ezra's last name) by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/ya070303.html>

A transcript of the July 2 Knesset debate on Israel's non-conventional weapons (in Hebrew) is posted here:

<http://www.4law.co.il/Le732.htm>

Israel's nuclear programs were described, for example, in this 1995 published report of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR):

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/svr_nuke.htm#israel

INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED INFO

The Department of Energy has released its latest quarterly report on inadvertent disclosures of classified information.

"As a result of the Department of Energy's examination of approximately 860,000 additional pages of publicly available records accessioned by the National Archives and Records Administration, the Department discovered an additional 90 documents containing 261 pages of RD and FRD [i.e., classified nuclear weapons information] which were inadvertently released." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent10.html>

FOIA: WHERE WE ARE TODAY

A broad selection of current topics in U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy was explored in a Justice Department conference for government FOIA officers last week.

The topics included the Ashcroft FOIA memorandum of October 2001, the March 2002 White House memorandum on safeguarding information on weapons of mass destruction, the Homeland Security Act FOIA exemption for critical infrastructure information, amendments to the national security order on classification, last year's FOIA amendment blocking foreign government requests for intelligence records, and discussion of the first judicial rulings on public access to homeland security information.

These matters are outlined, with appropriate links, here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost25.htm>

The National Security Archive has published an updated reader on FOIA with historical background, how-to resources and "an itemized list of 20 significant news stories from the last 18 months that cited documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act." See:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB93/>

SPOTLIGHT ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

"Long before the events of Sept. 11, 2001 provided it with a convenient catchall excuse for hiding its actions from public scrutiny, ours was a government enamored with classification for classification's sake," according to Charles N. Davis, executive director of the Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

See his op-ed, "Bush administration most secretive since King George," in the Contra Costa Times, July 5:

<http://www.bayarea.com/mld/cctimes/news/opinion/6238758.htm>

The article is part of a new series intended to advance the cause of freedom of information published by the Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service. It features weekly "opinion pieces that are available free of charge to all newspapers, including those that do not subscribe to the KRT News Service."

See "Spotlight on Freedom of Information" here:

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Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 14:25:43 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

To Lan and/or other knowledgable people,

I am trying to get my reference points.

Some reports seem to state that the STS 'belly' was in the direction of motion.

Based on Oberg's STS-48 timeline data for the period, it lists the attitude of STS-48 during the period of orbit 44 to be -ZLV+YVW (BIAS).

I realize that this timeline shows the planned attitudes and not necessarily the as-flown ones.

Isn't -ZLV with the payload bay facing to Earth? And isn't +YVW 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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Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 14:34:19 -0400
Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project - Kaeser

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 13:59:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project

>>From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g@t-online.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 04 Jul 2003 20:19:11 +0200
>>Subject: Re: A Very Ambitious Project

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Steve

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 18:49:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

I feel there is a certain misnomer we might discuss, when it comes to such questions as, Does the material from an alleged artifact or 'implant' come from some other world? In other words, What precept determines that potential implements to be used by ETs should necessarily "have to come from another planet." For instance, I live on the East coast. If I were moving to California and have planned to build a house there, I would not, in the same token, haul stacks of 2 x 4s and roofing shingles 1000s of miles across the country; but, would simply acquire them when I get there. Shouldn't ETs be considered bright enough to do this also? There are, after all, over 100 basic elements to mix, match, and choose from, here on earth.....

>I see no need for Dr. Leir to cut any more abductees unless he
>has evidence that one or several of the objects that he has
>already recovered are of extraterrestrial origin. So far, there
>has been no report of any such object(s) having been recovered
>by anyone, anywhere.

This is the sort of point that I had panned to make in my book, in relation to the "metal samples" covered by Art Bell, Linda Howe, etc., while compared to what was claimed about metal samples, back in the 40s. However, no one answered my requests for permission to quote, so the material was dropped from the book. But the point is this: There is a great misconception that says, "If samples are not exotic and seemingly otherworldly, then they cannot - therefore - be used by ETs.

While I understand and certainly appreciate John's take, and point, I feel this sort of misnomer needs addressed. That is, Who has determined this to be a default rule, that the presence of 'earthly' materials, thus, excludes their possible use by ETs?

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

Alien Conspiracy: Unraveling the UFO/Alien Mystery
http://www.geocities.com/chrisb_evans/vs-implant.html

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Stedman

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Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 18:55:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Stedman

Dear Subscribers,

Being a aviation enthusiast who lives a stones throw from the former USAFE bases at Bentwaters/Woodbridge I have followed this long running saga ever since it first became public - without jumping into either the 'believer' or 'sceptic' camp. Although not central to whatever events did happen in December 1980, one particular overlooked issue has concerned me for years. As many of the researchers/writers are active on this list perhaps they could offer any information to this point.

The so called 'nuclear weapons area' at Bentwaters has cropped up many times in this case. While it goes without saying that this area exists (Ms. Bruni's book covers this in detail and locals were aware of its location). I wonder if anybody's investigation has uncovered as to what would have been held in this area at the time of the incident, or even if anything actually was. The reason I suggest this is that aviation units operating out of the twin bases at that time where not nuclear capable (81st TFW and 67th ARRS).

Ironically enough, the 81st TFW was assigned a dedicated nuclear strike role when operating F-101C Voodoos between 1959-66. These heavy strike fighters, un-wanted by the USAF at home, were un-loaded onto the 81st for one purpose only, the delivery of a single 1 MT nuclear weapon against Warsaw Pact installations across the East/West border - the Voodoos were not expected to return from these missions. I have no idea when the much discussed nuclear weapons area was constructed at Bentwaters, but it would appear to be logical to expect it to have been built at around this time - although I have no evidence to suggest that.

At the time of the UFO incident the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing consisted of six squadrons of A-10A Thunderbolt II aircraft, divided between the two bases, four to Bentwaters, two at Woodbridge. The Wing had a nominal strength of over a 100 airframes (although it was not, as stated in some books the largest Fighter Wing in the USAF - not even close). Although numbers were hard to get hold of, a good percentage of these were forward deployed to West Germany at up to six Forward Operating Locations, mainly GAF bases. If the expected Warsaw Pact armoured assault across the border had actually happened, the 81st's A-10s would have deployed - en masse - to Germany, their radius of action precluding sorties being flown from Suffolk.

This brings me to my main point. The Fairchild A-10A was designed with just one role in mind - Close Air Support (CAS). Having realised that its obsession with fast and expensive fighters was winning it no friends in the US Army, the USAF - after Vietnam - realised it needed a dedicated CAS aircraft, and the slow but well armoured A-10 was the winning design. A CAS aircraft conducts strikes just beyond the Forward Edge Of The Battle Area (forget Hollywood, even CAS is conducted on targets not closely engaged with your forces - 'blue on blue'). For this the A-10 mounted 11 hardpoints for freefall iron bombs, Cluster Bomb Units, Maverick Anti-Armour missiles and self-defense equipment (AIM-9 air-to-air missiles and electronic

counter measures pods).

The A-10A has never had a nuclear strike role, the aircraft is not wired for any of the freefall nuclear weapons in the US arsenal, and does not possess the software and avionics for this role, neither are the crews trained for it. During its career the aircraft has recieved only minimal upgrading, and the USAF has attempted to retire the complete fleet at least once (half of the over 700 built have already been retired to Davis-Monthan anyway).

So if the nuclear storage area at Bentwaters was active in 1980 what was stored there? The 48th (T)FW at Lakenheath did - and may still - have a nuclear strike capability, perhaps the weapons were dispersed to other nearby installations. There is a precedent for this within RAF bases in East Anglia. The RAF's freefall nuclear bomb (the WE177, now retired and on display in several museums) was believed to be stored in a special weapons area at RAF Honington, Suffolk, even though the base operated the Tornado GR-1 in the conventional weapons training role for most of its later life, the operational squadrons were brief tenants before moving to other bases. RAF Marham in Norfolk did have a requirement for 'special' weapons, its squadrons being fully capable of nuclear delivery. Dispersal of the WE177 amongst various East Anglian bases appears logical, although whenever the USAF operated in this manner with its weapons is pure speculation on my part.

Perhaps some of the many researchers looking at the Rendlesham case have chanced upon information that has not been previously recorded and can help?

Gary Stedman
Suffolk
UK

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Hello Steve and all List Members,

Thanks a lot Steven. This is exactly what I expect from the ufological community - help in identifying the problems that may raised by such a product, so we can find a solution and avoid them.

And this is a real problem indeed. My opinion is that RR0 IS is a tool, and so is not intended to evaluate the data. Your wooden house is not built by your hammer, is it built by you. All you need is the best hammer.

However RR0 IS intend to give you all the technical means for evaluating and selecting the data according to your own evaluation rules.

For example you are free to build your own classification function named "MyAccuracyFunction" or "MyOrganizationAccuracyRules", which may basically states "all cases that had physical traces and more than 10 witnesses", or anything you want that can target an aspect of the RR0 Information Model (this why well designing that ufology information model is important and needs ufologists).

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I perfectly understand that, as well as I understand that such a group might not want to follow your rules as well. This is why any people or organization shall be able to filter the whole data using their own criteria (what we call "functions" in RR0 IS).

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>to researchers, but another unverified collection of data would,
>IMO, not be. This is a difficult problem, and one that's been
>discussed periodically on UFO Updates for a number of years.

I agree. In my opinion, as the time goes, and as the system will be more and more used, only a limited number of functions will remain popular. One could even built a function that relies on referees agreement on a given case, or even represent a filter conforming with the "three most popular classifications", and so on.

Hope this helped,

Jerome.

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Hi Steve,

Excellent points.

I think a major goal of RR0 IS is not to consolidate databases
but rather to make the various databases available via a single
application/interface.

Accessing a particular database would be entirely up to the
user. Once accessed, a user would be able to perform their own
analysis of the data they've acquired, then make that analysis
immediately available to other researchers through the same
application. The individual databases themselves would remain
intact and unspoiled.

Terry

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Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:09:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:05:22 -0400
Subject: Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

Dear Friends,

Is this true?

"In Michigan, the state does not allow mention of flying saucers or extraterrestrials on its test, because those subjects might imply the forbidden topic of evolution".

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The Roswell Grays?

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 18:20:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:10:51 -0400
Subject: The Roswell Grays?

I am a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and I thought you might be interested in this partial exchange from their list-serve. The dual meaning, for those that know about the Homestead Grays, in naming a team the Roswell Grays, is quite clever, if not a little obvious to those of us aware of the UFO literature. :-)

Loren

Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2003 14:41:54 -0700
From: Jules Tygiel <xxxxxx>
Subject: Re: Roswell and Baseball

On Tue, 1 Jul 2003, Loren Coleman wrote:

>It's a country ball field. Two minor league teams are shown
>playing. The Southwest All Stars, and a Negro League type team,
>the Roswell Grays. The location and date are identified by this
>coming on the screen: ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO JULY 2, 1947

>Then a little later on this episode of the X-Files, "The
>Unnatural,"

<snip>

>My question for the SABR crew: Is there any reality to the
>names of the two teams: the Southwest All Stars, and the
>AfricanAmerican team, the Roswell Grays?

Duchovny actually wrote this episode and he clearly had some knowledge of baseball history. The African-American/alien slugger was pursuing a single-season home run record. The old pre-Bonds record of 72 home runs was set by Joe Baumann who played for Roswell in 1954. Roswell of course is the site of the most famous UFO [sighting] and Duchovny used this coincidence as inspiration for the script.

There was also, I believe, an all-black team that played in a southwestern minor league in the late 1940s or early 1950s

As to the names, I think Duchovny made them up, but the Grays are clearly named for the Homestead Grays.

Jules Tygiel
Professor Of History
San Francisco State University

<snip>

<http://bss.sfsu.edu/tygiel>

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Re: UFOs vs. The Bible - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colin@c2k2.fsworld.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 23:23:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:13:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs vs. The Bible - Stevenson

>>From: Scott Carr <sardy_2000@yahoo.com>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:42:48 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: UFOs vs. The Bible

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>To: - UFO - UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 13:20:37 -0400
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFOs vs. The Bible

>>Source: The Manila Bulletin - Philippines

>><http://www.mb.com.ph/news.php?search=yes&art=35601&s=3&fname=OPED/2003-07/OE03070535601f.txt>

>>07-05-2003

>>The UFO Craze
>>Nelly F. Villafuerte

>>Yes, the "UFO craze," as Nelly so aptly phrases it, is nearly as
>>widespread and far-reaching as the bizarre "omnipotent god"
>>craze.....

>>--Scott C. Carr
>>The Flying Saucer Gazette
>>www.arols.com/sardonica
>>www.apocalypsefiction.com

Or to put it another way - where did God come from and where is he/she/it now ? In Heaven. Heaven is in space so God is an E.T. and Jesus is a Human/E.T. hybrid. Please point this out to these Bible religious folk that their own 'good book' proves E.T. exists and that E.T. is involved in Human/Alien hybridization which most folk consider inadvisable and undesirable with some even calling it 'the work of Satan'..

By the way - if we are made in Gods image then God looks like Humans and not like a Gray!

Their logic extended.

If Biblical folk also say UFOs and ET are from Satan then they call their own God Satanic because God and Jesus are E.T.

10 years after asking higher Biblical folk these questions I still await an answer so if anyone can prove my observations false, in a concise fashion, then please do so but please do not email me direct.

Thanks List

--Colin Stevenson

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 00:45:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:49:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 19:12:48 +0100
>Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Source: The Observer - UK

>Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Paul Harris
>Sunday July 6, 2003
>The Observer

>They have been the subject of derision for claiming aliens have
>visited Earth from outer space, but believers in the existence
>of UFOs were this weekend excitedly poring over newly released
>military documents that show how fighter aircraft were scrambled
>to intercept strange shapes in Britain's skies.

>The secret papers obtained from the US military give an insight
>into an astonishing chain of events sparked by UFO sightings
>over East Anglia in 1956.

>After receiving numerous calls reporting bright lights darting
>across the sky, fighters from RAF Lakenheath spent more than
>seven hours trying to shoot down the objects, which were picked
>up on army radar screens.

Dave and List,

Whilst this is a fascinating case, I can assure you that there was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs.

I was contacted by BBC Radio 5 Live after this story ran (I didn't see it in my copy of The Observer, and believe it only ran on the paper's website). I did a brief down the line interview with them, to set the record straight.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:56:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 00:05:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 14:32:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

>...But the point is this: There is a great misconception that
>says, "If samples are not exotic and seemingly otherworldly,
>then they cannot - therefore - be used by ETs.

Chris-

I think the point is that only samples that are "otherworldly"
(and I suppose we're talking about isotopes here) would be
indicative of visitation by ETs. However, that would likely
have to be supported by other circumstances or evidence for wide
acceptance as "proof". I've not heard anyone make the
suggestion that visitors from space (or elsewhere) would only
use exotic materials that cannot be found on Earth.

I'll have to agree with John that there's no reason to continue
cutting into people who have already become victimized, unless
they really feel the need to get the darn thing out. Of course,
that's a decision to be reached between the Doctor and his
patient.

I'm sure this line of research will continue, and it will be
interesting to find out if some of the other samples that have
already been collected will yield better results. Of course,
testing is expensive and it appears that NIDS has chosen to
utilize it's resources elsewhere.

Steve

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Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 21:02:55 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 00:07:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Balaskas

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:09:01 -0300
>Subject: Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

>Dear Friends,

>Is this true?

>"In Michigan, the state does not allow mention of flying saucers
>or extraterrestrials on its test, because those subjects might
>imply the forbidden topic of evolution".

Hi Eustaquio!

Do you mean tests given to students in the classroom?

I am aware that in the past year efforts have been made by school boards in Michigan and a few other states to improve science education in the classroom. One of the ways proposed to do this was to separate religious and philosophical views from science (knowledge based on facts alone). As for flying saucers and extraterrestrials being forbidden topics on science tests, I do not know, but the Bible and the theory of biological evolution were both considered to be religious views.

Early last year U.S. President Bush signed into law an Education Bill which has specific instructions that students should be presented to all the facts and be taught on how to think critically for themselves, rather than be presented with a world view that is based primarily on Biblical truths or some untenable theory such as biological evolution.

When I crossed the Canada-U.S. border on Saturday and Sunday mornings to attend the talks and workshops at the 2003 MUFON Symposium in Dearborn, Michigan I was asked what the topic of the symposium was. The U.S. border crossing officers seemed very fascinated when I told them it was on Unidentified Flying Objects. One of the officers half-jokingly asked me if there were any aliens in the back of my van before letting me enter the U.S.

It is interesting how the local media which covered the 2003 MUFON Symposium distinguished between the UFO facts and UFO/New Age speculations and beliefs presented by the many different invited speakers.

In my opinion, Linda Mouton Howe's talk 'Field Research in Norway and Brazil' at the 2003 MUFON Symposium was the best researched, informative and most compelling one - even though I came to a very different evaluation about the Brazilian UFO abduction case from the evidence Linda presented in support for this case which she personally investigated.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Westover

From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:19:11 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 00:21:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Westover

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:09:01 -0300
>Subject: Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

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>or extraterrestrials on its test, because those
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>imply the forbidden topic of evolution".

Hello List.

I found Eustaquio's above quote online at FrontPage Magazine's website in an article titled "Textbook Thought Police" By Diane Ravitch which was attributed to the Wall Street Journal (July 1, 2003)

<http://www.cspc.org/articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=8686>

Michigan House Bill 4382 (2001), A bill proposed by Rep. Gosselin (R-Oakland County) sought to amend 1976 PA 451, "The revised school code". The bill directs that all references to "evolution" or "how species change through time" should have additional words added that students should be informed that evolution is an unproven theory and that students should explain the "competing theories" of evolution and "THE THEORY THAT LIFE IS THE RESULT OF THE PURPOSEFUL, INTELLIGENT DESIGN OF A CREATOR."

Some were fearful that "intelligent design" would reflect some people's beliefs that extraterrestrials were responsible for some or all of our evolutionary advances and that those theories would enter into our school systems as discussions in classrooms.

Here is the Bill's information from the official Michigan Legislature website:

<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName01-HB-4382&userid=>

I may be wrong, but I'm not aware of this bill actually coming to a vote. It seems to have been tabled.

Jeff Westover
Swamp Gas Graphics
<http://www.theothersky.org/swampgas>
<http://www.crystaltower.com/jeffw>

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Re: Another UFO Excuse? - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 00:25:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 00:51:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Another UFO Excuse? - Deschamps

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 08:32:26 -0700
>Subject: Another UFO Excuse?

>Tier-3 Derived UAV - Aviation week

>Hello All,

>Found this story interesting, who knows, the birth of another
>UFO excuse?

>http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_awst_story.jsp?id=news/07073news.xml

I believe they already used it as an excuse... in a way..... When first unveiled to the public, they mentioned how it looked like a flying saucer when you looked at it, head-on - but then, there are the wings! <LMAO>

One would have to either be stupid... or drunk... to identify this device as a flying saucer! Saucers have no wings! Duh!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 22:00:38 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:01:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:39:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Punch Biopsy/Involuntary Sampling Ottawa Feb-03

>Just to corroborate the post, above:

>Over the years I have been contacted by four different
>physicians who independently of each other have identified the
>photos of the 'scoop marks' I have had posted at the old
>Intruders Foundation website and now at AIC, as being the result
>of a medical tissue gathering procedure known as a 'Punch
>Biopsy'.

>[See: <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pev1.htm>]

>Three out of the four members of my immediate family unit have a
>scoop mark/punch biopsy scar. None of us have ever had such a
>test performed by any 'earthly' physician. Scoop marks are
>fairly common among those reporting a lifetime of UFO occupant
>abductions.

>Former creator/webmaster of Budd Hopkins'
>Intruders Foundation website

Hello John

Very interesting John and all of this does sure make me wonder. When a doctor can jump into the mix it certainly shines a little more light on these reports. I will be heading over shortly to read the post. I made a doctors appointment today for myself, just to have a prescription refilled. What I did was to print out some of the photos in which people have sent to me and took them along with me. I showed my doctor the pic's and he said some of them did look interesting and he would look them over and once back from his holiday. He will then give me a call and pass along his thoughts. Glad I thought of the idea.

I just received another case, along with photo. Since late Friday night I have now received a total of 47 cases. Most without photos, just peoples stories. Many or most seem to be sticking pretty darn close to one another as to what was found. Some have reported other symptoms as well. Actually one report and photos I am waiting on is from a lady who tells me that her family had found needle marks behind her left ear, and another needle mark hidden in her hair on her neck after he complaining over the area in question. There was some discomfort. Family members are going to take a photo and send it a long.

Now today was a rather interesting day and away from the scoop mark events. I had a telephone call from a fellow who explained to me that when he was in Berlin on a holiday he was taking snap shots of the area. It wasn't until he got home, and a friend looked at the photos, did they see something very strange in one of the pictures. The fellow said it certainly is a craft of some sort, and when blown up one can easily see it. So he is sending me the photo, or copy of and should be here sometime early next week. I will post the results.

Plus I had two more British Columbia sighting reports come in today. Both coming from Victoria on Vancouver Island. One of the object is described as being a long tube structure and metallic in color, also very large in size. I will post the rest on this once I have it written up.

The other sighting report is also very interesting. It was described as being the shape and approx: size of a florescent tube. Like one a person would have in their kitchen. This object sped around very quickly in between two large buildings. It also showed up approx: ten minutes after it's first run by.

So lots happening.

Take care,

Brian

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Concave Scoop Mark

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 22:25:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:03:20 -0400
Subject: Concave Scoop Mark

Hi Gang

Sorry I was going to post the report I was talking about, but forgot to add it to the email. BTW - I am only posting the information I have permission to post.

Take care
Brian
HBCC UFO

Carrboro, NC

Hi Brian,

I am just writing to let you know that you can add my name to the list of persons who have experienced the unusual concave scoop mark upon waking up. The details appear to be the same. I woke up one morning in early March, 2003 with what until today I assumed was a spider bite on the inside of my left arm, half way between the wrist and elbow. It exactly matched the "scoop mark" you posted. In the two reports listed on the site, I have seen no reports of swelling, which in my case occurred to a significant degree. In fact, after two days, my entire inner arm was inflamed from wrist to elbow. The "hole" itself never bled, but it eventually turned a sickly black.

I was out of town and it didn't seem to be an emergency room case (if I had experienced ever I would have gone), so I never had it checked out. Now that I have seen these reports, I sorely regret that decision. It would have been interesting if a doctor had diagnosed it as a punch biopsy. I do have a permanent scar from the event, but I'm not sure much can be gleaned so many months later. If you are aware of any tests or whatnot to differentiate between a bite and a biopsy, my curiosity is certainly piqued.

Hope this helps, for what it's worth!

More Information Below

Hi Brian,

You are more than welcome to post my story wherever you see fit. I attached a picture of the scar, and like I said in my previous email, it is less than dramatic as it's been about four months since the event. But at least you get an idea of its size and location. It measures about 7mm x 3mm, but the actual hole was slightly smaller than that.

Let me know if you come up with any interesting details.

I would very much like to thank this person for taking the time to write and share the story with us all.

(HBCC UFO Research has deleted all personal information for this

person's report above).

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:30:18 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:06:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 15:38:35 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Fri, 4 Jul 2003 18:04:01 -0400
>>>Subject: Leir & 'Implants' [Was: Speaking of 'Non-Disclosure']

>As far as I know, the results of the analysis on any of
>these objects that has been made public shows that they
>are ordinary objects. Why continue to recruit abductees
>to perform invasive surgical procedures if none of the
>recovered objects he already has in hand have not proven
>to be anomalous/justify further surgeries.

To John, and List,

I don't understand how you can reach such a conclusion. You should certainly read, first the book of Dr Leir, and then the many articles which I listed in my text on Dr Leir.

Yes, we don't have a complete view so far, but there is ample information which should, at the very least, keep us carefull on the subject. There is a whole list of very peculiar findings about those implants. I remember that, last year, you admitted that is was "compelling". In the same vein, Stanton Friedman found Leir's presentation at Leeds (GB) "outstanding".

Perhaps Stan would like to comment on this ?

>>I know a competent metallurgist who read Dr Leir's book
>>carefully and found the the metallurgic composition very
>>unusual, for the implant analysed by New Mexico Tech.

>He read Leir's book? Or did he conduct an analysis on the
>object in question himself?

He read the analysis made by the metallurgist at New Mexico Tech and found the metallic composition most unusual.

BTW, the idea that this man would have tried to "please" NIDS with exotic findings, does not stand a short examination. He had not been informed of the origin of the fragment. Leir informed him that it had been surgically removed from a body after receiving a copy of the first analysis. He then became very negative about the idea of an ET origin, in a second letter of opinion. All this is, or should be, well known now.

>>This, alone, would grant further study, it seems to me. The
>>injection of the scientific board at NIDS to stop research
>>immediately sounds very strange to me.

>How so? They tested two of these objects and drew a
>blank both times. (the 'implants' turned out to be prosaic
>objects.) Maybe NIDS didn't have the funds or time to
>conduct an analysis on any of the others. You need to
>pose this question to Colm Kelleher or to John Alexander
>who was head of NIDS at the time.

No, they did not "draw a blank", but the truth is that the
Scientific Board decided to stop all research. Think of that as
you like. To me, it is quite strange.

>>BTW, the results of the first analysis, made at Los Alamos,
>>remain to be published, apparently. If there was nothing in
>>them, why then a second analysis? And without telling the
>>metallurgist what it was about?

>Good question.

>>One more point - quite a few photos and microphotos of implants
>>have been published, in Dr Leir's book and in many articles.

>>I strongly suggest that we just wait a bit for new developments,
>>and refrain from scornful comments in the meantime.

>
>Scornful? How about 'outraged'? I see no need for Dr. Leir to
>cut any more abductees unless he has evidence that one or
>several of the objects that he has already recovered are of
>extraterrestrial origin. So far, there has been no report of any
>such object(s) having been recovered by anyone, anywhere.

>Period.

>Unless/until that happens, I will protest and speak out against
>subjecting anyone else to invasive surgical procedures. This
>isn't Nazi Germany.

I am sorry, John, but sound like a "noisy negativist" now.

Regards,

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

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>>Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Whilst this is a fascinating case, I can assure you that there
>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs.

Hi Nick, list..

The Observer's line about aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs originates in another incident, involving a USAF F-86 Sabre pilot, during the period 1956-57. He was ordered, by an RAF Ground Controlled Intercept station to fire his full salvo of 'mighty mouse' rockets at a UFO tracked over East Anglia.

The full testimony of the pilot, Milton Torres, can be found at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m07-034.shtml>

As far as I'm aware there is no official confirmation of this incident from the British or American records.

But I'm sure the list would be interested to learn that "there was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs."

That would suggest you have had access to material on this, or related incidents from the '50s that, we are assured, were destroyed in 1961. Paul Harris of the Observer was told these were lost "in a fire".

Did you ever see any files or records related to the Lakenheath incident during your incumbency at Sec(AS)2?

>I was contacted by BBC Radio 5 Live after this story ran (I >didn't see it in my copy of The Observer, and believe it only >ran on the paper's website). I did a brief down the line >interview with them, to set the record straight.

Full credit for the location of the additional USAF documents on the Lakenheath and Bornholm radar incidents should go to Jan Aldrich, who continues to work hard unearthing material from long lost archives.

Jan and I have lodged FOIA requests for the outstanding documents relating to the incidents, held by the National Archives.

All the original documents related to this case can be found at:

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

The site contains more than 270 text and image files, including,

in addition to the original USAF intelligence reports and other Blue Book documents:

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

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

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

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

14 pages of detailed radar and avionics specifications;

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

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

Much credit is due to Martin Shough who has put many hours into collecting and assembling this material.

All the best,

Dave Clarke

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Victor Kean - 1931-2003

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Subject: Victor Kean - 1931-2003

I regret to announce the sudden death of famed 'Flying Triangle' researcher, Victor Kean. News of Victor's death came after his friend and close working colleague, Omar Fowler, head of the Derbyshire-based Phenomenon Research Association, spoke with his wife yesterday (Monday, 7 July). The couple were on holiday in Sweden when Victor, aged 72, died the previous day (Sunday, 6 July). The cause of death has yet be ascertained and an autopsy will be performed tomorrow (Wednesday, 8 July).

According to Omar Fowler, Victor had been unwell of late, but news of his death still came as a "great shock".

From his Berlin, Germany home, Victor Kean had assembled what is arguably the world's largest data base on so-called 'Flying Triangle' reports, and was a household name among UFO enthusiasts and researchers worldwide.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife and family and all who knew him.

Graham W. Birdsall (Editor)
UFO Magazine [UK]

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'UFO Program' At Laurentian University?

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Subject: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University?

Hi -

A caller to an overnight talk show made a quick reference to a "UFO programme" (which might simply be one course) at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. Anyone know if that reference is true?

How common are such courses, if it is a single course? Is there a list of universities with such courses posted?

Eleanor White

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Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:27:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 09:42:23 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: Daniel Corbett <dannycorbett@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 13:25:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Corbett

>To Lan and/or other knowledgable people,

>I am trying to get my reference points.

>Some reports seem to state that the STS 'belly' was in the
>direction of motion.

My knowledge of the coordinate systems used for the shuttle is pretty limited, but these are the numbers Oberg gave as the shuttle's attitude back in 1999:

"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."

These angles are apparently relative to the orbital motion of the spacecraft. If the pitch, roll, and yaw were all zero, the shuttle's orientation would presumably be that of a conventional aircraft, with nose in the direction of flight and wings parallel to the Earth's surface.

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Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <FadedDiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 07:31:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 09:43:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Connors

>From: Graham W. Birdsell - UFO Magazine [UK] <gwb@ufomag.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 12:36:40 +0100
>Subject: Victor Kean 1931-2003

How sad. Victor and I communicated over the years and I will certainly miss him. His work and efforts in the field of Ufology will definitely be a great legacy for a very wonderful man. My deepest and sincerest condolences to Victor's family and friends.

Wendy Connors

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What Is Real In Ufology?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 10:05:18 -0400

Subject: What Is Real In Ufology?

Dear friends

I=B4m writing an article for the Brazilian UFO magazine the title "What Is Real In Ufology?". I'd like to hear your opinion. I put this question to Brazilian discussion lists and I received a lot of different viewpoints.

Can you help me?

Regards

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Sci Fi Begins Production On Kecksburg Special

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Source: Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune-review/entertainment/s_143596.html

Sci Fi Begins Production On Kecksburg Special

By Ann Saul Dudurich
Tribune-Review
Tuesday, July 8, 2003

The Sci Fi Channel has begun production of a two-hour documentary exploring the baffling 37-year-old Kecksburg UFO case. According to Larry Landsman, director of the cable channel's special projects, the prime-time special will air in October.

"The Kecksburg incident is an extremely compelling case," he said. "We have new eyewitnesses who have come forward ... firsthand witnesses whose recollection of that evening is sharp. It's making for quite an incredible documentary. Startling. It will open some eyes."

Filming has taken place "several times" in the last few months, said Landsman, adding he expects Sci Fi crews to be back in the area "within a few weeks" to film a town hall meeting.

"We want to bring together the various participants of this event for the first time. Get the believers and the nonbelievers in the same room at the same time," he said. "We're still working out logistics and details, but this will be a crucial element of the documentary. It could end up to be quite explosive."

Last November, the cable channel challenged government secrecy, calling for declassification of records concerning unidentified aerial phenomena. To that end, the cable channel backed a Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, initiative aimed at cases involving the retrieval of objects of unknown origin.

The Kecksburg documentary will be a "comprehensive look at an ongoing investigation in Washington," said Landsman, including work done by California-based investigative reporter Leslie Kean, and longtime Greensburg investigator, Stan Gordon.

"I am a consultant, along with Stan, on the documentary," Kean said. "I've met and interviewed a lot of the witnesses, and acted as sort of a liaison between these people and Sci Fi."

In addition, the program will reveal evidence gathered during a forensic analysis of the crash site.

"We're committed to exploring the blurry lines between science fact and science fiction," Landsman said. "We've brought in geo-archaeologists from the West Virginia University, plus environmental scientists to examine the area witnesses claim a craft of unknown origin landed."

Any hints as to what scientists discovered?

"Absolutely none," Landsman said with a laugh. "It will be revealed in the documentary. I will say this, though. It was startling to see what they found."

Ann Saul Dudurich can be reached at adudurich@tribweb.com or (724) 837-4378.

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UFO Sighted In Southern Taiwan

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Subject: UFO Sighted In Southern Taiwan

Source: Central News Agency - Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

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UFO Sighted In Southern Taiwan

07-07-03

Taipei, July 7 (CNA) A white, oval unidentified flying object described as being the size of a basketball was sighted and videotaped by a Chiayi woman in southern Taiwan Sunday, and a "UFO specialist" did not rule out the idea that it could have been an object from outer space.

The woman, surnamed Wang, reported that her child was playing in the yard of her home Sunday evening when she saw the object moving in a bamboo copse in front of the house. Alerted by the child's shout, Wang saw the object moving noiselessly and immediately videotaped the scene.

The woman reported that the object was tinged with green around the edges. It moved up and down, right and left for nearly 20 minutes before flying rapidly southwards and out of sight.

The woman said that there were no local activities going on at the time, so that she was convinced that the phenomenon could not have been the result of firecrackers or light projection. She asked Lu Ying-chung, a professor at Nanhua University and the founder of the Taiwan UFO Association for an explanation.

Lu examined the videotape and refused to rule out the possibility that the object could have come from outer space, saying that no flying vehicle on earth could move so quietly and in such a fashion.

It was the third reported UFO sighting over the past week in Taiwan, Lu said, claiming that the tape "could not be a hoax."

(By Lilian Wu)

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Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Hale

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 10:52:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Hale

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>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 07:31:56 -0600
>Subject: Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003

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>certainly miss him. His work and efforts in the field of Ufology
>will definitely be a great legacy for a very wonderful man. My
>deepest and sincerest condolences to Victor's family and
>friends.

Hi All,

Victor and I did have some discussions on the FT over some time,
I also placed a page on my site for his Flying Triangle group.

My sincere condolences to his family, on this very sad news.

Will the FT database and group continue, as I would not want the
hard work and research of this man to disappear?

Regards,

Roy

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SUDDEN OUTBREAK OF CROP CIRCLES WORLDWIDE

There was a sudden outbreak of crop circles all around the world during the second half of June 2003.

In Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (population 26,186), located 175 miles (280 kilometers) north of New York City, on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, a witness named Joe "was awakened around 2 a.m. by 'a humming sound' relatively short in duration but having a definite 'harmonic' quality about it. He explained that there were three different 'tones' to the hum."

A few hours later, "Joe went out to take the dog for a walk. On the way, the dog refused to go into the field. Joe then noticed that the waist-high grass was laid down in five different areas. The areas that were laid down were in a perfect east-to-west alignment. Starting on the west edge of the field, the first four 'swirls' were relatively small, a good meter or two in length. The fifth formation (the easternmost--R.C.) was the largest, approximately 100 feet in length and 80 feet wide. (30 meters long and 24 meters wide--J.T.)"

In UK, "a mysterious crop circle has appeared close to one of prehistoric Britain's most important Neolithic sites," near Ripon in Yorkshire.

"The intricately drawn formation, like a chrysanthemum bloom, has appeared in the shadow of three banked and ditched circular enclosures, or henges, at Thornborough, near Masham, which date back 6,000 years. They are part of a concentration of (mysterious prehistoric) monuments stretching southwest roughly parallel with the River Ure."

In Switzerland, a crop circle appeared on Friday, June 20, 2003, just outside the village of Busswil, near Bern. The site was photographed and investigated by Swiss cerealogists Theresa and Bernhard Kuenzler.

In Belgium, according to journalist Jan Bex and cerealogist Robert Boerman, "people living in their neighborhood" along the Borgwormsesteenweg between the towns of Brustem and Mielen-Boven-Aalst "heard a disturbing humming sound that they couldn't place" on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Bex reported, "I can personally confirm that the night before the crop circle was noticed there were heavy meteorological disturbances: thunder and lightning and a storm. The crop circle is located on the

road from Brustem to Mielen-Boven-Aalst."

In Canada, Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network reported, "Two more 'randomly downed area' formations were found at Georgetown (population 17,600) and Schomberg in Ontario (province)," located about 15 miles (25 kilometers) west of Toronto, "near the locations of the 'pictogram' formation at Georgetown and the 'snow circle' at East Caledon in 2002."

"The formation in Georgetown is in oil-seed rape" and "includes a long pathway approximately 0.9 meters (3 feet) wide by 30 meters (100 feet) long."

"The formation at Schomberg in barley covers an area approximately 90 meters (300 feet) by 45 meters (150 feet) overall, with various roughly-shaped 'squares,' 'rectangles,' 'grapeshot patches' and others with abrupt ends of overlapping and directional lays of crop."

Finally, the most recent crop circle appeared in a wheat field near Suisun City, California (population 26,118), located about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco, on Friday night, June 27, 2003.

"The farmer stood alone at the edge of his 80-acre wheat field" in Rockville, Cal., just outside of Suisun City, "on Saturday (June 28, 2003) and in the early morning quiet, he stared across a sea of stalks and saw something strange."

"Larry Balestra walked into the field and waded through the waist-high grass and, with every step, it slowly came into view."

"After about 100 feet (30 meters) he stepped inside a massive circle stamped into his field, the (wheat) stalks pushed down--flat. It measured about 140 feet (42 meters) in diameter."

"'What the heck!?' he said and grabbed his cell phone to call his wife. When she answered, he said, 'You won't believe what I'm looking at.'"

"Then he turned his head."

"Across Balestra's wheat field on Suisun Valley and Rockville Roads, he saw more than a large circle had been created by flattened wheat. The series of various-sized shapes formed a symmetrical distant ring and stretched larger than a football field."

"Balestra has farmed the area since 1986 and has never seen crop circles in his field before and has never heard of any other farmer in the area having this problem before, he said."

"'The harvester can't pick them up,' he said, holding a broken stalk, 'This is weird.'"

"Balestra said he believes someone must've vandalized his crops on Friday night (June 27, 2003). However, farm workers who live in a house by the field told him nothing was heard or seen."

"'I guess some people have too much time on their hands,' he said, shaking his head." (A lot of sources contributed to this one, so here they are. Saratoga Springs, N.Y.--Thanks to Ray Cecot of IRAAP. Thornborough, Yorks. --See Yorkshire Today for June 25, 2003, "Crop circle baffles 'friends' of henges," thanks to Robert Fischer. Busswil, Switzerland--thanks to Theresa and Bernhard Kuenzler. Brustem, Belgium--Thanks to Kris Oosterlinck. Georgetown, Ontario--Thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN. Rockville, Cal.--See the Fairfield, Cal. Daily Republic for July 2, 2003, "Mystery in wheat field," thanks to Robert Fischer for the newspaper article.)

STRANGE CAT MUTILATIONS REPORTED IN COLORADO AND UTAH

"Bugsy was a tough cat who could stare down a fox and run like a rabbit. But one night the tabby met up with something darker and more menacing than a fox, something he couldn't outrun."

"The next morning, Christy Hughes" of Aurora, Colorado (population 276,393) "found her bruising 12-pound cat on the lawn. 'I can't get the visual (image) out of my mind,' a shaken Hughes recalled, looking at the spot where Bugsy died 12 weeks ago. 'It's sick.'"

"The cat had been dissected with near surgical precision. No one heard or saw anything. Bugsy was

Number 23. Authorities in Colorado and Utah are desperately trying to catch the person or people behind the killing and mutilating of 45 cats in the Denver (Colorado) area and 10 in Salt Lake City (Utah)."

"Police have not ruled out that the attacks are part of an adolescent prank or initiation rite or even the work of predatory animals. The most alarming possibility, though, is that they could be a precursor to attacks on humans,"

"Cat corpses are turning up almost every day. Baffled law enforcement and animal welfare groups have formed a 10-agency task force to investigate the crimes and a reward of \$12,000 is being offered for the capture and conviction of the killers."

"In Salt Lake City, the attacks have occurred in upscale Avenues neighborhood, and five were on the same street. 'It seems odd that no one has seen anything,' said Detective Kevin James, an investigator with the Salt Lake City Police Department. 'It could be an animal; it could be a person. We are not ruling anything out right now.'"

"The Denver suburb of Aurora, with a population of about 300,000, has been the epicenter of the cat killings with 24 since last July (2002). The city's police chief, Ricky Bennett, told reporters yesterday (July 2, 2003) that the evidence, which he did not detail, shows humans, not animals, were responsible for the many deaths. He also said future killings will be treated as crime scenes and fully investigated."

"'I'm going to be tightlipped in the future,' he said, 'We don't want suspects to know what we know. And we don't want copycat situations. This has become a quality of life issue.'"

"A psychologist is working with the task force to help determine the kind of person likely to commit such a crime."

"Temma Martin, spokesperson for the Salt Lake City Animal Service Department, said the killings seemed too neat to have been done by an animal, but did appear to be ritualistic."

"If captured, police say the perpetrators face misdemeanor charges carrying up to 18 months in prison on each count. A District Attorney could elevate those charges to felonies, they said."

"In Christy Hughes' upscale neighborhood, her daughters have posted signs warning residents to keep their cats indoors. Police said that despite the killings and warnings, people are still letting their cats out at night."

"Hughes is frustrated by the lack of witnesses. 'Someone has to have seen these people,' she said, 'They aren't ghosts. They are out there, and the next time it may not be a cat.'" (See the Providence, R.I. Journal for July 3, 2003, "Mysterious cat killings plague Colorado, Utah cities." Many thanks to Mary Lou Jones-Drown for this newspaper article.)

LUMINOUS DISC SIGHTED IN NEW ZEALAND

On Saturday, June 28, 2003, at 4:57 p.m., John Snow "was outside walking to my car" at his home in Otaki, North Island, New Zealand "when my wife came running over to me, very excited, and asked me to look between the trees and house to see what she had seen from the kitchen window."

According to Mrs. Snow, "a bright disc-shaped object, very white" was "hovering above the rooftops of the houses about 500 meters (0.3 miles) away from my home."

"She said that it stayed in that position for about four minutes, not moving at all. She said it was not an aircraft, and there was no other light except for one white-light beam coming from the round white light. By the time she got out to me, and I looked in that direction, there was nothing to be seen. My wife was very shaken up about the sighting."

Otaki is located 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Wellington on the North Island. (Email Form Report)

MYSTERIOUS "LIGHT PULSES"
SEEN IN ARGENTINA

"Three unidentified flying objects of great size and brilliance were seen on (Tuesday) June 24 (2003) in the location of Cachi, 157 kilometers (94 miles) southeast of Salta," in northern Argentina "and at an elevation of 2,210 meters (7,293 feet) above sea level."

"The strange bodies were videotaped by Antonio Zuleta, an indefatigable researcher of these mysteries, which are exceptionally recurrent in this part of the (Salta) province, after receiving a warning from a teacher who phoned him to give him the details of the peculiar celestial airshow."

"The time was 7:30 p.m. when I saw it," said art instructor Maria del Valle Plaza, who teaches at the Payogasta School and the Victorino de la Plaza School" in Cachi.

"Married and a mother of three, she said that the sighting was 'incredible... fantastic. That's why I immediately got in touch with Sr. Zuleta so that he could videotape them. The UFOs appeared behind the western hills. The first one to emerge was enormous in size.'"

"It gave off lights of different colors and moved slowly, without making a sound. I was coming back from doing my job, all alone along Route 33 between Payogasta and Cachi, from which I was no more than 3 kilometers (2 miles) distant. I pulled my car over, took out my cell phone and called Zuleta, who came to my observation point and brought his equipment along," said Sra. del Valle."

"I never thought I'd witness anything like it, despite having been down here," she added, "After receiving higher education, I came back here after many years of absence, and to have the privilege of seeing these fantastic and mysterious lights of which I'd heard so many stories since childhood. After the first UFO appeared, it was followed by another two, which also crossed the skies. They suddenly remained still. The light was intense and shifting, but it didn't hurt my eyes. They are there as if within hands' reach. Motionless, as though they were looking at us from their interior. I was spellbound and amazed. At no time did I feel any fear. I only wanted to strain my eyes to see the core of each object, which suddenly, propelled by a strange and powerful force, moved at breathtaking speed over the (eastern) horizon."

Thirteen hours earlier, at 6:10 a.m., eyewitness V.E. said that "south of Buenos Aires," the national capital, he "had seen a pulse of blue light flashing in front of two very large objects, like aircraft of great size, possibly that of a Boeing 747."

Later in the day, at 6:40 p.m., "what may have been a bolide of a white spherical type crossed the sky over Buenos Aires and was seen by dozens of people. It was last seen heading east towards Uruguay."

At 7:10 p.m., two witnesses in La Boca, the waterfront district of Buenos Aires "saw a very powerful 'pulse of light' that generated sporadically in the skies over (the) barrio Villa de Voto (neighborhood). Ufologist Silvia Simondini said she witnessed the same phenomenon at 7:10 p.m. from a suburb south of the city" of Buenos Aires. (See the Argentinian newspaper El Tribuno for July 2, 2003, "Teacher tells impressive story of the exceptional event." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Gloria Coluchi y Ricardo E. D'Angelo para eso articulo de diario.)

WEIRD WHITE GOOP FALLS
ON INDIANAPOLIS SUBURB

"The Indianapolis Airport Authority on Monday (June 30, 2003) tested a white substance found on a Hendricks County (Indiana) ranch house to determine if it fell from an aircraft."

"Darryl Roach found a strip of white drops about 8:30 p.m. Sunday," June 29, 2003, "on the roof and deck of his home in the Huntwick subdivision."

"The neighborhood is west of the Marion/Hendricks county line and south of County Road 100 East" just outside Indianapolis.

"He also complained of a foul odor so bad that he left his home for a hotel room Sunday night."

"Indianapolis International Airport spokesman Dennis Rosebrough couldn't say whether the substance dropped from an airplane. While such incidents occur occasionally, aviation officials say they are rare."

"'It's certainly not anything we hear about very often,' he said."

"Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said materials reported hitting houses are seldom proved to have come from an airplane."

"'Certainly when something appears on your house, they believe it is from an aircraft,' she said."

"Often it comes from a neighboring business or the substance has blown onto the house."

"Rarely, Cory said, the falling material is 'blue ice,' a term used to describe human waste mixed with blue chemicals after it's flushed from an airplane lavatory. The waste would have kept its bluish color after impact, which probably would rule out the material on Roach's house as being waste, she said."

"The FAA will look into Roach's complaint, she said."

"Roach called the Washington Township-Avon (Indiana) Fire Department on Monday, June 30, 2003, "after getting little response Sunday from the airport authority. Firefighters and emergency management personnel examined the drops and suggested Roach not touch the substance."

"'When it scared them, it scared us,' Roach said."

"He's certain that the splatters aren't the work of a flock of birds."

"'Absolutely not,' he said, 'Birds ain't gonna do that.'"

"Paul Cunningham, president of the subdivision's resident association, said an airport runway is about four miles (7 kilometers) from the house. He didn't believe the (white) liquid dropped from an aircraft high in the air will land only on one house in such a small area."

"'I'm doubtful that's from an aircraft,' Cunningham said."

"Regardless of whether the white substance came from a plane, there's a mess on Roach's house. Deck chairs, an umbrella, a window and his roof are stained, and he's worried that the white drops might burn his (lawn) grass."

"'You're not going to scrub that off a roof,' Roach said, 'That roof is stained.'" (See the Indianapolis Star for July 1, 2003, "Mystery substance on house undergoes tests." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this newspaper article.)

SUNK BY A USO?

"The unmanned submarine holding the world's deep-dive record disappeared off the Japanese coast" on Thursday, May 29, 2003 "and has not been heard from since."

"The 10-foot-long (3-meter-long) submarine was conducting earthquake research on May 29 when researchers discovered it had snapped its tether."

"Kaiko, the world's only deep-sea probe capable of reaching the ocean's deepest points, is responsible for several key discoveries, including 180 different microorganisms and a similar number of (previously) unknown bacteria researchers hope will yield medical breakthroughs."

"In 1995, the vessel shattered the deep-sea diving record by penetrating Challenger Deep, the ocean's deepest point at 6.8 miles (10,900 meters). The Japan Marine Science and Technology Center, Kaiko's owner, will decide Thursday whether to continue searching for the submarine." (See USA Today for July 2, 2003, "Deep-sea sub missing off Japan," page 8D.)

(Editor's Comment: Something broke that steel cable. It could have been metal fatigue. Or it could have been a very large unknown sea creature--like the one that washed ashore in Chile. Or maybe an unidentified submarine object--USO.)

From the UFO Files...

1437: MYSTERIOUS CRIMEA

Mysterious prehistoric tunnels are not only found in central Asia and in South America. They are also well-known in the peninsula called the Crimea, on the Black Sea.

Crimean ufologist Anton A. Anfalov writes, "During World War II, a group of local boys traveled through the ancient tunnels connecting Simferopol with other parts of the Crimea."

"These tunnels are very old, with walls like polished glass. Obviously, they were formed by extremely high temperatures when soil turns into a glassy-like substance. They definitely not were constructed by human hands, nor by any technology as we know it. The tunnels most likely were constructed during the time of ancient civilizations, perhaps by Atlantis. Some were possibly made by aliens, or were taken over by aliens much later."

The Crimea itself is a very ancient land. It was inhabited during the Stone Age, "and, at the beginning of the First Millenium B.C., here roamed savage tribes of the Taurians, hence the Crimea's old name Taurida. In the Seventh Century B.C., the Scythians came, and on the site of present-day Simferopol stood their capital, Neapolis (Greek for New City--J.T.)"

In 1946, "while they were working on the town, (Soviet) archaeologists found the remains of a coffin thought to have belonged to a queen. To the west of the main gates there was also a stone mausoleum that had never been robbed and held 1,300 golden objects, plus other treasures."

Strangely enough, the ruins of ancient Neapolis are located in the southeastern quarter of Simferopol, which is the location of one of the ancient tunnels.

The World War II refugees "entered the tunnel at the so-called Vernhya Cave west of Simferopol, on Geroyev Stalingrada Street, near the suburb of Dubki."

"One tunnel from the Vernhya Cave goes to the vicinity of Bakhchisarai," 40 kilometers (25 miles) away, "and then to the northeastern quarter of Sevastopol, to a cave near the town of Inkerman."

(Editor's Note: Inkerman was the site of a battle of the Crimean War: 1854-1856.)

"The other underground branch (tunnel) separates from this and goes south, ending somewhere near the southern coast of the Crimea, near the town of Alushta, most likely in one of the caves near the Chatyr Dag (Tatar for Tent Mountain--J.T.), near the famous Ayanskaya Cave."

The tunnel under Bakhchisarai played an important part in the saga of "Crimea's Joan of Arc," the Tatar Princess Dzhanike-Hanym. She was the beautiful daughter of Taktamish Khan, the peninsula's ruler. The Crimea had been invaded by Tamerlane and the Golden Horde in 1392, and Taktamish Khan, eager to secure a treaty, offered his daughter in marriage to one of Tamerlane's junior officers.

What the khan didn't know was that Dzhanike-Hanym was routinely sneaking out of the seraglio, shedding her veil and harem pants in favor of a Kazakh mercenary's leather and armor, mounting a fast horse and riding off to the cave for periodic trysts with her Mongol lover. Much to the distress of Bakhchisarai's imam (Peace be upon him--J.T.), who found her behavior quite out of step with al-Quran.

The affair became public knowledge, although Taktamish Khan was probably the last to find out. He locked up Dzhanike-Hanym in the old fortress of Chufut-Kaleh. The Mongol prince gallantly rode to her rescue. "When the happy prince returned to join Dzhanike-Hanym, the (Tatar) officer in charge refused her request to hand over command of the fortress to her lover, and the garrison was divided in its loyalty. Fighting broke out and the prince was wounded." Siezing a yataghan (Turkish sword--J.T.), Dzhanike-Hanym "rushed to his aid; they were both stabbed there in the confusion and died there together in each other's arms. The fighting ceased immediately."

The large Moorish mausoleum in Chufut-Kaleh was built by Taktamish Khan as a memorial to his slain daughter.

The tunnels under Simferopol played a role of their own in Crimean history, as well. In 1768, Tsaritza Catherine II declared war on the Turks' Ottoman Empire, and, in 1771, the Russian Army fought its way into the

Crimea and captured Ak-Mechet (Turkish for White Mosque--J.T.), now the "Old City" of Simferopol.

According to Anton A. Anfalov, "Tatar partisans (guerrillas) fighting the Russians in the 1780s used the ancient tunnels, to appear and disappear from the Tsaritz'a's army."

Curiously, the Russian general who defeated the last Tatar ruler, Ghiri Khan, in 1783 was none other than Prince Felix Dolgorukii, the maternal great-grandfather of Elena Petrovna von Hahn Blavatsky (better known as Madame Blavatsky--J.T.) The prince was the owner of a vast occult library, including manuscripts he picked up in the Crimea, which, unfortunately, is now lost to history.

But, as Anton points out, the tunnels of the Crimea have their secrets, and "some of them are exceedingly strange." (See Crimea Underground by Anton A. Anfalov, Simferopol, Krym Autonomous Region, Ukraine, 2003. Also The Complete Guide to the Soviet Union by Victor and Jennifer Louis, St. Martin's Press, New York, N.Y., 1991, pages 50 to 53 and 474 to 479.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 16:02:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials? - Stanford

>From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:19:11 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:09:01 -0300
>>Subject: Michigan & Extraterrestrials?

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>CREATOR."

<snip>

>Here is the Bill's information from the official Michigan
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>to a vote. It seems to have been tabled.

Good riddance of Christian fundamentalist rubbish. When law
legislates (demands) the presentation of religion and creation
myths in public schools, the U.S. constitution might as well be
thrown into the trash!

If that were allowed to happen, any mention of UFOs might,
indeed, soon be forbidden in public schools, judging from the
encounters I've had with fundamentalist Christians. They may
believe as they like, but force it on my grandchild (or other
people's children)? No way!

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: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:48:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 16:04:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:56:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 14:32:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>use exotic materials that cannot be found on Earth.

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>cutting into people who have already become victimized, unless
>they really feel the need to get the darn thing out. Of course,
>that's a decision to be reached between the Doctor and his
>patient.

>I'm sure this line of research will continue, and it will be
>interesting to find out if some of the other samples that have
>already been collected will yield better results. Of course,
>testing is expensive and it appears that NIDS has chosen to
>utilize it's resources elsewhere.

Hello Steve,

Excellent response, eloquent and I will allow it to stand as my
own as well.

That's a long way of saying 'ditto.' ;)

Regards,

John Velez

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 16:06:25 -0400
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
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>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:30:18 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>>As far as I know, the results of the analysis on any of
>>these objects that has been made public shows that they
>>are ordinary objects. Why continue to recruit abductees
>>to perform invasive surgical procedures if none of the
>>recovered objects he already has in hand have not proven
>>to be anomalous/justify further surgeries.

Hello Gildas,

You wrote:

>To John, and List,
>
>I don't understand how you can reach such a conclusion. You
>should certainly read, first the book of Dr Leir, and then the
>many articles which I listed in my text on Dr Leir.

(If) there is anything anomalous or unusual about any of the
alleged implants that Leir recovered, why hasn't he published in
any peer review journals? He's a podiatrist/doctor, why hasn't
he submitted a report or a white paper to JAMA for instance?
(Journal of the American Medical Association)

Why hasn't anything appeared in the headlines of the New York or
L.A. Times? One would think that a discovery of this magnitude
would make headlines worldwide. But no, we have to read Leir's
'book' if we wish to learn anything. That certainly does take
him off the hook in terms of having his work published in trade
papers/magazines and peer reviewed doesn't it?

I'm sorry but it just isn't good enough. If he has anything, let
him put it out there to be checked out by other scientists,
metallurgists, whoever.

Anybody can say anything in a book - freedom of speech and all
that. We need to hear what others, who have no personal stake in
the outcome have to say. Comprendre?

Gildas wrote:

>>>I strongly suggest that we just wait a bit for new developments,
>>>and refrain from scornful comments in the meantime.

I responded:

>>Scornful? How about 'outraged'? I see no need for Dr. Leir to
>>cut any more abductees unless he has evidence that one or

>>several of the objects that he has already recovered are of
>>extraterrestrial origin. So far, there has been no report of any
>>such object(s) having been recovered by anyone, anywhere.

>>Period.

>>Unless/until that happens, I will protest and speak out against
>>subjecting anyone else to invasive surgical procedures. This
>>isn't Nazi Germany.

To which Gildas says:

>I am sorry, John, but sound like a "noisy negativist" now.

<LOL> Talk about a communication disconnect! Please tell me how
on earth my expression of concern that other abductees not be
subjected to invasive surgical procedures - until we have more
convincing justification to cut additional people - can be
interpreted as "noisy negativism?" <Bong>

John Velez ;)

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 16:08:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

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>use exotic materials that cannot be found on Earth.

What I glean from the various positions, being expressed, is that there appears to be a 'preconception' about the makeup of the implants. Since we don't (as we have said) have an initial set of parameters, going in; then, truly, the sky is the limit. Meaning, how can we prescribe any sort of criteria for something we know nothing about, with reference to the means of operation and source of presumed control? That should be extended to the presence of (or lack of) isotopes; since, after all, these usually represent less stable states, in our own environment, in many cases - of which, coincidentally, persists as the environment of presumed operation.

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>cutting into people who have already become victimized, unless
>they really feel the need to get the darn thing out. Of course,
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>patient.

I hope it was clear by my closing statements that I was not disagreeing with John. John's concerns are 'right on target,' because they have raised one of those nagging issues that are often seen to arise in connection to biological sciences, and that is: the question of Ethics..... At what point does science acquiesce to ethics? Especially, at the point of groping in the dark. And without casting stones or throwing darts, Who was it that breached the unspoken (and quite broadly perceived) ethics, representing the privacies and trust of around 140 abductees, whose case files were both sold and bought like a pig at the market? And if there was such motivation to do so, then what is the end goal that has provided such motivation?

>Of course,
>testing is expensive and it appears that NIDS has chosen to
>utilize it's resources elsewhere.
>Steve

I would only be guessing what you mean by "utilizing it's resources elsewhere." I hope you will elaborate

I have enjoyed your insights.

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

Alien Conspiracy: Unraveling the UFO/Alien Mystery
http://www.geocities.com/chrisb_evans/vs-implant.html

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>Hello List.

>I found Eustaquio's above quote online at FrontPage Magazine's
>website in an article titled "Textbook Thought Police" By Diane
>Ravitch which was attributed to the Wall Street Journal (July 1,
>2003)

><http://www.cspc.org/articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=8686>

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>Some were fearful that "intelligent design" would reflect some
>people's beliefs that extraterrestrials were responsible for
>some or all of our evolutionary advances and that those theories
>would enter into our school systems as discussions in
>classrooms.

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A clarification...

In other words, the State of Michigan, from my understanding, is not required to teach "intelligent design" (creationism) theories along side of evolutionary theories currently taught, thus preserving the current separation of church and state in Michigan school systems. I don't believe, however, that speech

and discourse concerning extraterrestrials and flying saucers, as the Ravitch Wall Street Journal article suggests, is banned from Michigan schools. One can speak of such topics in a historical and social context without diving into the deep waters of the Darwinian-Creationism debate.

Don't worry, invoking the words "extraterrestrial" or "flying saucer" in a Michigan school won't summon the thought police.

Jeff

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Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 16:19:52 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? - Groff

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:14:37 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 09:41:00 -0400
>Subject: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University?

>Hi -

>A caller to an overnight talk show made a quick reference to a
>"UFO programme" (which might simply be one course) at Laurentian
>University in Sudbury, Ontario. Anyone know if that reference
>is true?

>How common are such courses, if it is a single course? Is there
>a list of universities with such courses posted?

>Eleanor White

The only reference to UFO's at Laurentian University that I've found are references to papers about the "Tectonic Strain Theory as an explanation for UFO Phenomena". This theory states that "most UFO phenomena (not due to frank mis-observation) are natural events, generated by stresses and strains within the earth's crust".

<http://laurentian.ca/neurosci/TECTONIC.HTM>

Terry Groff

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

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Subject: Search for Life Out There Gains Respect

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Search for Life Out There Gains Respect, Bit by Bit
By Dennis Overbye

Years after Congress ordered NASA to pull the plug on a survey looking for alien radio signals from the stars, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, as it is known to aficionados, seems to have gradually achieved a modicum of respect in the halls of Washington.

The most recent indication appeared at the end of last month, when NASA named 12 groups that had won five-year grants to participate as "lead teams" in its Astrobiology Institute, which investigates the origin and future of life in the universe.

On the list was the SETI Institute, an organization in Mountain View, Calif., that has carried on the abandoned survey.

The group proposed a variety of basic research on the way planetary environments affect life or are affected by it. One project is aimed at determining whether certain kinds of stars are promising abodes for life and thus good targets for a planned expansion of the institute's search for intelligent radio signals.

That would make the grant the first money in a decade that NASA has allocated for work related to radio searches, the astronomers at the institute said.

For most of the last decade, "SETI was a four-letter word in NASA," said Dr. Frank Drake, a radio astronomer and former chairman of the SETI Institute. "It was not uttered in speeches, or in documents."

NASA said nothing had changed. The agency does not as a rule finance ground-based astronomy and, thus, has no SETI (pronounced SEH-tee) program. But SETI research can be supported as long as it meets the strictures of good science and emerges from a competitive peer-reviewed process, explained Dr. Edward J. Weiler, associate administrator of the NASA Office of Space Science.

Dr. Michael Meyer, a biologist who heads the Astrobiology Institute, described the proposed study as "pure astronomy," aimed at looking for potential habitable planets, research that fits with the institute's mission. NASA, he added, is eager to use the results to find targets for its planned Terrestrial Planet Finder satellite.

Astronomers around SETI and elsewhere said NASA and Congress had recently shown warming attitudes toward the politically embattled subject of intelligent life Out There. Dr. Martin

Rees, a cosmologist at the University of Cambridge in England, used an e-mail message to attribute the change partly to growing scientific interest in extraterrestrial biology and the origins of life, as well as, perhaps, "the growing visibility and manifest professionalism of the SETI Institute."

The issue is so important, Dr. Rees said, that "even though the chances of success are exceedingly low, it's worth a moderate effort."

Dr. Michael Turner, an astrophysicist at the University of Chicago, used a football analogy to describe the odds, saying, "SETI is definitely throwing deep, and oh what a touchdown it would be!"

Astronomers who testified two years ago to a House subcommittee on space and aeronautics reported that members seemed to support SETI. According to the journal Nature, Representative Lamar Smith, the Texas Republican who called the hearing, said the discovery of life elsewhere in the universe would be "one of the most astounding discoveries in human history."

"Funding should match public interest," Mr. Smith said, "and I don't believe it does."

In recent years, the reports from the National Academy of Sciences have endorsed the idea of SETI, and the institute itself, once advised to change its name, has become a respected "brand" in astrobiology, said Dr. Drake, as evidenced by the recent announcement. "All of this is indeed a major sea change," he said.

It was Dr. Drake who in 1960 first pointed a radio telescope at two stars, hoping to hear the cosmic equivalent of "hi there." He did not hear anything, but he earned a curious sort of scientific immortality for his frustration.

No amount of cosmic silence has been able to discourage astronomers who theorize that radio signals can bridge the unbridgeable gulfs between stars much more cheaply than spacecraft, allowing distant species to communicate by a sort of cosmic ham radio. The Milky Way has 200 billion stars, the astronomers point out, and billions of frequencies available for signaling, if "they" exist.

SETI had been in eclipse at NASA since September 1993, when Congress, fearing a backlash if it spent tax dollars on "little green men," amended the NASA appropriation to kill a 10-year search program that had begun a year before.

Part of the project, a survey of 1,000 nearby Sun-like stars, was to have been managed by NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., and carried out by the SETI Institute, formed in 1984 as a conduit for scientists to obtain grants and conduct astrobiology research. When NASA pulled out, the astronomers at the SETI Institute decided to take the search private.

In 1995, with grants from Silicon Valley titans like David Packard, William Hewlett and Dr. Barney Oliver of Hewlett-Packard; Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel; and Paul G. Allen, co-founder of Microsoft; as well as Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction author and inventor of the communications satellite, the search was reborn as Project Phoenix.

The astronomers expect to finish surveying the original list in the fall, but they are already laying plans for an expanded survey of up to a million stars.

The survey will be performed by a dedicated array of 350 small radio telescopes that will be built in conjunction with the University of California at Berkeley, at its Hat Creek Observatory near Mount Lassen in Northern California. The telescope, which can be used for SETI and regular radio astronomy, will be known as the Allen Telescope Array, after Mr. Allen, who invested \$11.5 million for developing the telescopes.

Meanwhile, the SETI Institute, with about 120 employees and an annual budget of \$10 million, not counting the cost of the new telescope array, has grown into a powerhouse of astrobiological research.

Its scientists say they have never had any trouble obtaining support from NASA and the National Science Foundation for this branch of their activities, which are as diverse as studying the chemistry of interstellar clouds and ways to handle Martian soil samples.

In all, the institute has more than 36 individual grants and cooperative agreements with NASA, said Thomas Pierson, chairman of the institute.

"Only our SETI work is (has been, actually) without federal support for the past 10 years," Mr. Pierson wrote in an e-mail message.

That exclusion has particularly stung, as NASA has embarked on highly publicized programs to search for cosmic origins _ of life, matter and everything else _ and begun planning for the Terrestrial Planet Finder, which will search for Earth-like planets.

The search for intelligent life in the cosmos was a logical part of those endeavors, the staff argued, and should be eligible for federal money.

"The questions SETI asks are a natural component of the questions that get asked in astrobiology," said Dr. Christopher F. Chyba, a Stanford professor who is head of astrobiology research at the SETI Institute.

As an indication of changing fortunes, astronomers point to remarks that Dr. Weiler made at the House subcommittee hearing on July 12, 2001. Dr. Weiler made clear in the session that the Congressional ban on SETI applied just to 1994.

"NASA is no longer prohibited by any congressional language from considering funding SETI research," he said, "so SETI is currently eligible and considered fairly under peer review for NASA opportunities."

The next year, a National Academy of Sciences report, "Life in the Universe, an Assessment of U.S. and International Programs in Astrobiology," called the SETI Institute a "unique endeavor" and an "important national resource in astrobiology."

The search for intelligent life, it said, is "the most romantic and publicly accessible aspect of the search for life, yet is perhaps the most problematic."

"It would be dissembling," the report added, "to say the least, to discourage such a search (especially one enabled by private funding) at the same time that astrobiology as a whole taps into the same emotions and aspirations to excite the public about the general search for life's origins, evolution and cosmic ubiquity."

Last year, the idea of searching for intelligent signals was explicitly endorsed in the newest version of "The NASA Astrobiology Roadmap," an outline of questions and goals assembled by 200 astrobiologists inside and outside NASA as a guide to research.

Although technology may be rare in the universe, its effects may nevertheless be easier to detect from a distance than biological ones.

"Accordingly," the roadmap said, "current methods should be further developed and novel methods should be identified for detecting electromagnetic radiation or other diagnostic artifacts that indicate remote technological civilizations."

The selection of the SETI Institute as part of the Astrobiology Institute is more evidence, Dr. Chyba said, that "there has been a sea change in attitudes toward SETI, as evidenced by the 'Astrobiology Roadmap' and, explicitly, by NASA."

The higher end of evolution, intelligence, has been missing from astrobiology, he said, adding, "We're bringing it to the institute now for the first time."

In a statement from the institute, Dr. Jill Tarter, a radio

astronomer who directs the search program, called the selection "the stamp of approval that what we started so long ago is a really good idea."

"The cross-fertilization of all these disciplines," Dr. Tarter said, "pays big dividends."

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? -

From: Daniel Corbett <dannycorbett@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 17:23:32 -0400
Subject: Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:14:37 -0400
>Subject: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University?

>Hi -

>A caller to an overnight talk show made a quick reference to a
>"UFO programme" (which might simply be one course) at Laurentian
>University in Sudbury, Ontario. Anyone know if that reference
>is true?

>How common are such courses, if it is a single course? Is there
>a list of universities with such courses posted?

Maybe this affiliate?

<http://laurentian.ca/cce/Courses/SpringDE/RLST.html>

RLST 2326 EL 10
Dimensions of the Paranormal
TBA " Thorneloe University
This course critically examines the religious and cultural
significance of paranormal phenomena (such as near-death
experience, telepathy, clairvoyance, UFO contact and abduction).
By studying first-hand accounts, films, academic studies, and
selected new paranormal religious movements, students will
critically assess both the nature of the evidence and the
different ways of accounting for it: mythic-religious,
scientific, philosophic, and psychoanalytic. (3 credits)
Method of evaluation
book review (1000 words) 30%
essay (1500-2000 words) 40%
final exam 30%
Required texts
Sheldrake, R., Seven Experiments That Could Change the World
Talbot, M., The Holographic Universe
Selected Readings for RLST 2326

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology?-McGonagle - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 22:36:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 18:07:43 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology?-McGonagle - McGonagle

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 10:50:10 -0300
>Subject: What Is Real In Ufology?

>Dear friends

>I=B4m writing an article for the Brazilian UFO magazine the title
>"What Is Real In Ufology?". I'd like to hear your opinion. I put
>this question to Brazilian discussion lists and I received a lot
>of different viewpoints.

>Can you help me?

>Regards

Hello, Eustaquio/list,

There is no single answer to your question, though there are a myriad of possible, substantiable answers. The following is my incomplete attempt:

1. Most importantly, the people are real-witnesses, investigators, scientists, commentators, and officials. Each of these have a vested interest in a case in which they become involved. Witnesses tend to be defensive, conscious that some may think that they have hallucinated or are mentally unstable. Sometimes this leads to inaccurate reporting of their experience, in an effort to emphasise the real significance of their experience. Investigators may be either sceptical, endeavouring to find a rational solution to the case or they may be completely subjective, striving to prove the case for the existence and active intervention of extraterrestrial entities. Scientists are naturally conscious of maintaining the respect of their peers, and usually reluctant to appear supportive of an unknown stimulus for a given case. Commentators are often out to gain kudos by gaining "the scoop" on their competitors, and inclined to exaggerate elements of a case. Officials are often wary of a) increasing their workload and b) upsetting their superiors, so they generally present a nonchalant attitude to the subject. With this mix of interests, it is only natural that the field of ufology is so confused.

2. The events reported are generally real (discounting deliberate hoaxes). I mean real in terms that there was some stimulus which generated the report, not that the reports are necessarily caused by exotic phenomena (though this could be the case in a minority of events).

3. The desire for an ET solution is, in my opinion real. Many people would like the security that would be provided by the existence of super-beings, able to right all of the wrongs perpetrated by "bad" people. This springs from a desire for ultimate justice. How many times have you seen some idiot driving irresponsibly, risking the lives of other road users, and wished that you would see them 3 miles up the road having collided with a bridge support? The craving for a system of natural justice is, I believe, a major feature of our psyche and may be responsible for some of the drive towards arriving at an

ET solution.

I hope you find this useful,

Joe

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Re: UFOFC - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 16:54:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 01:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOFC - Anderson

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 13:49:56 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOFC

>Hello Paul:

>Sorry for any misunderstanding!

>My point particular point there was that UFOFC was taking other
>people's materials, freely available elsewhere, and charging
>their visitors to see them!

>UFOFC reproduced several CCCRN pages. I grabbed one as an
>example, and didn't mean to imply that was junk.

>Did UFOFC get permission from CCCRN to mirror their pages? If
>so, fine. Otherwise, they just copied them uninvited. I pretty
>much dredged the entire UFOFC site to see if they had 'borrowed'
>any of my work for their PayPal visitors. I found none of that
>yet.

>The UFOFC 'largest UFO database in the world' (all 68 pages
>worth) appears to be gathered at random, without regard to
>quality and relevance. They might even put up something good by
>chance.

>While I don't put much stock in Crop Circles personally, I did
>not mean to trash the people who study them or their work.

>Here's the UFO Advisory Panel again (the link you refer to says
>"Consult with our panel of UFO experts..")

> <http://www.ufofc.com/ufoap/index.html>

>I didn't really think you were on that list. [burp] Sorry for
>that unnecessary zinger also.

>Again, does anybody know much about these people? I mean from
>memory, short of doing a Google Search. I can do that from here.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry,

Ok, that's fine. Thanks for the clarification. Offhand I can't recall if they did ask to use any of our material, they may have, need to check on that again (that was a few years ago now). I think I may have said ok re the text newsletters (CCCRN News), but the graphics are taken off the site itself, with wrong credits, at least some I've seen. I also don't like charging access to web sites, just not my cup of tea personally, even for original material, but especially if you have to pay just to get info that is freely available elsewhere. What is wrong with that picture??

I see references on their site to input on many programs, etc., but don't recall ever seeing them in any documentaries or anything. What does get me is when someone (anybody, but in this case Mr. Montgomery) can call themselves the "world's leading UFO authority", yet nobody in the research community apparently even knows anything about them...!

Paul

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 20:41:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 01:14:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 12:41:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

>What I glean from the various positions, being expressed, is
>that there appears to be a 'preconception' about the makeup of
>the implants. Since we don't (as we have said) have an initial
>set of parameters, going in; then, truly, the sky is the limit.
>Meaning, how can we prescribe any sort of criteria for something
>we know nothing about, with reference to the means of operation
>and source of presumed control? That should be extended to the
>presence of (or lack of) isotopes; since, after all, these
>usually represent less stable states, in our own environment, in
>many cases - of which, coincidentally, persists as the
>environment of presumed operation.

Certainly we have no idea what type of materials an "alien"
would use, so nothing can be ruled out. The hope has been
expressed that "alien" debris will show some un-earthly quality,
which would rule out materials that are "earthly". Of course,
there's no reason to believe that it should be (per se).
However, that would be a good piece of "smoking gun" evidence.

<snip>

>>Of course,
>>testing is expensive and it appears that NIDS has chosen to
>>utilize it's resources elsewhere.
>>Steve

>I would only be guessing what you mean by "utilizing it's
>resources elsewhere." I hope you will elaborate

That's a question that is better put to Colm, but I believe that
NIDS is focusing it's efforts on sighting and trace case
investigations. However, good cases are few and far between. As
I've mentioned in other posts, the NIDS web site has an
excellent collection of relatively recent papers and reports. As
we've seen, there are disagreements with some of the positions
that are taken. But this is all part of a much larger debate, as
we all try to define something that we can't even identify.

>I have enjoyed your insights.

Thanks. I'm just a passenger on this bus and (like everyone
else) I hope its going somewhere interesting.

Steve

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 21:57:31 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 01:19:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Friedman

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>To: <- UFO UpDates List ->
>Sent: 7-Jul-03 15:02
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>Source: The Detroit Free Press

>http://www.freep.com/news/locway/nufo7_20030707.htm

>07-07-03

>Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>Dearborn discussion is UFOs, crop circles

>By Zlati Meyer
>Free Press Staff Writer

>While millions of Americans were enjoying traditional July 4
>weekend amusements, a few hundred of them took part in that
>Earthling pasttime -- discussing alien lifeforms.

>They swapped Thomas Jefferson for the Mutual UFO Network's 34th
>Annual International conference held at the Hyatt Hotel in
>Dearborn from Friday through Sunday.

<snip>

Here is the letter I faxed the Detroit Free Press and emailed to
Zlati Meyer

FAX 1-313-222-6774
Letters to the Editor
Detroit Free Press

Dear Editor: July 8, 2003

As a nuclear physicist who spoke at the MUFON Symposium in
Dearborn, I am writing to correct several false claims in ZLATI
MEYER's article in the July 7, 2003, FP(5B):

1. Zlati claims that Dr. Bruce Maccabee was the only presenter
with an advanced degree. I spoke "Critiquing the Roswell
Critics", did a workshop "The Cosmic Watergate" and was on a
speaker panel. The Bio in the Symposium Proceedings notes that I
have an MSc. in Physics from the U. of Chicago. Presenter Linda
Howe is noted as having a Masters Degree in Communications from
Stanford University, and presenter W. C. Levengood is noted as
having MS and MA degrees.

2. The article claims that I said that "idiot Earthlings" killed
thousands of their own in WW II. What I actually said was that
we earthlings had clearly shown by then that we were a primitive
society whose major activity was tribal warfare. In the war we
had killed 50 million of our own kind and destroyed 1700 cities.
I noted that 3 signs of our rapidly advancing technology were
atom bombs, V-2 Rockets, and advanced radar. These indicate that
within 100 years we should be able to go to the stars. It hardly

seems a coincidence that the only place in the world where an alien could check out all three in July,1947, was Southeastern New Mexico, which includes Roswell.

3. During the conference I did indeed discuss electromagnetic propulsion systems. My discussions are based on solid science and engineering as I referenced in written presentations to a Congressional Symposium on UFOs, and in articles in Physics Today and Aeronautics and Astronautics and in earlier MUFON Symposium papers..... There are loads of technical documents dealing with the benefits of using electric and magnetic fields to control the flow of an electrically conducting fluid (ionized air) around vehicles in the atmosphere. Two em submarines have been successfully tested. These involve a different electrically conducting fluid, seawater. This is not pseudoscience as claimed.

Cordially,

Stanton T. Friedman fsphys@rogers.com
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Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - Fleming

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>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 22:36:38 +0100
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>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology?-McGonagle - McGonagle

>>From: Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 10:50:10 -0300
>>Subject: What Is Real In Ufology?

>Investigators may be either sceptical,
>endeavouring to find a rational solution to the case or they may
>be completely subjective, striving to prove the case for the
>existence and active intervention of extraterrestrial entities.

So investigators are either "skeptical" of the ETH OR they are "subjective," and presumably irrational. And these two categories are mutually exclusive? I don't think so. So-called "skeptics" are no more likely to be objective or rational than so-called "believers".

>The desire for an ET solution is, in my opinion real. Many
>people would like the security that would be provided by the
>existence of super-beings, able to right all of the wrongs
>perpetrated by "bad" people. This springs from a desire for
>ultimate justice. How many times have you seen some idiot
>driving irresponsibly, risking the lives of other road users,
>and wished that you would see them 3 miles up the road having
>collided with a bridge support?

And even more people might find the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence intrinsically interesting, while harboring no expectations that ETs will somehow force bad drivers use their turn signals.

One of the things that, for the most part, isn't real about "ufology" is the skepticism. More often than not, it's only pseudo-skepticism.

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Investigator's Right To Investigate

From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 07:11:40 -0400
Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

Hello UFO UpDates List...

I don't often post to the list. But I feel compelled to do so at this time.

I was there this past Sunday at the MUFON Symposium when Linda Moulton Howe made her presentation. She discussed two matters of interest. Mysterious lights in Hessdalen Norway and the matter of the claims of Urandir Oliveira, that he was taken from his bed on Sept 15, 2002, by ET's, leaving traces on bedsheets and ceilings and the falling of rocks.

Linda's presentation of the Hessdalen lights left me on the edge of my seat. Something truly intriguing is happening there.

As for the Oliveira case I was fully aware of the advanced criticism by A.J. Gaveard and others, that the case was a total fraud.

Linda's presentation of the Oliveira case was very well done. She never once intimated that the case was the smoking gun for ufology. She presented a case based on the testimony of the claimant, and on the complex analysis of the bedsheets and rocks.

It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are fraudulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe and all other UFO researchers an apology.

His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to MUFON and to all researchers.

A.J. probably doesn't remember that he and I had lunch together on the Sunday at the MUFON 96 Symposium in Greensboro NC. He sent me his very interesting glossy UFO magazine for 2 years. Unfortunately I don't read a word of Portuguese. Unfortunately and more importantly I don't think that glossy magazines quite equates to gentlemanly behaviour.

In this work, if we have a problem with anyone's research, we should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do so is childish and makes one suspect to personal agenda.

The data will always prevail. And gentlemanly dialogue is the best approach.

Regards,

Mike Bird
MUFON Eastern Regional Director for Canada.

"We must say all the words that should be spoken, before they are lost and gone forever" - Chris de Burgh in 'Shine On'.

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 07:20:04 -0400
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>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:30:18 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>Hello Gildas,

>You wrote:

>>To John, and List,

>>I don't understand how you can reach such a conclusion. You
>>should certainly read, first the book of Dr Leir, and then the
>>many articles which I listed in my text on Dr Leir.

>(If) there is anything anomalous or unusual about any of the
>alleged implants that Leir recovered, why hasn't he published in
>any peer review journals? He's a podiatrist/doctor, why hasn't
>he submitted a report or a white paper to JAMA for instance?
>(Journal of the American Medical Association)

>Why hasn't anything appeared in the headlines of the New York or
>L.A. Times? One would think that a discovery of this magnitude
>would make headlines worldwide. But no, we have to read Leir's
>'book' if we wish to learn anything. That certainly does take
>him off the hook in terms of having his work published in trade
>papers/magazines and peer reviewed doesn't it?

>I'm sorry but it just isn't good enough. If he has anything, let
>him put it out there to be checked out by other scientists,
>metallurgists, whoever.

Hello John,

In short :

Yes, there has been an independant metallurgical analysis at New Mexico Tech. It has been published on the NIDS site, and in Dr Leir's book. The metallurgical findings have been judged very unusual by a competent expert that I know. So, it's not just a story in his book.

As for an article in a peered scientific review, not to mention a headline in the New York Times, you must be aware of the difficulty. Especially for a simple podiatrist, rather isolated, so it seems, NIDS having withdrawn its support.

Regards ,

Gildas

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 01:08:31 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 07:22:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - LeFevre

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 21:57:31 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>From: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates List ->
>>Sent: 7-Jul-03 15:02
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>Source: The Detroit Free Press

>>http://www.freep.com/news/locway/nufo7_20030707.htm

>>07-07-03

>>Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>Dearborn discussion is UFOs, crop circles

>>By Zlati Meyer
>>Free Press Staff Writer

>>While millions of Americans were enjoying traditional July 4
>>weekend amusements, a few hundred of them took part in that
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>Cordially,

>Stanton T. Friedman fsphys@rogers.com
>www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

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Piloting UFOs?

From: **A. J. Gevaerd Revista UFO**<gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 07:39:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 07:51:26 -0400
Subject: Piloting UFOs?

Please note the quote from The Detroit News, about Richard McVannel, organizer of Michigan's MUFON conference:

>Source: The Detroit News
><http://www.detnews.com/2003/wayne/0307/02/d03-207118.htm>

>Tuesday, July 1, 2003
>UFO Convention Lands In Dearborn
>Network expected to draw 500 believers to 34th annual event

>By Joel Kurth - The Detroit News

<snip>

>Membership in the UFO Network's Michigan chapter has increased to about 110
>from 70 in the last few years, said Rich McVannel, 59, a building material
>salesman from Boyne City who says he's been abducted repeatedly and has piloted
>spaceships.

That would certainly explain a lot of things. Don't you think?

A. J.

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 08:23:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 12:06:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Kaeser

>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>best approach.

Mike,

I agree with the thrust of your comment, and agree that there is far too much personality bashing going on in this field, which allows irrational skeptics to sit back and watch the show with glee.

Unfortunately, the field also finds itself severely impacted by the "cult" aspect of the genre, which further damages any hope we have for scientific acceptance. Evidence and scientific analysis should be accepted for review from any source, IMO, but it must stand up against hard questioning and further analysis by others.

In Roswell, during the 1997 50th Anniversary celebration (or Circus), a much ballyhooed presentation was made by a metallurgical expert as to the properties of "debris" that was allegedly from an alien craft. After the presentation, that "expert" was quickly rushed out the back door and driven to a regional airport where he got on a plane and flew home. It turns out that the "expert" was a research assistant, and the entire matter turned into a rather sick joke. To her credit, Linda Moulton Howe had expressed serious reservations about going public at that time, and felt that further research into the debris needed to be completed. But press releases had already been sent out, and all many of us could do was shake our heads in disbelief at the damage this was likely to do. Proper analysis might have actually shown something interesting, but that had to occur at a higher level and at that point no one was going to pursue it.

I think that it's too bad that the MUFON Symposium has become a social event, rather than a true scientific symposium. The real "science" involved in this research is very dry and often not easy to understand. And it certainly wouldn't attract many individuals who merely have an interest in the field.

Maybe one day.....

Steve

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 15:02:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 12:28:06 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - McGonagle

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 21:41:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 22:36:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology?

>>Investigators may be either sceptical,
>>endeavouring to find a rational solution to the case or they may
>>be completely subjective, striving to prove the case for the
>>existence and active intervention of extraterrestrial entities.

>So investigators are either "skeptical" of the ETH OR they are
>"subjective," and presumably irrational. And these two
>categories are mutually exclusive? I don't think so. So-called
>"skeptics" are no more likely to be objective or rational than
>so-called "believers".

Here is the definition of "sceptic" from my edition of the
Pelica... er, Penguin concise English dictionary:

"One who will not accept any statement without rigorous proof;
one who doubts a specified religion, philosophy, or theory".

The meaning of what I wrote in relation to the mention of
scepticism is any investigator seeking rigorous proof of their
conclusion, even if their conclusion is that "ET did it". My
reference to subjective investigation (in this case directly
referring to propounders of the ETH) is intended to apply to
anyone approaching a case without requiring rigorous proof of
any conclusion, whether that conclusion is "ET did it",
"Pelicans bellies", or "swamp gas".

>>The desire for an ET solution is, in my opinion real. Many
>>people would like the security that would be provided by the
>>existence of super-beings, able to right all of the wrongs
>>perpetrated by "bad" people. This springs from a desire for
>>ultimate justice. How many times have you seen some idiot
>>driving irresponsibly, risking the lives of other road users,
>>and wished that you would see them 3 miles up the road having
>>collided with a bridge support?

>And even more people might find the possibility of
>extraterrestrial intelligence intrinsically interesting, while
>harboring no expectations that ETs will somehow force bad
>drivers use their turn signals.

You miss my point. How many direct encounters with supposed
alien entities have resulted in them healing illness, warning
about the use of nuclear energy, or other ecological damage?
There are even cases involving the disarming of nuclear weapons
by advanced technological means. My point is that for some
people, they represent the salvation of the human race, in the
same way that Jesus Christ does. Take a look at the Aetherius
Society, and the "space hoovers" that are cleaning up our

atmosphere from the human-generated contamination, for example. Why do you think people believe this sort of thing? My argument is that there is a deep-seated psychological craving for a super-being to address the ills of the world. This is the basis of all religions, and doesn't only apply to believers of the ETH, but is inherent in man as a race. Note that I am not suggesting that all ETH believers hold this view, but a significant proportion of them do.

>One of the things that, for the most part, isn't real about
>"ufology" is the skepticism. More often than not, it's only
>pseudo-skepticism.

I'd be interested to see your definition of "pseudo-skepticism" in the context of the definition of "sceptic" above, and "rigorous proof" of your assertion that scepticism in ufology is not real.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Keith

From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 07:43:43 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 12:30:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Keith

>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>fradulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe
>and all other UFO researchers an apology.

While I didn't see Linda's presentation, I don't think A.J. owes Linda anything.

In the search for truth, as you put it, researchers have investigated and reported their findings in this case. It's just that we still haven't heard the whole story from Linda's side.

>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case
>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to
>MUFON and to all researchers.

Did Linda mention who paid for her "research" trip to Brazil?
Can an investigator be fair when the one making the claims is paying the bills?

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>should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do
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As long as we see all the data!

And I disagree with the gentlemanly dialogue comment. I'm not sure what you are implying with that, but I infer that you think we should all ask nice questions and wait for nice little answers. If so, then I really disagree. The data demands the tough questions and direct answers.

What I haven't liked about this discussion about U.F.O.'s claims is that the two sides seem to be talking at one another through websites and mailing lists and not dealing with each other directly. While it has been very enjoyable to see both sides of this issue -- not to mention enlightening -- I wonder what could have been accomplished without the rhetoric with both sides answering the others questions directly. IOWs, why hasn't Linda defended her position in a more direct manner? We've seen her website (what can be seen without paying), heard her on the radio, and seen other folks defend her on this list, but have all questions been addressed? Not by a longshot.

FWIW, I think the points made A.J. and Charlotte in Washington state have been good ones and have not been addressed completely

by Linda .

Rebecca

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:52:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 12:34:30 -0400
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I have always been under the impression that a Masters Degree is
an advanced degree. The term "advanced degree" does not, at
least to me, apply only to a PhD, but applies to all degrees
beyond a Bachelors.

Please note that I did not use the strange term "ionized
seawater". I said "electrically conducting fluid", which is an
accurate description of seawater.

I realize that you have been attacking Linda and supporting
A.J., apparently without having read her paper. Surely one
should have facts in hand before putting word processor in
gear?

Stan Friedman
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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:20:8 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 12:38:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 10:38:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 00:45:25 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 19:12:48 +0100
>>>Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>Whilst this is a fascinating case, I can assure you that there
>>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs.

>The Observer's line about aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs
>originates in another incident, involving a USAF F-86 Sabre
>pilot, during the period 1956-57. He was ordered, by an RAF
>Ground Controlled Intercept station to fire his full salvo of
>'mighty mouse' rockets at a UFO tracked over East Anglia.

>The full testimony of the pilot, Milton Torres, can be found at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m07-034.shtml>

>As far as I'm aware there is no official confirmation of this
>incident from the British or American records.

>But I'm sure the list would be interested to learn that "there
>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs."

>That would suggest you have had access to material on this, or
>related incidents from the '50s that, we are assured, were
>destroyed in 1961. Paul Harris of the Observer was told these
>were lost "in a fire".

>Did you ever see any files or records related to the Lakenheath
>incident during your incumbency at Sec(AS)2?

>>I was contacted by BBC Radio 5 Live after this story ran (I
>>didn't see it in my copy of The Observer, and believe it only
>>ran on the paper's website). I did a brief down the line
>>interview with them, to set the record straight.

>Full credit for the location of the addition USAF documents on
>the Lakenheath and Bornholm radar incidents should go to Jan
>Aldrich, who continues to work hard unearthing material from
>long lost archives.

>Jan and I have lodged FOIA requests for the outstanding
>documents relating to the incidents, held by the National
>Archives.

>All the original documents related to this case can be found at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

>14 pages of detailed radar and avionics specifications;

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

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

>Much credit is due to Martin Shough who has put many hours into
>collecting and assembling this material.

Tom Tulien and I interviewed Milton Torres for the Sign Oral History Project. He is on a university faculty and holds various aviation safety patents. His story was straight forward and without embellishments. If he was unsure of certain details, he said so. He told us the wing man who normally flew with him does not recall this incident. So he thinks, on the date in question, he was flying with another wing man with whom he had several missions. The scramble was during bad weather and it was not a training mission.

He was interviewed after the incident by a US government agent but not an Air Force official. He was never questioned by Air Force officials. No record of this incident appears in the Project Blue Book files, but that is not an indication of anything as even a number official serial numbered Air Force intelligence reports on UFOs do not appear in the Blue Book files.

He mentioned that the radar target was the brightest he had ever seen which led us to believe that might be radar "spoofing" involved here. He had already considered that as a possibility. However, to conduct such an operation during bad weather might not be the wisest from a safety point of view so that mitigates against such an operation.

As for Nick assuring us that there is no question RAF aircraft shooting down UFOs. There are three things wrong with this statement.

1) Nick's position was not one that necessarily gives him a "need to know" what policies exist(ed) on this subject. Milton Torres wasn't told anything about the incident. I can say this right off, no GCI controller nor site commander had this independent authority to order such an engagement. The orders had to come from way above that level or already be firmly established in policy.

2) Nick reminds us that he was/is subject to the "Official Secrets Act." So even if he had no knowledge of such an order, he could not probably not reveal such. (Catch 22 as us Colonists like to say.)

3) This was not a RAF aircraft but a USAF aircraft, since the US was flying in support of the UK, policies on this kind of thing had be established in bilateral agreements and spelled out in rather solid terms. Again, secret protocols would not be normally be available to every government civil servant.

Jan Aldrich

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Crab Blood Can Be Alien Hunter

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Scientists: Crab Blood Can Be Alien Hunter

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- One hundred million years before dinosaurs pounded upon the Earth, the humble horseshoe crab scuttled along its shores. Soon the blood of this primitive creature could be used to detect primitive life on faraway planets.

"One of the reasons the horseshoe crab has survived for so long is its advanced immune system," said Norman Wainwright, a senior scientist at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Mass. "This system can be used to find microbial life."

When one of these armored arthropods is injured, bleeding and exposed to bug-laden ocean water, its blue blood hardens and keeps infection out.

The crab's trick takes the form of a cascade of enzymes that causes clotting when it encounters cell wall material of most bacteria, yeast and mold.

Run By Freeze-Dried Enzymes

Since the 1950s, the unique coagulating reaction of the horseshoe crab's blood has been tapped by pharmaceutical companies to test the purity of sterilized medical equipment and products. Now scientists have packaged the blood's enzymes into a hand-held instrument that can test for signs of life.

"If there are microbial species that evolved outside the Earth, that life may have originated here and spread throughout the solar system," said Wainwright. "It's possible the cells walls of microbes on other planets may be similar enough to detect using the test."

The calculator-sized device developed by researchers at MBL and Charles River Laboratories in Wilmington, Mass., is filled with the unique set of enzymes contained inside horseshoe crab blood. To supply the tools, scientists insert a large needle into the crab's heart and extract up to 300 milliliters of blood per crab. The crabs are then released back into the ocean.

Although the process sounds traumatic, most of the helmeted animals survive the ordeal, says Robert Barlow, a State University of New York neurobiologist who conducts research on horseshoe crabs at the MBL.

"There's about a 10 percent mortality rate," he said.

The enzymes are then isolated from the blood, extracted and freeze dried. When inserted into the instrument, rather than coagulate blood, the enzymes cause a clear solution to turn bright yellow when encountering microbes.

"The more yellow the sample, the more microbes it's finding," Wainwright said.

Past Probes Tested for Life

Using the blood of one of Earth's oldest creatures may not seem particularly high-tech, but the test holds at least one key advantage over other methods - it's fast.

The horseshoe crab blood instrument has been used, for example, to ensure spacecraft are free of any Earthly microbes before heading to space and other planets. Once a swabbed sample is inserted, the instrument provides a reading within 15 minutes. Other tests that involve waiting for cultured samples to develop normally take three days or longer.

Barlow says that MBL and Charles River scientists have volunteered their device to test the purity of spacecraft mostly to "get a foot in the door" at NASA so they might eventually send a unit to outer space.

Wainwright and Barlow have even taken a microgravity flight on the so-called vomit comet (a modified jet whose pilot provides passengers with a sense of weightlessness by flying a parabolic course at high altitude) and found it functions fine with limited gravity.

The last time a Mars probe directly tested for signs of life was on board NASA's Viking 1 and Viking 2 crafts that landed on Mars in the 1970s. Neither of the probes' experiments, which tested for particular amino acids, produced any evidence of life.

The two NASA probes that are now on their way to Mars will mainly be searching for signs of water. The European Space Agency's Beagle 2, meanwhile, hosts instruments that will search the planet for signs of methane - a calling card of active life.

NASA officials say the two probes that will touch down in January 2004 are paving the way for future probes that will begin an aggressive search for life. It's on one of these spacecraft that Wainwright hopes the horseshoe crab blood instrument might catch a ride to the Red Planet.

Jason Dworkin, an astrobiologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., explains that because possible alien life remains mysterious in form, NASA will need an array of tests to seek it out.

"Life that we don't understand is difficult to recognize. It's hard to identify something if you don't know precisely what it is," Dworkin said. "So new tests are always useful."

Cutting the Catch

Of course, to guarantee the instrument is around when the next batch of probes rocket to Mars, scientists need to ensure horseshoe crab populations remain robust.

The horseshoe crab is undoubtedly a hardy creature - having survived 250 million years of evolution. The crab can go a year without eating and can endure extreme temperatures and salinity. But scientists say years of overfishing of the horseshoe crab for use as conch and eel bait have depleted the arthropods' numbers.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is now considering recommendations from a panel of scientists to cut harvests by more than half. The cuts will be considered in December and if approved, would apply from Virginia to New York.

<http://dailynews.att.net/cgi-bin/news?e=pri&dt=030709&cat=us&st=ushorseshoecrab030709&src=abc>

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Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

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Subject: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

Hello All,

I just bought the August issue of Sky and Telescope. E.C.Krupp does a Sceptibunking article - what else - on the idea of artificial structures on Mars. He also demolishes - unfortunately not without justification - Richard '19.5' Hogland.

He does not curiously, use any current pictures from the Mars Global Surveyor for instance, and just focuses on the history of the "Face" ala Hogland. In Mr. Krupp's world, there is apparently no room for anything else besides a natural explianation.

However a run at the Sky and Telescope website pulls some 1800 "hits" on the 'Face' - hmmm. For something that doesn't exist?

GT McCoy
Save the Olympus Mons Chub!- if it exists of course.

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'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'?

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Subject: 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'?

Can anyone share with me an electronic, scanned, or photocopied copy of Otto Binder's 1971 Saga article, 'Liquidation of the UFO Investigators'? A Word .doc attachment would be great.

Thank you,

Loren

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

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>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

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>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 19:12:48 +0100
>>Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Whilst this is a fascinating case, I can assure you that there
>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs.

Hi Nick, David, List,

The Observer's line about aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs originates in another incident, involving a USAF F-86 Sabre pilot, during the period 1956-57. He was ordered, by an RAF Ground Controlled Intercept station to fire his full salvo of 'mighty mouse' rockets at a UFO tracked over East Anglia.

The full testimony of the pilot, Milton Torres, can be found at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m07-034.shtml>

As far as I'm aware there is no official confirmation of this incident from the British or American records.

But I'm sure the List would be interested to learn that "there was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs."

I doubt if after the fact there would be any official confirmation by any government that their airforce was attempting to shoot down UFOs over populated areas even though they could get away with such acts back in the 50s and early 60s. I have another similar case here where an RCN Sea Fury was armed with rockets and two crews rotated for 24 hours a day for a month waiting for another UFO to show up that they could chase and try and shoot down over the Halifax/ Dartmouth area of Nova Scotia. This was in 1951 according to the military air traffic controller who relayed the information to me.

Those interested in this incident and the incidents leading up to it can contact me off list and I'll send them the text. It's from a book I wrote about 6 years ago, Maritime UFO Files, now out of print.

I'm going away Friday evening for a few days, so if I'm tardy in returning emails please bear with me. I'm not around my computer much these days.

Also David can you elaborate on this: But I'm sure the list would be interested to learn that "there was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs."

Was that a newspaper quote or some tongue in cheek statement by Nick Pope?

This is what happens when you jump in on a thread as I've done.

Best ,

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 07/09/03

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SECRECY NEWS
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** COURT UPHOLDS CIA DENIAL OF CUBA RECORDS
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NSA RELEASES USS LIBERTY RECORDS

In an extraordinary release of raw intelligence records, the National Security Agency has declassified and disclosed audio intercepts and related documents concerning the 1967 Israeli attack on the U.S.S. Liberty, an American intelligence vessel, that led to the deaths of 34 American sailors during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The release came in the course of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by A. Jay Cristol, an historian who authored a book on the subject, *The Liberty Incident* (Brassey's, 2002).

Cristol said the contents of the new release were consistent with the position advanced in his book that the Israeli attack on the Liberty was accidental and unwitting, attributable to the fog of war. Some Liberty survivors and others have contended that the attack was deliberate.

The newly released intercepts record conversations between two Israeli helicopter pilots and their control tower. (No communications from the attacking aircraft or torpedo boats were acquired, the NSA said.)

According to the transcript, the U.S.S. Liberty was initially thought to be Egyptian. Only later, over an hour into the attack, was an American flag spotted on the ship. Even before that, however, the control tower advised oddly that if any rescued survivors spoke English rather than Arabic, they were to be taken to Lod, in Israel, rather than to nearby El Arish.

Whether or not the new release answers all possible questions about the attack on the Liberty, which is unlikely, it appears to be the last known piece of hard evidence. The NSA told a federal court that it has now declassified and released to Cristol "all of the actual recordings and English translations (including summaries of those translations) held by the NSA that relate to the USS Liberty incident."

The NSA releases are posted here in rather large PDF and audio files:

<http://www.nsa.gov/docs/efoia/released/liberty.html>

The NSA's July 2 letter to Cristol, together with a mirrored

copy of the compiled transcripts, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/liberty.html>

COURT UPHOLDS CIA DENIAL OF CUBA RECORDS

The Central Intelligence Agency is entitled to withhold a multi-volume compendium of information on "Cuban Personalities" that it prepared in 1962, even though the Agency has previously released similar or identical information, a District of Columbia appeals court panel ruled on July 8.

The decision came in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the CIA brought by the Assassination Archives and Research Center. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/aarcvcia0703.pdf>

COURT REBUFFS CHENEY ON ENERGY TASK FORCE

The DC Court of Appeals rejected a petition from Vice President Dick Cheney that would have shut down a lawsuit brought by Judicial Watch and the Sierra Club concerning the Vice President's secretive Energy Task Force.

A copy of the July 8 ruling is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/cheney0703.pdf>

A Washington Post story, "Cheney Loses Ruling on Energy Panel Records" by Henri E. Cauvin, July 9, puts the matter in perspective:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A29486-2003Jul8.html>

9-11 COMMISSION REPORTS ON ACCESS PROBLEMS

The National Commission on September 11 has received mixed cooperation from the executive branch in response to its requests for records, it said on July 8.

"While thousands of documents are flowing in -- some in boxes and some digitized -- most of the documents we need are still to come," the Commission stated in its first interim report outlining the status of its requests. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/911interim.html>

THE DECISION TO GO TO WAR IN IRAQ

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the UK House of Commons produced a new report on "The Decision to Go to War in Iraq" that is cautiously critical of the UK Government's public presentation of intelligence used to justify the war in Iraq. A copy of the report is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/ukirag0703.pdf>

Among other things, the UK report prompted a belated acknowledgment from the Bush Administration this week that it should not have endorsed the claim, based on forged documents, that Iraq was attempting to import uranium from Africa.

President Bush presented that discredited claim in the State of the Union address earlier this year.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) pressed the point in a new release of his correspondence with the International Atomic Energy Agency and with the White House. See:

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves_admin/admin_nuclear_evidence.htm

Rep. David Obey (D-WI), ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee, questioned the role and structure of defense intelligence, singling out the controversial Office of Special Plans, in a July 8 statement on the House floor. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h070803.html

HOUSE ENACTS NEW LIMITS ON TIA

No government agency may deploy or implement any component of the Terrorism Information Awareness (formerly Total Information Awareness) program without Congressional notification and authorization, according to a provision adopted yesterday by the House of Representatives.

The "Limitation on Deployment of Terrorism Information Awareness Program" was included in the 2004 Defense Appropriations Act that was approved by the House on July 8. See the text of the provision here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/defapp-tia.html>

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On Sky Patrol With The Flying Saucer Squad

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Source: The Guardian - UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/editor/story/0,12900,994196,00.html>

Wednesday July 9, 2003

On Sky Patrol With The Flying Saucer Squad

The evidence for extraterrestrial life continues to pile up

Toby Manhire
The Guardian

If you need convincing the truth is out there, what better authority than the British constabulary? In UFO Magazine (July), Gary Heseltine, detective constable No 1877 of the British transport police, presented the results of a year's work compiling police officers' observations of unidentified flying objects.

"The last 12 months have literally flown by," recounted DC Heseltine. But his feet were firmly on the ground as he presented a database bulging with encounters of the first, second and third kind - a total of 84 incidents, spanning the period from 1950 to 2002, involving more than 200 police officers.

"Given that well over half the number of incidents were corroborated by other police officers present at the time, this dispels any notion that all of the 218 officers could have been mistaken or imagining things," said DC Heseltine. And he was keen to find more members of the flying saucer squad: "I firmly believe that this report is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg - and I appeal to all officers out there who have had such experiences, past or present, to come forward and contact me, safe in the knowledge that I will protect their identities if required to do so." The editor of UFO Magazine, Graham Birdsall, was convinced. "Witness credibility and testimony par excellence," he said.

Birdsall also appeared in the latest issue of Nexus (June-July), interviewing Valery Uvarov, of Russia's national security academy. Here was more evidence of extraterrestrial activity. Investigations suggested that an asteroid struck Earth about 12,500 years ago, throwing the planet off its "finely tuned frequency", said Mr Uvarov.

"We believe the orbit of the Earth was altered, artificially, to compensate for this... This has taught us to believe that we have friends - friends that watch over us, silently. They did not allow then, nor will they allow now, any planet, comet or asteroid to strike and destroy the Earth. This, for us, is now absolutely clear." Mr Uvarov was no crank. "I am answerable to two people above me," intoned the Agent Mulder of Moscow. "They are answerable to the next person above them, who is our president."

[UFO UpDates thanks [www.http://anomalist.com](http://anomalist.com) for the lead]

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Re: 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'? -

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>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 10:40:42 -0400
>Subject: 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'?

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http://www.metatech.org/ufo_research_magazine_evidence.html

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Filer's Files #28 -- 2003

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Filer's Files #28 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
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CROP CIRCLES SPRING UP AROUND 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. Ufologist Gail Dillon - a UFO hero dies, Mar's Moon Phobos has artificial structures, New York - Bruce Maccabee crop circle investigation, New Jersey - shoe and orange crescent shaped UFO's, Ohio - daylight discs photographed, Wisconsin - high speed flasher, Arkansas - Nancy Talbot says crop circle has high magnetic material, Utah - UFO divides in two, California -b crop circle, Canadians have strange scoop marks, Mexico- cylinder near volcano - Argentina -luminous sphere, UK - saucer spotted, Italy - cylinder UFO causes near miss with airliner, Russian - James Oberg says UFO was the Molniya-M launch, India - UFO may have caused train accident? Severe weather causes global alert.

UFOLOGIST GAIL DILLON - UFO HERO DIES

GAIL DILLON passed away in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Friday, May 23rd, 2003. she was a past member of the UFO Institute of Colorado Springs and was a member of the Mutual UFO Network of Denver. Her support of Contactees around the country and in Colorado Springs was much needed and appreciated. Gail will be missed...Thanks to George and Paula Wolkind.

Editor's Note: Gail was a great person who worked at the Air Force Academy Library and was instrumental in locating a rare AF Academy physics book for me. which essentially says, "UFO's are real and much of the physics taught today is probably wrong. The book "ENVIRONMENTAL SPACE SCIENCES" was taught at the Air Force Academy and written by Professor and Colonel Donald G. Carpenter, who was also the Commander of the Spacetrack Radar Site at Shemya, Alaska. He was the originator of the Space Science Course at the USAF Academy. See: Outer Space at: [<http://www.georgefiler.com/>] www.GeorgeFiler.com/ for the chapter on UFOs.

MAR'S MOON PHOBOS MAY HAVE ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES?

The Mars Global Surveyor recently captured a photo of Phobos, the larger of Mars' two moons that show converging grooves and the possibility of artificial structures on its surface. There has been speculation for years that Phobos was hollow and is an artificial satellite that and been placed in orbit by intelligent life forms. The Russian Phobos 1 satellite did not make it to Mars, and Phobos 1l attempts to scan the moon with a spectroscopic laser and conduct a landing ended in disaster. The last known bimages captured by Phobos II satellite shows an approaching UFO.

Phobos is only 3,728 miles away from the surface of Mars and

always keeps the same side facing Mars. It seems to have been placed by design in its orbit to provide an excellent viewing platform of Mars. Phobos has an enormous almost bottomless crater that may be entry point to an underground base. Radiating out from the crater are numerous straight grooves, never satisfactorily explained in geological terms. Isaac Asimov and others have suggested Phobos might be an ancient spacecraft. In the 1970s, physicist Gebrard K. O'Neill published "The High Frontier," a blueprint for designing habitats in space. He describes in detail how hollowing out a captured asteroid to make room for a human population would provide abundant raw material for a self-sustaining microgravity industry. Many large monuments on Mars can be seen from Phobos feeding speculation that an intelligent life form once existed there. As the atmosphere dwindled, the Martians may have set up monuments to be viewed from Phobos. The so called Face on Mbars, pyramids, dolphins, and other depiction's of animals are apparent. The grooves could have been caused by space craft entering and leaving Phobos or by propellants used to propel the moon through space. Phobos is rich in potential rocket fuel and minerals, making it an attractive base for intergalactic travel.

Additionally, there are conspicuous cuspid-like formations that were found by Efrain Palermo, that pose the possibility that Phobos may have artificial structures. Palermo and Lan Fleming have investigated a sharp-edged anomaly called the "Phobos Monolith." Analysis by Chris Joseph suggests, that the "Monolith" may be pyramidal in shape, suggesting a link with similar pyramid shaped formations on the Martian surface. Many of these features appear to be artificial, implying that Martian or space traveler bases were once on Mars and Phobos.

Mars has unexplained domes, forts, tubes, pyramids, and various structures. Infrared images show heat and deep foundations beneath the surface. A Martian civilization might build partially buried structures, to protect them from aerial bombardment, to maximize insulation from cosmic rays, to preserve its atmosphere and to use subsurface water ice. As we get closer to Mars each day, get out your telescope and look at the green patches of vegetation. Thanks to Efrain Palermo and Mac Tonnies www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0306/24phobos
www.mactonnies.com/imperative17.html

NEW YORK CROP CIRCLE INVESTIGATION

Dr. Bruce Maccabee writes: Regarding the Saratoga Springs agriglyph (crop circle) you wrote: "The crop circle is next to a church parking lot. The witness took "flash" pictures at 8:30 PM, on June 11 and in some of the photos there are globes of light, orbs hovering above the formations. In some they appeared to be coming out of the grass in an upward motion. "The round "globe" or "orb" images may be a result of light reflected from dust in the atmosphere that is very close to the lens when the flash went off. "Flash orb" images are quite common nowadays because the flash lights are so close to the lens on modern cameras. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Macabee
http://brumac.8k.com/orb_1.html

Kathie Grimes writes: "I just wanted to let you know about an investigation that was done in Kentucky where globe lights were seen in pictures taken in a dark house." The investigator went to the house one night and found that the globe lights, or Orb lights were caused in flash photos by the flash picking up the bugs flying around. I just felt that this is probably a common occurrence at night where flash is used. We were amused that such small bugs could make such big orbs on the pictures. I felt your readers might like to be aware of this occurrence and felt it might explain Orbs in pictures taken in the dark, where flying bugs may be present. Thanks to Kathie Grimes, KY MUFON

NEW JERSEY - SHOE AND ORANGE CRESCENT SHAPED UFOS

BARNEGAT - Cardinal Ethics writes: "Last Friday, June 27, 2003, I was driving on the New Jersey Parkway heading to Barnegat and I suddenly saw a crescent shaped orange object gliding almost in slow motion right above the tree line. It had been seemingly following me for about four minutes, then suddenly it was gone. Thanks to Cardinal Ethics

SEA SIDE HEIGHTS -- Robert E. Deininger writes on July 3, "I watched as two white shoe shaped objects did what looked to be

similar moves in the sky like they were imitating each other for over 30 minutes over Sea Side Heights. The speeds and turns were unreal, it was amazing. I have seen at least 100 UFO's and as a field representative for ufossi.org, Don Smitts and Billy Dee's site where I am a director and investigator for 5 years now, I have interviewed many who have seen all types of UFOs, or have been abductees, and only once was this shape recorded. In the past 2 weeks there have been many sightings, all over New Jersey. In September, we will release something that will get the world talking, so be ready. Thanks to Robert E. Deininger rd1064@aol.com

OHIO - DISC SHPED UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

FOSTORIA -- Between May 30 and June 20, 2003, George W. Ritter captured a series of daylight photos of fast moving disc shaped UFO's near his home. Thanks to George W. Ritter.

WISCONSIN - HIGH SPEED FLASHER

STRATFORD - UFO Wisconsin report by Mike D. "The object I saw, I had seen before in Mosinee last summer. I know Mosinee has a large airport, but this was no plane. The first time, last summer, I was with a good friend and we were fishing at night. On June 29, 2003, at 11:00 PM, I was outside with my cousin, smoking a cigarette, when we saw a strange object headed over Stratford, flying towards Wausau. It flashed on and off like a strobe light. It moved a great distance between flashes, like 2 miles or so. It was I'd say 3000 feet up? At Mosinee, when I saw it, it came from way up and almost landed in the water. It came to a sudden stop like nothing moving at that speed could. It hovered and my friend and I could actually feel it watching or observing us. We got the hell out of there. One thing in Mosinee though, it shined a light on the water like a search light, but the beam did not spread out, it was straight up and down, like a five feet wide beam. And as it went higher above the water, the beam did not change size or shape. Thanks to: Mike D. and UFO Wisconsin
http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports2003/r2003_0629_marathon.html

ARKANSAS -CROP CIRCLE HIGH MAGNETIC MATERIAL

NOBEL -- Nancy Talbott, BLT reports, "She is investigating the "mini" triple Julia crop formation and taken soil samples. Although the plants were cut immediately after the formation occurred, soil samples revealed a massive amount of magnetic material. The Magnetic particle concentration samples yielded a much higher concentration of magnetic material than would be expected in "normal" soil --3.30 mg/g-soil." We've got several anomalous daytime photos, taken two days after the formation occurred, which seem to indicate energy emanating straight upwards to at least 800 feet above the formation.

I was an eyewitness to a crop circle forming in the Netherlands in Aug. 2000. She says, "What's most interesting to me is that the Earthfiles site has a PHOTO taken by three Italian kids this year of a brilliant tube of light coming down from the sky, which looks very much like what Robert and I saw in 2000. (In our case, we saw three tubes of brilliant light, and they were "fatter" than the photo provided by the Italian kids.) The unique photo taken with a new cell phone, by a 17 year old boy, of a thin colored beam emanating down into a crop circle from a sphere of light in Italy that can be seen at:
<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=3D547&category=3DEnvironment>

Nancy says, "I'm off to Europe on a very special investigation.....a situation in a country I've never been to before, in which we may have evidence of a landed UFO directly related to crop circles. I've already begun analysis of some physical artifacts recovered from the scene, and am going myself to carry out interviews, collect more samples, etc. If the case holds up upon real scrutiny, it's going to be a dilly. When I get back, I'll be putting together a report on this. While in Europe I'm also going to go to Germany and Holland and Brussels. I have a feeling this is going to be a "banner" year for not only crop circles, but all this other really strange stuff. Thanks to Nancy Talbott, BLT, bltresearch@comcast.net
WEB: [www.bltresearch.com]www.bltresearch.com

UTAH - UFO DIVIDES INTO TWO

ROY -- I had an interesting experience yesterday on June 29, 2003, between 5 and 6 PM. We were having a family gathering in our backyard in Roy, Utah and my son-in-law pointed out an object in the sky. It was pretty high, I assume because, with the naked eye, it was about the size of a pencil eraser. The rest of the family searched the sky and spotted the object. Watching it, it looked like it was heading toward the ground, because it looked like it was getting larger. Then it stopped and hung there for about five minutes. Then the object slowly began moving north and suddenly divided in two. I spotted the two objects. The second just accelerated really fast and flew off to the south-southwest and disappeared. We continued watching the first object, when suddenly the second returned with equal velocity catching up to the first. The first still traveling slowly north-northeast. The second object then changed direction and flew off to the south at a high rate of speed then disappeared. I looked back to the first object and watched it for a few more minutes then it, too, disappeared. The objects appeared round or oval, I thought they may have had wings but I cannot be sure. It was either white or silver-reflecting-sunlight. The display lasted over a half-hour. There were three of us watching the whole time, and four others watched for a few minutes. Thanks to Ben Sloots Roy, Utah

CALIFORNIA - CROP CIRCLES

ROCKVILLE, (AP) -- Wheat farmer Larry Balestra might have trouble getting a great yield, with the crop circles all over his field. Balestra, of Suisun City, says he found more than a dozen large flattened circles and shapes in his wheat field Saturday -- one measuring more than 140 feet in diameter. "What the heck?" Balestra muttered to himself upon walking into the field and making the discovery. He pulled out his cell phone and told his wife, "You won't believe what I'm looking at." Balestra says the stalks were curiously bent flat to the ground and the crop circles stretched out longer than a football field, forming various shapes and symmetrical designs. "The harvester can't pick this up," he told The Fairfield Daily Republic as he held up a broken stalk. "This is weird." Snip. Thanks to Bruce Cornet bcornet@monmouth.com

CANADIANS - REPORT HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF SMALL SCOOP MARKS

OTTAWA - The witness reports, "I had gone to bed around midnight in February 2003, and woke up at 8 AM, and found a small roundish scoop mark on my left wrist, characteristics were as follows: 1. About 1/8" or two millimeters in diameter. 2. The bottom of the wound is concave. 3. There was no pain at all associated with the wound. 4. The bottom of the wound was flecked with very small dots of blood. 5. The bottom of the wound was slick and smooth as if it was cauterized. 6. It looked as if it had been done just five minutes before I awoke. The wound took two months to heal and is now only visible using a jeweler's loupe. - There is nothing sharp near my bed that would cause a wound. - I know there was no wound on my wrist before hitting the sack because upon retiring I took off my watch and did not observe any blemish in the left wrist area. Thinking it had been a rather large insect bite, I went to a local Ottawa clinic.

The doctor looked at it and said, why did you have that done? When I informed him how it had appeared, he became quiet and paused for a few moments, then said that the mark was from a procedure called a "punch biopsy" that appeared to be done by a left-handed individual using a laser scalpel-type device. The doctor said that he could not comment on this officially and recorded the reason for my visit on my file as an "insect bite." He also consulted a small notebook and gave me a URL stating that I could get more information. The doctor stated that this was the fourth or fifth case of what he called "involuntary sampling" and noted it appears to be an emerging phenomenon. The fact that this doctor had the URL handy is pretty interesting.

Brian Vike writes, I recently reported on a report and pictures I received. It was titled "Small Roundish Scoop Mark Called A "Punch Biopsy." Since I received that one report, my fingers have been running wild over the keyboard replying to emails. Report after report are coming in, not just ones that took place

years ago, but recently, even as new as today. Everyone is reporting the same type of marks. After the score has cleared up a scar has been left behind in many of these cases. Another interesting and I guess disturbing situation is reports of needle marks found after people have awakened as well. Photos are being taken and sent along to me.

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Brian Vike writes, "A man reported to me that he and his wife were just heading out for a couple of days fishing trip at Prince Rupert on June 24, 2003, at 10:20 AM. They were just outside of Terrace, BC 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 about 1000 feet. They mentioned it was the size of a pickup 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.) Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research [mailto:hbccufo@telus.net] http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/small_roundish_scoop_mark_called.htm

MEXICO CITY - SPHERICAL OBJECT FILMED

MEXICO CITY -- On June 23, 2003, at 13:10 hours, a group of four professionals witnessed an object from their office windows at an 80 degree angle of elevation. The dark object--described as being "the size of a pinhead" remained static until it moved swiftly against the general movement of the clouds. The episode lasted only a few minutes and the object lost itself amid the city's buildings. Thanks to Lucy Guzman www.ovni.net and Scott Corrales Translation (C) 2003. Institute of Hispanic Ufology

POPOCOTAPETL VOLCANO -This volcano is watched by several video cameras continuously. I have been notified that a cylinder shaped object has been observed in the videos. It has been in relatively the same location for a number of images and as you may be aware, there was a minor eruption from the volcano earlier in the day. I know that others who submit to Fliers Files also watch the live camera from this volcano, so they may have seen it as well. Images I have been watching are from 20:05 - 20:09 July 2nd, 2003, GMT. Thanks to William Stewart william.stewart@usask.ca

ARGENTINA - LUMINOUS SPHERE SEEN

CACHI -- Diario "El Tribuno" de Salta reports that on June 24, 2003, three UFOs were seen and videotaped by Antonio Zuleta, an indefatigable researcher, after being phoned by a teacher. Art instructor Maria del Valle who teaches at the Payogasta School saw the UFO at close range at 7:30 PM, and phoned Mr. Zuleta. She says the sighting was incredible...fantastic. The UFOs appeared behind the western hills and the first one to emerge was enormous in size. It gave off lights of different colors and moved slowly, without making a sound." I was coming back from work on Route 33 about three kilometers from Cachi and pulled over and called Zuleta on my cell phone, who came to my observation point. After the first UFO appeared, it was followed by another two, which also crossed the skies. They hovered nearby and their light was intense and shifting, but it didn't hurt the eyes. It was motionless, as though they were looking at us from their interior. I only wanted to strain my eyes to see into the core of those objects, which suddenly, propelled by a strong and powerful force, vanished at breathtaking speed over the horizon," said Maria del Valle. Thanks to Scott Corrales Translation (C) 2003 Institute of Hispanic Ufology...

BUENOS AIRES -- On Monday, June 23, 2003, at 7:03 p.m., brilliant luminous spherical UFOs were seen over the capital according to Ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo. Ricardo reported, "I observed an 'intense luminous sphere' over the district of Chacabuco from my position, looking northeast. It was moving at a very, very low altitude over the city. It began to disappear as it neared the eastern horizon. It vanished in a series of degrees, gradually becoming more and more transparent. It was not a satellite, a bolide or a meteor because of its slow velocity, and it was last seen heading towards Uruguay to the

east." Thanks to Revista TOC and Diario La Cuarta (Chile)
July 4, 2003

UK - SAUCER SPOTTED

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE -- Stuart Wood reports, "I spotted what I thought was a low-flying plane out of my living room window" in Great Missenden, on June 25, 2003, at 11:20 PM. He says, "I soon realized that there was no engine noise, and that it could not be a hot-air balloon at that time of night." "It was saucer-shaped with four metallic legs hanging from the undercarriage that were bent in the middle, almost in a crouching stance, with three amber lights, one of which lit up the leg-like structures. It also had one red and one white blinking light situated on the port or starboard (left or right) side of the object." "It measured about a centimeter (0.4 inches) across. I think it was about one-half to three-quarters of a mile (0.8 to 1.2 kilometers) away. My friend also witnessed this. The object never moved; it just hovered. After two or three minutes of staring at it, it (the UFO) disappeared." Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP Vol. 8, # 24, July 2, 2003 Editor: Joseph Trainor E-Mail: Masinaigan@aol.com Website: [<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>]

ITALY - A MISSILE OR A UFO BUZZES A PLANE

BENEVENTO --The commander of a Alpi Eagles Fokker 100, that was set to land in Naples with 80 passengers at around 8 PM, on June 25, reports they were buzzed by a missile-shaped object. The commander called the control tower to report having observed a strange and large, elongated "missile-like" object, coming towards him from the opposite direction and passing very close underneath the plane. The alarm involved ENAV (the National Flight Assistance Agency), ENAC (Civil Aviation National Agency), ASV (Flight Security National Agency), the Ministry of Transportation Services, and the First Minister Crisis Unit, featuring the activation of the usual security procedures. In the report drafted the following day, the commander described an "unidentified flying object" approaching him at an altitude of approximately 8000 feet: it was cylindrical in form, 3 to 4 meters in length, white in color, and reflected the sun rays. The object, observed by both pilots, was reportedly not detected by radar systems; for security reasons, however, the state prosecutor in Naples opened an investigation and confiscated the radar recordings and the tape recordings of dialogue between the aircraft and the control tower. Thanks to Edoardo Russo for the Italian Center for UFO Studies (Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici), <http://www.arpnet.it/ufo/ultime.htm>

RUSSIA - REGION HAUNTED BY GREEN UFO's INVESTIGATION

SVERDLOVSK - Distinguished NASA author James Oberg writes, Pravda - RU reported on the night of June 20, 2003, 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. Many of the witnesses managed to take pictures of the phenomenon.

James Oberg writes, "It was just the Molniya-M launch from Plesetsk June 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. 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 James Thanks to James Oberg jamesoberg@houston.rr.com http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/10299_UFOgreen.html

RUSSIA - ALIEN BASE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CAUCASUS ?

"Interplanetary Space Port is Discovered in the Foothills of

North Caucasus Plateau, Where UFOs are Pasturing" - this is headline of the article in a respected Russian newspaper "Trud", Moscow, dated June 20, 2003, p. 4. Intensive alien activity is reported from the area of Lagonaki plateau north of the Russian resort town of Sochi, near the nature reserve. "Local residents and Ufologists are convinced that there is an interplanetary space port," -- states Mr. Nikolay Sedov, the journalist. Several witnesses are quoting. Mr. Viktor Yasenev stated that he saw a cylinder-shaped object, silver in color, over Cice Rbiver Canyon. "It was shaped like a rocket (missile), with windows and structure above. There were three of us. What amazed me, it suddenly froze in the air over our heads, like it was overlooking us. Then, it sharply zoomed up and disappeared behind Mt. Fisht in complete silence, only the sound of the river was heard."

The second UFO, met by Mr. Yasenev, was shaped like a saucer, more exactly, like two saucers joined together, with a transparent dome on top and in a pulsing semicircle (like plasma) beneath. It is most amazing that those reports coincide word by word with the story of other witness, Mr. Dmitriy Didimov, local forester -- security officer of the Nature Reserve. He and his wife, local teacher, did observe UFOs at least seven times. Sharp changes of pressure were sensed. At first, thinking of these observatibons of optical deceptions or accidental events, he later started a chronicle of those UFO cases, with the help of his colleagues. Now his chronicle contains more than 20 cases that are almost the same (by different witnesses) even in diminutive details.

"The recent UFO visit was not long ago, states Mr. Didimov. - The UFO was hovering over the trees about 100 meters from me. I did see light in the windows. After that, I sensed the wave of air from it, the lower part of the "saucer" became saturated by cherry color. In a sudden, it disappeared." All facts indicate that, very likely, another underground alien base in located in the area of Mt. Fisht (2867 m over the sea level, with eternal ice glacier) and nearby Laganaki plateau (isolated remote area), asb well as in the other places of the Caucasus region (including its highest mountain - El'brus) that have numerous underground alien bases, sub-bases, deep caves, connected by tunnels. These tunnels go to Crimean bases as well (as we remote-viewed that). The regions named are known by regular intensive UFO activity. Thanks to Anton A.Anfalov [an@crimea.com jan@crimea.com and Trud News

THE TIMES OF INDIA - UFO'S MAY HAVE CAUSED TRAIN ACCIDENT

NEW DELHI -- The last chairman of the Railway Board (CRB) has blamed the death of 120 persons in the Rajdhani accident on the Pakistani ISI. Now responsible officials in the board are talking about planets, rahu nakshatra, Unidentified Flying Objects, tornados and sudden inexplicable radioactivity as the reasons for four major accidents in 180 days. Thanks to: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/cms.dll/xml/uncomp/default?> Thanks to Rajesh Ramachandran Times News Network, July 5, 2003

SEVERE WEATHER PROMPTS GLOBAL WARMING ALERT

THE INDEPENDENT - UK -- The World Meteorological Organization declared the world's weather is going haywire. The WMO reports record extremes in weather and climate occurring all over the world in recent weeks. Switzerland had its hottest-ever June and the United States had a record number of tornadoes. The Geneva-based organization provides weather services to 185 countries. The events this year in Europe, America and Asia are so remarkable that the world needs to be made aware of it immediately.

Record high and low temperatures, record rainfall and record storms in different parts of the world, is consistent with predictions of global warming. Supercomputer models show that, as the atmosphere warms, the climate not only becomes hotter but much more unstable. "Recent scientific assessments indicate that, as the global temperatures continue to warm due to climate change, the number and intensity of extreme events might increase," the WMO said, giving a striking series of examples. Many temperaturebs around the world are 5C to 7C above the average

OPC-3 WILL HELP YOU SURVIVE

I was tired of being tired, my daughter had serious case of skin rash called psoriasis, my son and wife were suffering from allergies. They were sneezing and had running noses. I happen to have a friend Graham who is an MD. While we were talking in my living room, I asked his advice for these problems. He stated, "He and his loved ones, along with most of his patients take OPC - 3." It's made from a unique combination of grape seed, pine bark, bilberry, red wine, and citrus extracts. These OPC's are sbuper-effective free radical neutralizers and antioxidants. They build up your immune system so your body heals itself. I bought some of the OPC-3 and it increased my energy, improved my vision, helped me breathe better and helped with nagging pain.

This natural product helps prevent heart disease, smoothes varicose veins, reduces pain and inflammation? Many people complain of allergies, skin, back, lung, or heart problems because we often fail to provide the necessary nutrition for our immune system to heal us. My daughters red skin lesions (psoriasis) was cleared up in a week after years if treatment. Both my son and my wife's allergies cleared up. The cost is only an about a dollar a day to feel and have youthful skin.

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>>And even more people might find the possibility of
>>extraterrestrial intelligence intrinsically interesting, while
>>harboring no expectations that ETs will somehow force bad
>>drivers use their turn signals.

>You miss my point. How many direct encounters with supposed
>alien entities have resulted in them healing illness, warning
>about the use of nuclear energy, or other ecological damage?
>There are even cases involving the disarming of nuclear weapons

>by advanced technological means. My point is that for some
>people, they represent the salvation of the human race, in the
>same way that Jesus Christ does. Take a look at the Aetherius
>Society, and the "space hoovers" that are cleaning up our
>atmosphere from the human-generated contamination, for
>example. Why do you think people believe this sort of thing? My
>argument is that there is a deep-seated psychological craving
>for a super-being to address the ills of the world. This is the
>basis of all religions, and doesn't only apply to believers of
>the ETH, but is inherent in man as a race. Note that I am not
>suggesting that all ETH believers hold this view, but a
>significant proportion of them do.

>>One of the things that, for the most part, isn't real about
>>"ufology" is the skepticism. More often than not, it's only
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>I'd be interested to see your definition of "pseudo-skepticism"
>in the context of the definition of "sceptic" above, and
>"rigorous proof" of your assertion that scepticism in ufology is
>not real.

It has been my experience that people are most frightened of the
unknown and that more people would just as soon wish NO UFOs
were of ET origin than wish that any were. I don't see how the
term "rigorous proof" fits in here. Physics experiments in a
lab? Fine. But since testimony is so important in ufology, I
think we need to look at our justice systems. Remember there are
two standards: Beyond a reasonable doubt and a preponderance of
the evidence.

Another problem I see in such discussions is asking the wrong
question such as "What are UFOs?" when quite obviously a much
better question is "Are any UFOs...of ET origin or secret
military systems or natural phenomena?"

Considering the drop in church attendance, I am not at all sure
there is a significant portion of the public that has a desire
for a super being to address the ills of the world. Where is the
evidence for this? I am quite skeptical. Where is the "rigorous
proof" of this assertion?

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>>extraterrestrial intelligence intrinsically interesting, while

>>harboring no expectations that ETs will somehow force bad
>>drivers use their turn signals.

>You miss my point. How many direct encounters with supposed
>alien entities have resulted in them healing illness, warning
>about the use of nuclear energy, or other ecological damage?
>There are even cases involving the disarming of nuclear weapons
>by advanced technological means.

I tend to be extremely skeptical of most of those claims myself, unless there's some evidence to back them up, such as the one about disabling nuclear weapons. There are official documents and multiple witnesses that indicate such incidents may actually have happened, as described in The UFO Cover-Up by Fawcett and Greenwood. Of course, the disabling of the Minute Man missiles MIGHT have been coincidental with the appearance of UFOs near the silos. And even if the disabling of the missiles was in fact a manifestation of "Clear Intent" (Greenwood's original title), it doesn't prove the intent of the putative ETs was to show their disapproval of humanity's war-like ways; it could have just been a show of superior technology intended to intimidate the US military.

>My point is that for some
>people, they represent the salvation of the human race, in the
>same way that Jesus Christ does. Take a look at the Aetherius
>Society, and the "space hoovers" that are cleaning up our
>atmosphere from the human-generated contamination, for
>example. Why do you think people believe this sort of thing? My
>argument is that there is a deep-seated psychological craving
>for a super-being to address the ills of the world. This is the
>basis of all religions, and doesn't only apply to believers of
>the ETH, but is inherent in man as a race. Note that I am not
>suggesting that all ETH believers hold this view, but a
>significant proportion of them do.

I don't disagree with that. But I think that the continued high level of public interest in UFOs after 50 years of official debunking may be attributed primarily to the considerable amounts of compelling evidence methodically gathered and analyzed by competent UFO researchers.

>I'd be interested to see your definition of "pseudo-skepticism"
>in the context of the definition of "sceptic" above,

The late Marcello Truzzi, one of the founding members of CSICOP, coined the term pseudo-skepticism, so I go by his description, which can be read at:

<http://www.anomalist.com/commentaries/pseudo.html>

>and "rigorous proof" of your assertion that scepticism in ufology is
>not real.

I didn't say all UFO skepticism is not real, or even that people who indulge in pseudo-skepticism don't raise valid skeptical arguments from time to time. But there are lots of examples where "UFO skeptics" make claims that fall far short of rigorous proof (as in the STS-48 dust-up) or propose theories that violate principles of physics, as James McDonal showed that some of Klass' "prosaic" UFO explanations did.

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 19:19:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 16:26:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:20:8 -0400
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 10:38:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

Hi Jan,

>As for Nick assuring us that there is no question RAF aircraft
>shooting down UFOs. There are three things wrong with this
>statement.

>1) Nick's position was not one that necessarily gives him a
>"need to know" what policies exist(ed) on this subject. Milton
>Torres wasn't told anything about the incident. I can say this
>right off, no GCI controller nor site commander had this
>independent authority to order such an engagement. The orders
>had to come from way above that level or already be firmly
>established in policy.

This is correct - GCI would defer to Sector who would defer to
HQ Fighter Command, who at this period would consult with USAF
3rd Air Force. Therefore the order to engage would be taken at
the highest level.

>2) Nick reminds us that he was/is subject to the "Official
>Secrets Act." So even if he had no knowledge of such an order,
>he could not probably not reveal such. (Catch 22 as us Colonists
>like to say.)

Over to you, Nick.

>3) This was not a RAF aircraft but a USAF aircraft, since the US
>was flying in support of the UK, policies on this kind of thing
>had be established in bilateral agreements and spelled out in
>rather solid terms. Again, secret protocols would not be
>normally be available to every government civil servant.

I understand that during this period (late 56-59) the USAF Sabre
squadrons based at Manston, Bentwaters and elsewhere were
assigned to QRA [Quick Reaction Alert] duties, and integrated
into the RAF QRA roster. This is demonstrated by the Sector QRA
rosters deposited at the Public Record Office. Therefore, during
alert duties USAF aircrew would intercept under control of RAF
GCI units, with engagement orders being subject to the same UK-
USA bilateral agreements you mention.

Question is: where are these 'secret protocols'? Has Nick seen
them, and if so, will he tell?

All the best,

Dave Clarke

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 14:20:26 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 16:33:19 -0400
Subject: Re: onventioners Share Alien Theories - Gevaerd

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:52:59 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

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>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 01:08:31 -0700 (MST)
>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 21:57:31 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

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>Please note that I did not use the strange term "ionized
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>I realize that you have been attacking Linda and supporting
>A.J., apparently without having read her paper. Surely one
>should have facts in hand before putting word processor in
>gear?

>
>Stan Friedman
>www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

Hello Stan.

Long time no see. I hope you are well.

Charlette is not supporting me. She, as many other researchers,
have seen the info posted all over internet. This info is pro
and against the hoax. Actually, the only info pro is LMH's
investigation, which, for me, is full of very primary mistakes.
I won't go into this again, as it has been plenty presented and
discussed here.

Charlette has been kind enough to publish all the material that
many Brazilian UFO researchers sent to her, including myself, on
her website in a very clear way. Plus, she has done a great job
by investigating the data we have sent and connecting the dots,
comparing the hoax to other similar claims all over the world.
She did a great job.

So did Royce Myers III at his UFOWatchdog.com, which has got all
the info together and showed how poor was LMH's investigation.

Stan, it is not a matter of criticizing Linda for what she is
defending, but it is very clear that she did everything wrong
from the beginning. And now she cannot step back for personal

reasons.

In addition, her paper presented at the MUFON Symposium reflects exactly everything she published on her website, Earthfiles.com. She is trying very hard, I admit, to construct a case from scratch of a well known hoax, already exposed over and over in Brazil. The hoaxer's story is as good as 3-dollar bill.

Best regards and stay in touch.

A. J.

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate -

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 14:23:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 16:37:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate -

>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>fradulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe
>and all other UFO researchers an apology.

>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case
>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to
>MUFON and to all researchers.

Mike, List and Readers;

At some point in the investigation of any subject, there has
be a time when a decision is made, one way or another. Leaving
it open indefinitely will not add to the "body of knowledge". It
only serves to increase the noise level, and Ufology already
suffers from a large excess of noise as it is.

A.J. has presented far too much evidence here that the Oliveira
case is rife with fraud, especially when you view it in the
entire context of Urandir's operations. Add to this that, by
any journalistic standard, Linda's investigative methods are
open to question, her interpretations of the analysis have been
disputed, sometimes hotly, by the writers of the reports, and
you end up with a investigation that should be, in my opinion,
shut down completely.

Does Linda have the right to continue her "investigations"? Of
course she does - this is a free country, and there are no rules
in Ufology that can prevent her. But... Linda's continued
support of an obvious fraud can only serve to harm the UFO
Community. It is hoped that she will eventually listen to the
Community, and move on.

I have no doubt that Linda can present a nicely packaged
presentation. I also have no doubt that one can make an equally
convincing presentation on the Piltdown Man...

Some good may eventually come out of all this. If nothing else,
in condemning Linda's methods and conclusions, a large portion
of a very diverse UFO Community has been united, at least
temporarily, which, you have to admit, is pretty darn hard to
do!

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:40:34 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 16:49:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - LeFevre

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 08:23:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate

>>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>>In this work, if we have a problem with anyone's research, we
>>should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do
>>so is childish and makes one suspect to personal agenda.

>>The data will always prevail. And gentlemanly dialogue is the
>>best approach.

>I agree with the thrust of your comment, and agree that there is
>far too much personality bashing going on in this field, which
>allows irrational skeptics to sit back and watch the show with
>glee.

>Unfortunately, the field also finds itself severely impacted by
>the "cult" aspect of the genre, which further damages any hope
>we have for scientific acceptance. Evidence and scientific
>analysis should be accepted for review from any source, IMO, but
>it must stand up against hard questioning and further analysis
>by others.

>In Roswell, during the 1997 50th Anniversary celebration (or
>Circus), a much ballyhooed presentation was made by a
>metallurgical expert as to the properties of "debris" that was
>allegedly from an alien craft. After the presentation, that
>"expert" was quickly rushed out the back door and driven to a
>regional airport where he got on a plane and flew home. It turns
>out that the "expert" was a research assistant, and the entire
>matter turned into a rather sick joke. To her credit, Linda
>Moulton Howe had expressed serious reservations about going
>public at that time, and felt that further research into the
>debris needed to be completed. But press releases had already
>been sent out, and all many of us could do was shake our heads
>in disbelief at the damage this was likely to do. Proper
>analysis might have actually shown something interesting, but
>that had to occur at a higher level and at that point no one was
>going to pursue it.

>I think that it's too bad that the MUFON Symposium has become a
>social event, rather than a true scientific symposium. The real
>"science" involved in this research is very dry and often not
>easy to understand. And it certainly wouldn't attract many
>individuals who merely have an interest in the field.

Steve and Mike, as a female in this field with a background in
science and journalism, let me gently interrupt your "gentlemanly
dialogue" so you do not misplace your well intended chivalry.

I should point out that Linda Moulton Howe herself was announcing and posting numerous sketchy preliminary results of analysis on the Brazilian bedsheets before any full report was in - to her discredit. One of several serious reasons why we cancelled her from our Seattle conference. So hey, please stop using Linda as an example of virtue based on an observation five years ago when the shoe doesn't fit. Linda's scream of claimed "attack!" (oh please) as if she was on a chair and had seen a mouse is simply her posturing because she can't answer challenging questions from scientific investigative professionals and her peers both male and female. Interviewing Schussler about the Seattle Group cancelling her was hardly newsworthy and came across as whining and it has not gone unnoticed Linda tried to refute the full analysis of her own scientific analyst Phyllis Budinger and qualified investigators which has prompted them to speak out. Feel free of course to draw your swords in defense of Linda but I also hope you have taken dancing lessons to sidestep with her.

Also, lets face it, conferences are social events, we are human after all - otherwise we might as well just be reading books and message boards all the time. Networking and the chance for people to meet with a common interest, shake hands, share personal experiences and ask questions is where its at, in my opinion - ground level support and disclosure. I am all for making conferences as open and as public as possible to all age and all levels of understanding rather than inherently shutting people out.

I have gotten a kick out of seeing an eight-year-old engaged with his dad watching a UFO Rods film for the first time, a security guard leaning over a chair straining to hear a witness report played by Peter Davenport and caterers fighting in the back of the room to see who can stay to see the rest of Lloyd Pye's hominoid presentation. These are the people we need to reach and create awareness and not preach to the choir and talking above a person's understanding is a dis-service. I really believe the youth are our best critics - they have no agenda. Impress the youth and you impress the parent. Impress the parent and you impress the world. I recall over-hearing the comments of a nine-year-old to his mother walking out of Seth Shostak's Univ. of Washington presentation last year, disappointed because because the boy wanted to see more data! and less Star Trek pictures. (Seth if you read this take note!)

Overall, yeah, I agree MUFON can do better than presenting a speaker supporting a bedsheets of an "organic farmer"/UFO cult leader with a record of fraud, exploiting the UFO belief. We no longer recognize MUFON and have discovered individuals stand on their own merit and integrity.

Charlette LeFevre

Coordinator Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 14:28:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 16:52:49 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - Hebert

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 10:50:10 -0300
>Subject: What Is Real In Ufology?

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>I=B4m writing an article for the Brazilian UFO magazine the title
>"What Is Real In Ufology?". I'd like to hear your opinion.

I think a more accurate question would be "What Is Real In
Ufology And What Is Not?".

What's 'unidentified' to the general public may not be
unidentified to the military and/or governments of the world.
If governments and militaries of various countries are flying
prototypes and/or commissioned exotic technologies over people's
heads letting them think or leading them to think it's a "UFO",
how can we distinguish between the real UFO's and what may be
human technology with a pinch of CC&D? The next question is,
"Which UFOs are ours and which are not (i.e. man-made vs not
man-made)?"

...Not to mention sorting the real UFO reports, images, etc.
from the misinterpretations, misperceptions and deliberate
hoaxes.

Before we can ask what's "real" in Ufology, we must first ask
ourselves what's not real and learn to distinguish between
fact and fantasy, skepticism and debunking, scientific inquiry
and belief and the consequences of neglecting these important
questions in our search for the truth.

IMHO

A. Hebert

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>>>Here is the letter I faxed the Detroit Free Press and emailed to Zlati
>>>Meyer

>>>FAX 1-313-222-6774
>>>Letters to the Editor
>>>Detroit Free Press

>>>Dear Editor: July 8, 2003

>>>As a nuclear physicist who spoke at the MUFON Symposium in
>>>Dearborn, I am writing to correct several false claims in ZLATI
>>>MEYER's article in the July 7, 2003, FP(5B):

<snip>

>>I believe the journalist mentions specifically the absence of
>>Ph.D.s presenting in which case your first comment supports Zlati
>>Meyer's observance and even so she still makes her point of the
>>disparity of MUFON's boasts and what it actually presents.

>>I am sure though she appreciates your fax and would have
>>appreciated your presentation on ionized seawater.

>>No doubt the analytical analysis of polyester threads of a
>>Brazilian bed sheet would have impressed her such that she would
>>have written an absolutely glowing article on MUFON and its
>>credentialed presenters proving the scientific reality of UFOs
>>once and for all.

>I have always been under the impression that a Masters Degree is
>an advanced degree. The term "advanced degree" does not, at
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>I realize that you have been attacking Linda and supporting
>A.J., apparently without having read her paper. Surely one
>should have facts in hand before putting word processor in
>gear?

Stanton,

1. You confuse my and others "attacking" of Linda with "asking valid challenging questions".

If giving A.J. Gevaerd - a National MUFON Director - a fair opportunity to be heard in the United States along with 300 Brazilian Ufologists and the families that have been scammed due to this UFO cult exploiting the UFO belief is taking sides, then consider me an ambassador to Brazil standing in good company.

Of course I realize you and Linda are business colleagues and I don't expect that to change but I'll argue, any day, knowledge of this case over your understanding. Just name the place and time in any Seattle coffee house. Don't worry you don't need a Ph.D. and I'm only 5'1" but I must warn you I've tangled with the best of them.

I am well aware of Phyllis Budinger's comments on Ms. Howe and I have read her full report on the analysis of the bedsheet. Surely you have read this report and know the facts before you are in a position to comment to others? Then spare me until you've interviewed yourself the mother who was bilked of thousands of dollars for her son who has lukeimia or Urandir's former lawyer who now represents cheated land owners - most of who were poor to begin with.

2. I believe its totally appropriate to read the article statement as referring to Ph.Ds. only but then again I don't believe your letter, Stanton, honestly was to clarify Ms. Meyer's observation more so than taking an opportunity to espouse yourself. Am I right?

For your review, again, the journalist's complete statement regarding lack of advanced degrees at the Symposium.

"The convention program listed dozens of Ph.Ds as MUFON consultants, but Bruce Maccabee, who has a doctorate in physics from American University, was the only person with an advanced degree presenting." - Zlati Meyer, Detroit Free Press 7/7/03.

3. I was being sarcastic when I said "ionized saltwater".

If you would like to further split hairs, please feel free to comment to me directly.

Regards,

Charlette LeFevre
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 17:29:20 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 18:46:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Gevaerd

>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>As for the Oliveira case I was fully aware of the advanced
>criticism by A.J. Gevaerd and others, that the case was a total
>fraud.

>Linda's presentation of the Oliveira case was very well done.
>She never once intimated that the case was the smoking gun for
>ufology. She presented a case based on the testimony of the
>claimant, and on the complex analysis of the bedsheets and
>rocks.

>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>fraudulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>findings. I believe that A.J. Gevaerd owes Linda Moulton Howe
>and all other UFO researchers an apology.

>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case
>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to
>MUFON and to all researchers.

>A.J. probably doesn't remember that he and I had lunch together
>on the Sunday at the MUFON 96 Symposium in Greensboro NC. He
>sent me his very interesting glossy UFO magazine for 2 years.
>Unfortunately I don't read a word of Portuguese. Unfortunately
>and more importantly I don't think that glossy magazines quite
>equates to gentlemanly behaviour.

>In this work, if we have a problem with anyone's research, we
>should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do
>so is childish and makes one suspect to personal agenda.

>The data will always prevail. And gentlemanly dialogue is the
>best approach.

Dear Mike.

I don't remember you and the lunch we had together in
Greensboro. I wish I did. I am sorry.

You are terribly mistaken about some issues in your message. For
instance, I may owe LMH an apology for the way I may have
pronounced myself against her support of a hoax. And I may have
gone too far in my energetic defense of the ethics and decency
in ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes.

See, I always get too excited when I see people fabricating
hoaxes, people believing in hoaxes and - worst - people
promoting hoaxes.

Mike, with all due respect to you and LMH, it is she who owes a
big apology to the entire world UFO community, who have worked
hard over the decades to build an acknowledgeable reputation and

credibility in this area. Her decision to make a hoax look like a really extraordinary, legitimate and unquestionable truth is disgusting, even much more than perpetrating a hoax itself.

A. J. Gevaerd

PS.: Are you the guy who went to Cuba and once sent me an e-mails asking info about there?

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Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 17:40:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 19:02:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Jacobson

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 09:37:25 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:55:10 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 11:30:18 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 10:31:32 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

Dear Gildas, John, et al,

>>>>I don't understand how you can reach such a conclusion. You
>>>>should certainly read, first the book of Dr Leir, and then the
>>>>many articles which I listed in my text on Dr Leir.

>>(If) there is anything anomalous or unusual about any of the
>>alleged implants that Leir recovered, why hasn't he published in
>>any peer review journals? He's a podiatrist/doctor, why hasn't
>>he submitted a report or a white paper to JAMA for instance?
>>(Journal of the American Medical Association)

>>>I'm sorry but it just isn't good enough. If he has anything, let
>>>him put it out there to be checked out by other scientists,
>>>metallurgists, whoever.

>>Yes, there has been an independant metallurgical analysis at New
>>Mexico Tech. It has been published on the NIDS site, and in Dr
>>Leir's book. The metallurgical findings have been judged very
>>unusual by a competent expert that I know. So, it's not just a
>>story in his book.

>>As for an article in a peered scientific review, not to mention
>>a headline in the New York Times, you must be aware of the
>>difficulty. Especially for a simple podiatrist, rather isolated,
>>so it seems, NIDS having withdrawn its support.

Gildas et al.

About nine years ago I attended a conference on abduction
research at the Temple University Institute for Frontier Science.
The topic of implants came up. Someone (I forget who, but
someone knowledgeable, this was an invitation-only conference
attended by established UFO and abduction researchers) talked
about the difficulty of determining that any tiny artifact was
extraterrestrial. Their preliminary research had revealed the
fact that the field of expertise in identifying microscopic
objects was even then (c. 1994) so large that no single expert
was competent to recognize all possible classes of such objects,

e.g. there were experts in metallurgic fragments, experts in plant materials, experts in burned fragments, experts in animal tissue, experts in meteor fragments, etc. The number of documented variations in each class of micro-objects was simply so large that it was all a person could do to specialize in a sub-field. The outcome was that a panel of at least half a dozen experts would have to examine an artifact before it could be established that it was not a well-documented, recognizable, terrestrial object.

This is why the pronouncements of Lier et al and of NIDS as well, even given that "one metallurgists looked at it and said it was very unusual" are totally un-convincing. If Lier, NIDS and company were at all interested in sold scientific approach they would convene such a panel, turn over their fragments and report the outcome. There is no obstacle to their doing this other than their disinterest in hearing the results. For my money they'd all be recognized as terrestrial objects. The fact that neither Lier nor NIDS have done this, and trumpet "results" nevertheless, is all the indication we should need of their total absence of serious scientific intent.

Best wishes,

Eric

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Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 14:59:13 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 19:05:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Tonnies

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 07:30:20 -0700
>Subject: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

>I just bought the August issue of Sky and Telescope. E.C.Krupp
>does a Sceptibunking article - what else - on the idea of
>artificial structures on Mars. He also demolishes - unfortunately
>not without justification - Richard '19.5' Hogland.

>He does not curiously, use any current pictures from the Mars
>Global Surveyor for instance, and just focuses on the history of
>the "Face" ala Hogland.

<snip>

Unfortunately, this is typical scientific fact management. It's
so much easier to attack the messenger than objectively deal
with a real curiosity.

Mac Tonnies

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

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>Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Vladimir Azhazha's Book?

From: **Albert Rosales** <Garuda79@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 18:23:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 19:44:37 -0400
Subject: Vladimir Azhazha's Book?

Can anybody tell me how to obtain Azhazha's book "New Life" a Russian title on UFO encounters? I heard its on the Web as a zip file, but so far I have been not able to find it.

Thank you,

Albert Rosales

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 23:57:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:07:54 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology? - McGonagle

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 14:51:02 -0300
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology?

>It has been my experience that people are most frightened of the
>unknown and that more people would just as soon wish NO UFOs
>were of ET origin than wish that any were. I don't see how the
>term "rigorous proof" fits in here. Physics experiments in a
>lab? Fine. But since testimony is so important in ufology, I
>think we need to look at our justice systems. Remember there are
>two standards: Beyond a reasonable doubt and a preponderance of
>the evidence.

To an extent, I agree with you. The investigator should however eliminate as far as possible any mundane explanations for a given case. Generally, that is as far as one can go before concluding an exotic explanation. Often, the mundane explanations are not adequately eliminated, as has frequently been demonstrated when previously "undisputed" cases have been followed up by more rigorous investigators/researchers.

I maintain that it is wrong to conclude "Alien intervention" in cases that should be concluded as "not explainable in current conventional terms". Roswell is an example-conceding for a moment that unusual bodies were recovered from a crashed vehicle of unknown origin, what evidence is there that they are alien in the extraterrestrial sense? Nowhere have I heard of a plate being found on the "spaceship" stamped with "made in the pleiades". The bodies could conceivably be the results of early genetic experiments for instance, the fact is that we don't know, yet many people sieze the conclusion that because they aren't immediately identifiable, they must be extraterrestrial-why do they do so?

>Another problem I see in such discussions is asking the wrong
>question such as "What are UFOs?" when quite obviously a much
>better question is "Are any UFOs...of ET origin or secret
>military systems or natural phenomena?"

I was attempting to respond to the question "What is real in ufology". There is very little aside from what I have mentioned that there is a broad consensus of opinion on. The people are real, the original stimulus is real. The psychological aspect is in my opinion real, though I daresay it may lack the consensus of the the other two points.

>Considering the drop in church attendance, I am not at all sure
>there is a significant portion of the public that has a desire
>for a super being to address the ills of the world. Where is the
>evidence for this? I am quite skeptical. Where is the "rigorous
>proof" of this assertion?

I could spend several hours gathering statistics to show that a large proportion of the world population are practicing Hindus, Moslems, Christians, Jews, Aetherians, Raelians, Pagans, Satanists, etc., but you don't seriously doubt this do you? I agree that mainstream religions are reporting a reduction of worshipers in most countries, but in some aeas (particularly

economically deprived areas) numbers are increasing. On the other hand, many "new age" religions are booming, including the various UFO cults. Also look at the proliferation of "God channels" on TV, radio, and the internet. Currently, the Mormons in the UK are advertising free videos on television-if their numbers are so depleted, how can they afford to pay for television advertising _and_ provide free videos?

>Stan Friedman

Regards, Joe

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

From: **Joe McGonagle** <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:09:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:09:06 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 13:23:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

<snip>

I think that we actually agree on quite a lot of the topic in hand, that the following are generally accepted within ufology as "real":

1. The people
2. The stimuli

and possibly also

3. A racial propensity towards the existence of a super-being able to address the ills of mankind.

Though I am not confident of the broad support for the third point?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:27:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:10:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 10:38:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 00:45:25 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2003 19:12:48 +0100
>>>Subject: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>Whilst this is a fascinating case, I can assure you that there
>>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs.

>Hi Nick, list..

>The Observer's line about aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs
>originates in another incident, involving a USAF F-86 Sabre
>pilot, during the period 1956-57. He was ordered, by an RAF
>Ground Controlled Intercept station to fire his full salvo of
>'mighty mouse' rockets at a UFO tracked over East Anglia.

>The full testimony of the pilot, Milton Torres, can be found at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/jun/m07-034.shtml>

>As far as I'm aware there is no official confirmation of this
>incident from the British or American records.

>But I'm sure the list would be interested to learn that "there
>was no question of any RAF aircraft trying to shoot down UFOs."

>That would suggest you have had access to material on this, or
>related incidents from the '50s that, we are assured, were
>destroyed in 1961. Paul Harris of the Observer was told these
>were lost "in a fire".

>Did you ever see any files or records related to the Lakenheath
>incident during your incumbency at Sec(AS)2?

Dave and List,

I'm pretty sure that I didn't see any official papers relating
to the 1956 Lakenheath case, though my tour of duty in Sec(AS)2
was some time ago (1991 to 1994), so I couldn't swear to this.

My statement concerning there being no question of RAF aircraft
being ordered to shoot down UFOs was based not on a specific
recollection of a particular document, but on my more general
knowledge of Rules of Engagement (ROE) and Standard Operating
Procedure (SOP). These aren't (as Jan Aldrich recognised in a
separate post) areas that I can talk about, for obvious reasons.

It's clear that some of the confusion with the Lakenheath case
stems from the fact that the report went to both the RAF and the

USAF, meaning that both Project Blue Book and the MOD were involved. More generally, some of the language used in the course of RAF operations might (falsely) imply hostile intent towards UFOs: "shooting" film with "gun" cameras; tracking "targets" on radar; attempting to "intercept" or "engage" a mystery object; such terminology is pretty emotive. The RAF, especially in the Cold War, did scramble jets in attempts to identify and intercept objects which appeared to be flying at unusually high heights or speeds, or displayed unusual manoeuvrability; this happened on numerous occasions. But ufologists and journalists are mistaken if they conclude that this was indicative of any intention to shoot down a UFO.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Beverly Gleason On Gleason & Nixon

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 20:52:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:33:27 -0400
Subject: Beverly Gleason On Gleason & Nixon

Note: forwarded message attached.

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

From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 09:09:01 -0400
To: presidentialufo@presidency.com
Subject: CONTACTED BEVERLY GLEASON (McKITTRICK)

"She (Hillary Clinton) told me once that some guy of our age had walked up to her and said, You know, I would be really proud if my daughter grew up to be like you, but I'm sure as hell am glad as hell my wife isn't."

--Ford, Nixon, Reagan, and Clinton presidential advisor
David Gergen

Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 09:09:01 -0400
From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
To: presidentialufo@presidency.com,
Subject: CONTACTED BEVERLY GLEASON (McKITTRICK)

INTERVIEW with BEVERLY GLEASON

This morning I spoke by telephone with Beverly Gleason McKittrick, an ex-wife of the late comedian Jackie Gleason. I explained to her that I was interested in the progress of her book and if she could talk about Jackie Gleason's claim of seeing alien bodies at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

She said that the book never came out as she had 'stopped writing' of it. She said she was 'glad to get out of it' as Jackie Gleason did not seem pleased with her quoting him on the aliens in Florida. She said that there was not much additional to tell as the whole story regarding Jackie Gleason and the aliens, as far as she knew, had already been printed anyway.

"Esquire Magazine interviewed me after our separation," she said, "and I talked about how Jackie told me about seeing dead aliens in Florida. I think it was sometime in '74 when this happened. When I said that it was because he told me."

"After the interview was published, Jackie was upset about the story being public. He called and said he didn't appreciate me giving the interview, and that's when I started to wonder if the story was 'iffy.'

"The reason I became 'iffy' about it is because I wondered if it was really true, I mean... I believed it the whole time. I bought the story hook, line and sinker. But if it was true, then why did he get so upset about it?"

Beverly went on to explain how Jackie came to tell her of his experience.

"Jackie had been out very late one night I did not know who he was with," She said. "He told me where he was that same evening, he said he had been in South Florida with President Nixon to see some dead aliens there and I believed him, he was very convincing.

"He and Nixon were in contact quite a bit and I'm not sure how that was arranged, but it seems that their meetings were set up by an associate of Nixon's. After he got back, he was very pleased he had an opportunity to see the dead little men in cases, he explained to me what they looked like and he was still talking about it the next day."

Beverly explained that during her interview with Esquire Magazine, she made the statement about Gleason's claim to see dead aliens and afterward things between her and Jackie turned sour.

"We were on the verge of divorce, but everything was okay until it came out in Esquire," she said.

She informed that Gleason never did deny the story.

Regarding her announced intention to write a book, Beverly again said that she abandoned the project due in large part to Gleason's objection to her comments about him seeing the aliens.

"I just made that one statement about the UFOs and it appeared in Esquire and I guess a few other places and he didn't like that and I thought, I just can't go through with this. Let him live his life. So I never wrote the book."

I thanked Beverly for talking with me and asked if it would be okay for me to call her back later if I had more questions, she agreed. That concluded our conversation.

Special thanks to Donnie Blessing, Grant Cameron and David Rudiak for their help in providing contact information for Beverly Gleason McKittrick.

Filed,
JULY 9, 2003
KENNY YOUNG

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Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Sterling

From: Rick L. Sterling <MarsCity1@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 21:58:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:41:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Sterling

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 07:30:20 -0700
>Subject: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

>I just bought the August issue of Sky and Telescope. E.C.Krupp
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>Global Surveyor for instance, and just focuses on the history of
>the "Face" ala Hogland.

<snip>

It should be noted that NASA no longer agrees with Mr. Krupp's
comments in Sky & Telescope about the Face on Mars! The NASA
sponsored Sixth International Conference on Mars recently
accepted for presentation at the Conference Cydonia research by
Dr. Mark Carlotto & Dr. John Brandenburg.

See:

Dr. Mark Carlotto's Sixth International Conference On Mars Cydonia
Abstract:

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/sixthmars2003/pdf/3208.pdf>

Dr John Brandenburg's Sixth International Conference On Mars
Cydonia Abstract:

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/sixthmars2003/pdf/3184.pdf>

Obviously, NASA now considers alien artifacts on Mars a serious
possibility that should be investigated!

Rick L. Sterling

Member The Enterprise Mission

Contributor To The Stafford Commission Report
(Nuclear Propulsion Section) on President Bush Senior's
SEI Lunar-Mars Program

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:16:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:46:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Maccabee

>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 01:08:31 -0700 (MST)
>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 21:57:31 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>>Source: The Detroit Free Press

>>>http://www.freep.com/news/locway/nufo7_20030707.htm

>>>07-07-03>

>>>Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>>Dearborn discussion is UFOs, crop circles

>>>By Zlati Meyer
>>>Free Press Staff Writer

<snip>

>>1. Zlati claims that Dr. Bruce Maccabee was the only presenter
>>with an advanced degree. I spoke "Critiquing the Roswell
>>Critics", did a workshop "The Cosmic Watergate" and was on a
>>speaker panel. The Bio in the Symposium Proceedings notes that I
>>have an MSc. in Physics from the U. of Chicago. Presenter Linda
>>Howe is noted as having a Masters Degree in Communications from
>>having MS and MA degrees.

<snip>

>Stanton,

>I believe the journalist mentions specifically the absence of
>Ph.Ds presenting in which case your first comment supports Zlati
>Meyer's observance and even so she still makes her point of the
>disparity of MUFON's boasts and what it actually presents.

Actually she did mention my Ph.D Degree:

"The convention program listed dozens of Ph.Ds as MUFON
consultants, but Bruce Maccabee, who has a doctorate in physics
from American University, was the only person with an advanced
degree presenting."

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 02:06:12 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:51:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - LeFevre

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 17:29:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate

>>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

><snip>

>>As for the Oliveira case I was fully aware of the advanced
>>criticism by A.J. Gaveard and others, that the case was a total
>>fraud.

>>Linda's presentation of the Oliveira case was very well done.
>>She never once intimated that the case was the smoking gun for
>>ufology. She presented a case based on the testimony of the
>>claimant, and on the complex analysis of the bedsheets and
>>rocks.

>>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>>fradulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>>findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe
>>and all other UFO researchers an apology.

>>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case
>>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to
>>MUFON and to all researchers.

>>A.J. probably doesn't remember that he and I had lunch together
>>on the Sunday at the MUFON 96 Symposium in Greensboro NC. He
>>sent me his very interesting glossy UFO magazine for 2 years.
>>Unfortunately I don't read a word of Portugese. Unfortunately
>>and more importantly I don't think that glossy magazines quite
>>equates to gentlemanly behaviour.

>>In this work, if we have a problem with anyone's research, we
>>should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do
>>so is childish and makes one suspect to personal agenda.

>>The data will always prevail. And gentlemanly dialogue is the
>>best approach.

>I don't remember you and the lunch we had together in
>Greensboro. I wish I did. I am sorry.

>You are terribly mistaken about some issues in you message. For
>instance, I may owe LMH an apology for the way I may have
>pronounced myself against her support of a hoax. And I may have
>gone too far in my energetic defense of the ethics and decency
>in Ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes.

>See, I always get too excited when I see people fabricating
>hoaxes, people believing in hoaxes and - worst - people
>promoting hoaxes.

>Mike, with all due respect tou you and LMH, it is she who owes a
>big apology to the entire world UFO community, who have worked
>hard over the decades to build an acknowledgeble reputation and
>credibility in this area. Her decision to make a hoax look like
>a really extraordinary, legitimate and unquestionable truth is
>disgusting, even much more than perpetrating a hoax itself.

I agree with A. J. Gevaerd.

It is Linda who owes an apology to A. J., the UFO Community and to the public. But that will likely only happen when Linda admits there is a 'Project Portal' UFO cult. Perhaps there needs to be big bold white letters on a building for her to notice - just like the one Urandir has, right there at his "organic farm"! Or perhaps Linda simply needs a Portugese translator to translate 'Projeto' to 'Project'.

I also hope nobody is confusing A. J.'s well respected magazine in Portugese with the U.S.'s UFO Magazine and its "gentlemanly behaviour" of printing "Exotic Asian Women for terrestrial men" in the back classifieds. I do believe that is printed in glossy if I am not mistaken.

And A. J. a person can never go too far in defense of the ethics and decency in Ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes exploiting the field. Keep up the good work.

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Internet Outage In The Washington DC Metro Area

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Subject: Internet Outage In The Washington DC Metro Area

I regret any inconvenience, but a Worldcom outage in the Washington region is preventing access to two web sites of interest:

www.nicap.org

and

www.fufor.com

are both unreachable for the moment. My email is also impacted, as is that of the Fund for UFO Research. Worldcom has been working on the problem through the night and I suspect it will be resolved this morning.

I will advise when this has been resolved.

Steve

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'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'? Article

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>Can anyone share with me an electronic, scanned, or photocopied
>copy of Otto Binder's 1971 Saga article, 'Liquidation of the UFO
>Investigators'? A Word .doc attachment would be great.

Source: Jerry Hamm's Website

<http://www.geocities.com/zoomar1/liquidation.html>

EXCLUSIVE!

Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators!
By Otto O. Binder

Over the past 10 years, no less than 137 flying saucer researchers, writers, scientists, and witnesses, have died - many under the most mysterious circumstances. Were they silenced, permanently, because they got too close to the truth?

Before the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists, Gray Barker, the chairman, received two letters and one phone call telling him that Frank Edwards, the noted radio newscaster and champion of flying saucers, would die during the convention. One day after the meeting was convened there was an announcement that Frank Edwards had succumbed to an "apparent" heart attack. How could anybody know that Edwards was going to die, unless it was planned?

AND THAT'S CALLED MURDER!

The day was June 24, 1967, and the weather in New York City was brutally hot. But inside the Commodore Hotel an icy shiver swept the audience as Jim Moseley, Chairman of the first World UFO Convention - officially called the Congress of Scientific Ufologists - made this startling announcement.

"Your attention please," he said. A silence fell over the assembly. "We just heard some shocking news. Frank Edwards, the noted broadcaster and champion of flying saucers, died of a heart attack today. He was 59 years old."

A single gasp rose from 2,000 throats. Frank Edwards had been a leading champion of the existence of UFOs and had forced the public and the government to pay attention to this puzzling phenomenon. He brought respect to the subject because of his stature as a news reporter.

"I need not remind you of the extremely odd coincidence of this news," Moseley continued, "that Frank Edwards' death occurred 20

years after - to the day - the UFOs first made big headlines in America. It was on June 24, 1947, that Kenneth Arnold made his famous sighting of nine flying saucers."

Actually, Frank Edwards died on June 23rd, a few hours before midnight. But the coincidence is still there - as if his death had been timed for that significant date.

Timed? By whom? Or was it chance?

Was it chance that two other prominent UFOlogists died on June 24, 1967, while two more died on June 24th of other years. he four were:

Arthur Bryant, June 24, 1967. The contactee who claimed to have met three Venusians, including the apparent reincarnation of George Adamski, the most famous contactee in UFOdom.

Richard Church, June 24, 1967. The brilliant young chairman-elect of the UFOlogy group CIGIUFO, and an expert on UFOs.

Frank Scully, June 24, 1964. Scully wrote the first significant book about UFOs - Behind the Flying Saucers - in which he mentioned the "little men" or alien humanoids, electro-magnetic powerplants of saucer, EM effects, and the Air Force's campaign to hide the truth about UFOs from the public, all "ridiculous" ideas that were later accepted.

Willie Ley, June 24, 1969. A well-known writer on rockets and astronautics, Ley wasn't directly involved in UFOlogy but he wrote about space travel. Flying saucers are space travelers.

So we have those directly connected with UFOlogy, plus Ley, all of whom died on June 24th, three within hours of each other.

Why on that date? Chance?

Could it have been a warning?

Whatever, the fact remains that over the past 10 years, no less than 137 UFO researchers and contactees have died. Many of the deaths were surrounded by peculiar circumstances. The list is too extensive to be covered in its entirety; only the most prominent, then, will be named.

George Adamski, April 23, 1965. Victim of a heart attack (according to the death certificate) in Silver Springs, Md. Dead within hours despite emergency treatment. Cremated and buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Adamski claimed to have seen a flying saucer land in southern California. He said he had spoken to its pilot, a Venusian, in front of witnesses, including George Hunt Williamson. (Williamson disappeared mysteriously in 1965) Adamski also claimed to have traveled to Venus and to have been in telepathic communication with saucer men. He toured the world until his death, lecturing and relaying messages from "our space brothers" to live in brotherhood and peace.

Truman Bethurum, May 21, 1969. Also claimed to have ridden to other worlds in flying saucers. He was a quiet man who seemed incapable of making up the fantastic adventures he had. He wrote two books about them before dying quietly in bed.

Barney Hill, February 25, 1969. One of the most celebrated contactees - with his wife Betty. John Fuller wrote a book about them - The Interrupted Journey. The title refers to an experience the Hills had in 1961 when they encountered a landed saucer. They remembered nothing of the incident. But later, under hypnosis, they described being conducted aboard the saucer by little humanoids, and undergoing physical examinations. The Hills told their story on TV and in lectures. Their sincerity left little doubt as to the truth of their experience.

Mark Probert, February 22, 1969. The most prominent psychic in BSRA (Borderland Science Research Associates), an organization founded by Meade Layne. Probert acted as a "cosmic telephone" link between Earth and an "inner circle" of departed spirits; these spirits enabled Probert to contact saucer men. Reports of the contacts were then published in the BSRA journal. He never claimed to have seen saucer men in person or to have traveled in saucers.

Meade Layne, 1968. Wrote several books on his beliefs in flying saucers.

Dr. George Hunt Williamson. The first of two great mysteries. Williamson disappeared while on an anthropological expedition to Peru in 1965. He was noted for his explorations of ancient Indian sites in the Andes, which he suspected were saucer bases, landing fields, and cave headquarters. He believed the saucer men were still there. Later, he experimented with shortwave radio contact, claiming in 1952, that he had established communications with UFOs. Saucers were observed hovering over his radio shack during these broadcasts. Williamson wrote several books about UFOs, the most noteworthy was The Road in the Sky.

Dr. Raymond Bernard, Sept. 10, 1966? The question mark is used because some believe Dr. Bernard is still alive. He produced many books about the inner Earth. (The Hollow Earth, The Inner World, etc.) which he believed to be inhabited by saucer men, making them "inner Earthians" not extraterrestrials. Their flying saucers rise out of the earth at the North and South Poles, which, according to Dr. Bernard, are deep pits.

Dr. Morris K. Jessup, April 20, 1959. A scientist who firmly believed in UFOs and who devoted his life to proving their existence. Dr. Jessup was a distinguished astrophysicist. He supervised the installing of the first important telescope in the Southern hemisphere. He wrote several books on flying saucers; the most famous was The Case for the UFO, 1955. Dr. Jessup was found dead in his station wagon in a Coral Gables (Fla.) park. Suicide was apparent; a rubber hose was attached to the exhaust pipe and looped back into the interior. The death certificate reads, "acute carbon monoxide intoxication." Dr. Jessup's theory about UFO's is that they are vehicles by which a pygmy race from outer space visited the Earth millions of years ago. The pygmies built a civilization later destroyed by natural calamity. Vestiges do exist in the pygmy tribes living on Earth today. His hypotheses were rejected by the scientific establishment.

Capt. Edward Ruppelt, 1960. Capt. Ruppelt headed the Air Force's Project Bluebook for two and a half years. He was more sympathetic to the cause of UFOs than his critics admitted. In 1956, he wrote The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects in which he proved that the Air Force had no basis for denying the existence of UFOs, eventually forcing it to release UFO statistics. He kept the UFO pot bubbling before the public and counteracted the anti-UFO theories of Dr. Donald Menzel.

Wilbert B. Smith, December 27, 1962. A leading scientist, he was appointed head of the Canadian government's Project Magnet in 1950; the project was designed to investigate flying saucers, taken seriously by the Canadians at that time. But the idea was ridiculed by the press, and unsympathetic officials shelved it four years later. Smith claimed to have received telepathic messages from UFOs. He aided UFO groups in their researches; he analyzed the famous "Ottawa chunk" and found traces of "oddities" indicating that it was perhaps dumped from a UFO.

Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, May 9, 1968. Dr. Fontes, a distinguished young Brazilian scientist, was South America's foremost UFO booster. He investigated and reported innumerable cases, including the classic Itupai Fortress attack by a UFO using heat rays. Unlike hesitant U.S. scientists, Dr. Fontes boldly challenged the "official" viewpoint. He concluded that saucers were "sizing Earth up" for conquest. He maintained this grin view until his death.

The Rev. Della Larson, October, 1965. A contactee who claimed Venusians were living on earth among us. She committed suicide in a rest home by hanging herself with a nylon stocking.

Gloria Lee (Byrd), December 1, 1962. She said space people had told her to go on the fast during which she died.

H. T. Wilkins, 1966. Died following a heart attack. Well-known for his two books on UFOs, Flying Saucers on the Attack and Flying Saucers Uncensored. Like Dr. Fontes, Wilkins was convinced the saucer men were here for the possible conquest of earth.

Dr. Charles A. Maney, November 8, 1965. A scientist who risked his reputation by taking UFOs seriously, he wrote - Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects (in collaboration with Richard Hall of NICAP). A professor at Defiance College in Ohio, he utilized scientific statistical methods to promote the case for UFOs, and "scolded" science for its indifference toward the UFO phenomena.

Capt. Robert Loftin, November 21, 1968. Ironically , Loftin's book - Identified Flying Objects - was published just a few months before his death. In it he demonstrated that aerial flying objects were "identified" - that is, were identified as real, not illusory.

Clara John, 1968. Former editor of Little Listening Post, after a long illness.

Hazen Coon, 1968. One of Joan Whritenour's staff of reporters at Saucer Scoop.

Ralph Holland, January 26, 1962. Former editor of A Voice From the Gallery.

Chuck Roberts, February 13, 1969. A police radio dispatcher who joined the staff of Saucer Scoop.

Bernard Cox, January 1969. Member of SAUCERS, the Australian UFO organization.

Edgar Jarrold, 1960. Australian UFologist who vanished mysteriously.

Marie Ford, Suicide. A young UFO enthusiast who found the body of the Rev. Della Larson.

Doug Hanock, 1968, Suicide. A UFO researcher who was confined to a mental hospital. He managed to obtain a gun and shot himself.

Damon Runyon, Jr., April 14, 1968, Suicide. Son of the famous sports writer. Involved with the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination; and a writer on UFOs. Saucer Scoop said that young Runyon "fell, jumped, or was pushed off" a Washington, D.C., bridge.

Henry F. Koch, 1966. Publicity director of the Universal Research Society of America. He was written up in Flying Saucers as having made a UFO sighting on April 3, 1966, and dying mysteriously a few weeks later. The death certificate said of a heart attack. The magazine suggested the cause of death was saucer radiation.

Dr. B. Noel Opan, August 23, 1959. Dr. Opan made a UFO a sighting and later was allegedly kidnapped by three MIBs (Men in Black) from his home in Wellington, Ontario, Canada. He was never seen again.

Bryant Reeve, December 1968: Author, with his wife, of Flying Saucer Pilgrimage. Bryant and Helen Reeve traveled extensively and interviewed many UFO celebrities - Adamski, Mark Probert. Truman Bethurum, and others.

Dag Hammarskjold, September 19, 1961. Known for his general "saintliness" as head of the U.N., and no disbeliever in UFOs, Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in Southern Rhodesia. A witness, Timothy Kankasa, swore he saw a craft above the airliner. The UFO emitted beams of light resembling a "flashing torch." The question is: Did saucermen tamper electronically with the airliner, causing it to crash?

And this leads us to the broader question: Did saucermen engineer the deaths of those in our above list?

Let's examine this carefully before condemning it as utter "nonsense" or an attempt at "sensationalism."

First, various UFologists have revealed threats against themselves either from MIBs or other mysterious sources. In the publication MIB: A Report on the Mysterious Men in Black Who Have Terrorized UFO Witnesses and Investigators in All Parts of the Nation - Robert S. Easley writes: "The first real act of violence on the part of the 'Three Men' came on February 25, 1968. On that date I had given a UFO lecture to a group of Boy

Scouts and their parents. As I was walking out to my car afterwards, at about 9:45 p.m., I was shot at by two men in a car without any lights on. Later that same evening I received another mysterious phone call . . . 'if you and your buddies are not out of the saucer field by next Sunday we will have to take other means of action (to put you out).' "

Gray Barker, well-known publisher in the UFO field, tells (in Spacecraft News #3) how, when investigating the notorious "mothman" rumors near Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., he found a note on his door saying - somewhat ungrammatically, "ABANDON YOUR RESEARCH OR YOU WILL BE REGRET. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED."

Similar stories have come from dozens of other UFO investigators. They can hardly all be hoaxes or pranks. Somebody, or something, has been threatening those involved with UFOs, threats that in some cases seem to have been fulfilled.

We might also heed the words of John Keel, who more than any other investigator has sought to uncover the mystery of UFO's and MIB's. Keel said in Saucer Scoop, that he believes the MIB's to be "the intelligence arm of a large and possibly hostile group;" and that they are professional terrorists. "Among their many duties is the harassment of the UFO researchers who become involved in cases which might reveal too much of the truth."

"Many duties" may well include outright murder of victims, though in such a skillful way that the police aren't aware the murders even occurred. How is this done?

Frank Edwards and Frank Scully presumably died of heart attacks; Wilbert B. Smith and Dr. Olavo Fontes of cancer; and Barney Hill of a brain hemorrhage. All of them died relatively young, none over 59.

We will now ask: can heart-attacks, cancer and other diseases be induced in people in some unusual way?

Consider this angle on Frank Edwards, as reported by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour in SAGA: "Edwards was warned to lay off UFO investigation," we (the two authors) were told. "He had been visited by the same three Men in Black that shut up Albert K. Bender" (a former UFO investigator who was hounded into silence by MIBs.

"Nonsense," another delegate said (the authors reported). "Frank had been ill for six months. . ."

"Not true," argued yet another UFOlogist in the SAGA article. "Frank has never been ill. Check the obituary. It reads that death was 'apparently' due to a heart attack. How many other researchers have died of an 'apparent' something or other?"

This conversation occurred at the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists following the announcement of the death of Frank Edwards. And radio personality Long John Nebel, in his recent book, The Psychic World Around Us, tells how Gray Barker, just before the convention, showed him two mysterious unsigned letters stating that Frank Edwards would die during that convention. "On Thursday afternoon," continues Nebel, "just a few hours before he was due at WNBC (for an interview), Barker phoned again. 'John', he said, 'something happened a few minutes ago that really shook me up! I got a phone call from a man who said that Edwards would not live to see the end of the convention. That's all he said before he hung up. The tone of his voice scared me. It was like nothing I've ever heard before, like something not human!"

So before the convention and before June 23rd when Edwards died, Gray Barker is on record as having received two letters and one phone call, all predicting the death of the newsman. How could anybody know Edwards would die in advance? . . . unless it was planned? How was the heart attack induced? We must also ask ourselves if all the heart-attack cases, plus those involving cancer, brain hemorrhages, and pneumonia should be suspect? And even if such "natural" deaths can be induced, suicide would still be easier to accomplish. You can't tell a man (hypnotically or by telepathy) to have a heart-attack, but you can tell him to take his own life.

This brings us to the greatest mystery of all - the alleged

suicide of Dr. Morris K. Jessup. Most of his closest friends had no idea he would kill himself. But John P. Bessor, one of Jessup's intimates, points out that Jessup was a very "disappointed" and "discouraged" man, over his losing battle to make UFOs "respectable" among scientists.

Capt. Bruce Cathie of Australia, author of Harmonic 33 (about a UFO "grid" around earth), says, "When Dr. Morris K. Jessup died in 1959, he had just completed a long and detailed report claiming to prove that the U.S. Navy, during a top secret wartime experiment, caused a warship and its crew to become invisible . . . That, the full story has not yet been released is due, in part, to a restriction imposed by Dr. Jessup himself, when he decreed that his report should not be published less than five years and not more than 10 years after his death. The present ending to his story is as fantastic as the invisible ship itself. In 1959, Dr. Jessup handed all his documents on the case to a close friend to be held in trust, and he then headed for a holiday in Florida . . . Three days later he was found dead in his car. . . ."

But Gray Barker, in his book *The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup*, gives the most startling data. He reports that Richard Ogden, a UFO researcher of Seattle, Wash., sent a message saying, in part: "Now as for Jessup, his suicide was a frame-up. Jessup fell victim to hypnotism. He was sent a tape-recording that contained self-destruction suggestions . . . This is what happened to Jessup. It was cold-blooded murder!"

Ogden never documented his claims so the validity of his charges is open to question. But Jessup did write "suicide notes" to several of his friends, including Long John Nebel.

The most intriguing of the suicide theories stems from the fact that Jessup was a great friend of the medium, Mark Probert, and believed in spirit communications. Jessup was quoted by members of BSRA as giving a strange farewell comment before his death: "I go to prove for myself the reality of worlds beyond time and space." After Jessup's death, Probert received a long scientific dissertation on life-after-death but the sender would not name himself, but hinted that it was indeed Jessup.

Jessup always seemed to be a special target for weird happenings. A copy of his book - *The Case for the UFO* - was returned with marginal notes throughout, made by three men who referred to themselves as "aliens." Many of their notations indicated they knew superscience and were familiar with saucer craft. This marked copy was sent to the Navy, which took it seriously and consulted Dr. Jessup, who could throw no light on the mystery.

Jessup also received letters from a "Carlos Allende" (the famous "Allende Letters" case) referring to a Navy ship becoming invisible and being teleported from one city to another. This mystery was never cleared up.

The whole Jessup affair remains an unsolved riddle to this day.

Another riddle is the strange disappearance of Dr. Raymond Bernard. Dr. Bernard lived his later life on the island of Santa Catarina, off the coast of Brazil. Although he himself never reached the "inner world" he wrote about, he claimed to know others who did, and who disappeared before they could lead him below.

Bernard once wrote UFO researcher, Timothy Beckley, that his (Bernard's) life was in constant danger from the inner-earth beings. Bernard presumably died at his home in December 1966, but Gray Barker said ". . . efforts to obtain a copy of the death certificate, or proper information from the American Embassy, have been to no avail." Bernard said he would allow Barker to publish his book, *The Hollow Earth*, only if he had died or was "successful in finding an entrance into the inner earth." This was included in Barker's brochure for the book, "Was Dr. Bernard Swallowed up by the Inner Earth?"

Thus we don't know if Dr. Raymond Bernard is buried six feet under - or 1,000 miles under.

Another mystery is the disappearance of Dr. George Hunt Williamson in 1965. We can add little to this enigma except a

rumor that has him "living quietly on the West Coast." If true, why has he dropped all contact with his friends and become such a mystery figure? Could he have been silenced by the MIBs?

We might add one other "death" of a different kind - the TV show "The Invaders," killed in 1967. According to Saucer News the show was not dropped due to poor ratings but because of the impending resignation of Roy Thinnes, the star. Thinnes was supposedly threatened on various occasions when the show dealt with topics "too hot to handle." When Thinnes himself was asked for a comment on the show's demise, he said: "I have no comment other than the fact that there is more truth behind the TV plots than most people realize."

The point is obvious. Thinnes may have received threats to quit -- or run the risk of joining Frank Edwards, George Hunt Williamson, and the others. His show always featured aliens posing as humans, and acting quite like the MIBs - cause enough for the real MIBs to get after him.

All of this is not meant to frighten anyone who takes an active part in the UFO field. In fact, another and very startling viewpoint can be taken in regard to the "premature" deaths of UFOlogists.

Can it be that when such important "UFO evangelists" as Frank Edwards, Morris K. Jessup, Mark Probert, and the others have "fulfilled their task" in behalf of "preaching" UFology, they are "taken away" deliberately for their own sakes? That is, having met the scorn and blind opposition of the unheeding world long enough, are they then mercifully removed from the "battlefront"?

This, you see, puts a different light on the deaths of UFOlogists. Maybe they are being rewarded, not punished. Maybe they are "taken within the fold." Who knows?

At any rate, something must account for the high death rate among UFOlogists. That "something" may either be the secret machinations of the UFO hierarchy who decides which earth-people "know too much about flying saucers," or the planned removal of UFO crusaders who have done their job nobly. Take your choice.....

The End

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Re: hat Is Real In Ufology - Fleming

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>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

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>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 13:23:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

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>I think that we actually agree on quite a lot of the topic in
>hand, that the following are generally accepted within ufology
>as "real":

>1. The people

>2. The stimuli

>and possibly also

>3. A racial propensity towards the existence of a super-being
>able to address the ills of mankind.

I think your list is too short. Other things that are real are:

4. Government documents on UFO incursions into military areas,
5. Radar detection cases,
6. Ground trace cases,
7. Photos and videos that show no indication of being hoaxes.

You may have been thinking these other things belong in the single category "stimuli," but stimuli would include Venus, weather balloons, and overindulgence in alcoholic beverages. I think there's a profound difference between those "prosaic" types of stimulus and the categories I listed. In my opinion, numbers 4 through 7 are the real stimuli that explain why public interest is so high after 50 years of debunking campaigns sanctioned by the government and in some cases financed by it.

>Though I am not confident of the broad support for the third
>point?

Some people, like Steven Greer, do seem to attribute benevolent motives to ETs. But other people attribute malevolent motives to them. Still others, like myself, have no idea what the motives of any ETs in visiting Earth might be. I suspect their motives would be largely incomprehensible to us. I think the psychological need for a benevolent "super being" has far more to do with the existence of churches than it does with the UFO phenomenon.

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>>>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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Dear Listers

I have been following this thread with some interest for a while now. AJ, I know you and we have talked on the phone and we have met at the 1997 Laughlyn Conference. I am a friend of G.C. Cope Shellhorn. you met me while GC and myself were having a few beers. Mike and Charlette I do not know you yet.

Just my two cents.

>>>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>>>fradulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>>>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>>>findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe
>>>and and all other UFO researchers an apology.

I agree all investigators have the right to investigate, however Linda in my opinion should have listened to what she was being told by AJ and the rest of the Brazillian investigators who have been looking at the claims of this case for some time before Linda got in on the act.

From my understanding these are the claims of what appears to be a UFO cult. "Cults" brainwash the members into handing over their assets cash and anything else of value. Also on many occasions isolating members from their friends and family. This is the control. It is always about the money and the control. I stand corrected if I am wrong but also this man and his drones are also selling all sorts of things raising more money. Under those conditions what anyone has to say if they are a member of this group is a mute point. They will only be repeating what they have been told. An apology hmmm a rare thing in ufology.

I can add this. A couple of years ago Linda was on one of her regular visits to Wiltshire UK for the crop circles. She met and talked with one of the circle makers who offered to take Linda out and to make a crop circle while she watched. She refused and changed her tack became as we say here in the UK a bit shirty and then said that she was not interested in the crop circles. She was now interested in the balls of light that have been reported and videoed over the the south of England.

A change of direction when the facts were offered to be shown and demonstrated to her. make of that what you will.

>>>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case >>>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to >>>MUFON and to all researchers.

Well actually I have been at the sharp end of much more severe action in the UK with efforts to prevent me from presenting facts from a case that I have been investigating. I uphold Linda' right to prevent what she considers the facts. You must also uphold the right of the Brazillian researchers on the ground who have spent a great deal of time on the case

They have proved I believe a number of points that casts doubt on the case. It is never a bad thing to re-evaluate the facts of any case and revise your conclusions based on new evidence. Some ufologists see this as some kind of climb down and ego prevents them from doing this. I just see it as work in progress

<snip>

>>>In this work, if we have a problem with anyone's research, we >>>should not lose our composure, and attack the messenger. To do >>>so is childish and makes one suspect to personal agenda.

You may be right in some cases however in this case, I see a dedicated Brazillian researcher and magazine editor doing his best to stop the pollution of Brazillian ufology. With what he considers as do many of his colleagues. A massive hoax being perpetrated on The World of ufology by another "Heavens Gate" type cult who's leaders only motive is power control and money at the expense of the truth and his poor disciples chance of freedom of choice. If anything AJ has tried to show Linda the facts and she has ignored them pretty much in the same way as she did in Wiltshire over the crop circles.

>>>The data will always prevail. And gentlemanly dialogue is the >>>best approach.

We can only hope.

<snip>

>>You are terribly mistaken about some issues in you message. For >>instance, I may owe LMH an apology for the way I may have >>pronounced myself against her support of a hoax. And I may have >>gone too far in my energetic defense of the ethics and decency >>in Ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes.

>>See, I always get too excited when I see people fabricating >>hoaxes, people believing in hoaxes and - worst - people >>promoting hoaxes.

AJ, You wrote on this List some time ago that Hoaxes and Hoaxers should be tirelessly exposed no matter what the cost. I agree, find out who these people are expose them and ufology should turn your back on them they are then disarmed

>>Mike, with all due respect tou you and LMH, it is she who owes a >>big apology to the entire world UFO community, who have worked >>hard over the decades to build an acknowledgeble reputation and >>credibility in this area. Her decision to make a hoax look like >>a really extraordinary, legitimate and unquestionable truth is >>disgusting, even much more than perpetrating a hoax itself.

Well said

>I agree with A. J. Gevaerd.

>It is Linda who owes an apology to A. J., the UFO Community and >to the public. But that will likely only happen when Linda admits >there is a 'Project Portal' UFO cult. Perhaps there needs to be >big bold white letters on a building for her to notice - just >like the one Urandir has, right there at his "organic farm"! Or >perhaps Linda simply needs a Portugese translator to translate >'Projeto' to 'Project'.

>I also hope nobody is confusing A. J.'s well respected magazine

>in Portugese with the U.S.'s UFO Magazine and its "gentlemanly
>behaviour" of printing "Exotic Asian Women for terrestrial men"
>in the back classifieds. I do believe that is printed in glossy
>if I am not mistaken.

>And A. J. a person can never go too far in defense of the ethics
>and decency in Ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes exploiting
>the field. Keep up the good work.

My sentiments entirely. There will be some news about Hoaxing in
the UK by prominent UK ufologists soon. Watch this space.

Max

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 10:31:1 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:18:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:27:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: David Clarke <cd292@crazydiamonds.fsnet.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 10:38:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 00:45:25 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

<snip>

>>Did you ever see any files or records related to the Lakenheath
>>incident during your incumbency at Sec(AS)2?

>I'm pretty sure that I didn't see any official papers relating
>to the 1956 Lakenheath case, though my tour of duty in Sec(AS)2
>was some time ago (1991 to 1994), so I couldn't swear to this.

>My statement concerning there being no question of RAF aircraft
>being ordered to shoot down UFOs was based not on a specific
>recollection of a particular document, but on my more general
>knowledge of Rules of Engagement (ROE) and Standard Operating
>Procedure (SOP). These aren't (as Jan Aldrich recognised in a
>separate post) areas that I can talk about, for obvious reasons.

>It's clear that some of the confusion with the Lakenheath case
>stems from the fact that the report went to both the RAF and the
>USAF, meaning that both Project Blue Book and the MOD were
>involved. More generally, some of the language used in the
>course of RAF operations might (falsely) imply hostile intent
>towards UFOs: "shooting" film with "gun" cameras; tracking
>"targets" on radar; attempting to "intercept" or "engage" a
>mystery object; such terminology is pretty emotive. The RAF,
>especially in the Cold War, did scramble jets in attempts to
>identify and intercept objects which appeared to be flying at
>unusually high heights or speeds, or displayed unusual
>manoeuvrability; this happened on numerous occasions. But
>ufologists and journalists are mistaken if they conclude that
>this was indicative of any intention to shoot down a UFO.

Further comments on the Torres incident. His account gives no
doubt that the intention was to shoot down the UFO. Now maybe
this was a test of readiness of the force and combined
operations or maybe it was a real incident. (see more on this
below) Since USAF aircraft were on the UK quick reaction roster,
well in advance, the rules of engagement had to be established
probably on both a political level and in memos of understandings
between the two air forces. Such material had to take into
account difference of in training, equipment, and tactics. (One
communications class I attended claimed that the thumbs up
signal for the US Marine Corps pilots meant everything was okay
while to the USAF it meant "punch out," eject from the aircraft.

One can see the problems with different Services from the same country would be even more so when other military are involved.) Rules or engagement are not in the public view for obvious reasons.

The Torres incident might have been radar spoofing and here I set forth what I feel are the factors for and against it:

For spoofing:

- 1) The incident occurred during a storm when it would be possible to hide airborne electronic jammers and spoofers
- 2) The lack of visual contact because of the weather would increase the realism of the incident,
- 3) Torres was questioned not by USAF or MOD personnel but by an agent from NSA,
- 4) The brightness of the radar target was beyond anything Torres ever experienced, and
- 5) GCI ordered engagement of the target with the full load of missiles (was this pre-arranged in the exercise or had GCI been watching the target before the scramble and received the orders to bring it down?)

Against spoofing:

- 1) GCI and AI targets coincided remarkable. GCI vectored Torres on to the target and he picked it up. Pretty go stuff for 1957! Also, the target disappeared from Torres' screen and moved off the GCI scope at high speed the same time.
- 2) As Torres pointed out, a huge metallic target of the size he encountered would give an exceptional bright radar target.
- 3) Weather conditions such as storms sometime enhances the appearance of radar targets.
- 4) The reaction time for a spoofing target was remarkable. Just a fraction of a second longer and Torres would have fired all his rockets. The safety factor here with rocket falling over the country side would be a problem for both governments. Also, the reaction time is something that could not be accounted for due to the pilot's increased adrenaline. The margin of safety in this case was too fine.
- 5) Conducting such an exercise during a heavy storm increases the risk of unsafe acts or accidents.

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Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 10:16:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:19:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars' - Stanford

>From: Rick L. Sterling <MarsCity1@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 21:58:10 EDT
>Subject: Re: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 07:30:20 -0700
>>Subject: Sky & Telescope 'Facing Mars'

>>I just bought the August issue of Sky and Telescope. E.C.Krupp
>>does a Sceptibunking article - what else - on the idea of
>>artificial structures on Mars. He also demolishes - unfortunately
>>not without justification - Richard '19.5' Hogland.

>>He does not curiously, use any current pictures from the Mars
>>Global Surveyor for instance, and just focuses on the history of
>>the "Face" ala Hogland.

><snip>

>It should be noted that NASA no longer agrees with Mr. Krupp's
>comments in Sky & Telescope about the Face on Mars! The NASA
>sponsored Sixth International Conference on Mars recently
>accepted for presentation at the Conference Cydonia research by
>Dr. Mark Carlotto & Dr. John Brandenburg.

Rick,

Thanks for sharing that encouraging news that another view of
Mars will be heard.

However, in saying, "It should be noted that NASA no longer
agrees with Mr. Krupp's comments in Sky & Telescope about the
Face on Mars!..." is it realistic to regard NASA as 'monolithic'
in view, in saying that NASA, per se, no longer agrees with
Krupp?

Does acceptance of a presentation by Mark Carlotto and John
Brandenburg really mean that the official position has changed,
or does it more likely mean, at best, that the person or persons
(at whatever level in NASA) in a position of accepting papers
simply decided that it is time to let another view of Mars be
heard?

Ray Stanford

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trifles." -- Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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Re: Internet Outage In Washington DC Area - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 11:02:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:21:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Internet Outage In Washington DC Area - Kaeser

The Internet issues discussed below have apparently been resolved. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

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Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 11:38:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:23:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate - Stanford

>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 02:06:12 -0700 (MST)
>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate

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>...a person can never go too far in defense of the ethics
>and decency in Ufology, against hoaxers and hoaxes exploiting
>the field. Keep up the good work.

Amen!

Ray Stanford

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Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendlesham Documentaries

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 11:47:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:25:47 -0400
Subject: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendlesham Documentaries

SCI FI GOES "CSI"

New "Declassified" specials hosted by Bryant Gumbel seek the forensic truth behind UFO incidents

This fall, SCI FI Channel will introduce a series of original two-hour primetime documentary specials, in the spirit of last year's highly successful *The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence*. The SCI FI Declassified franchise will launch with two groundbreaking investigations, hosted by Bryant Gumbel (CBS's *The Early Show*, NBC's *Today Show*), that uncover stunning new evidence utilizing the quantifiable, forensic tools of modern science. SCI FI moves outside Roswell to chronicle fresh forensic testing in connection to two unsolved cases involving unknown objects from space -- one in Pennsylvania, and one in Great Britain.

The SCI FI Declassified franchise reinforces the Channel's commitment to airing documentaries that further serious public inquiry and understanding of the UFO phenomenon. Last year, SCI FI launched a Washington, DC based public advocacy initiative to draw greater attention to the UFO phenomenon by the media, scientists and opinion leaders. The Channel is currently lobbying Congress to gain support for more scientific inquiry into these issues.

The specials include:

KECKSBURG: PENNSYLVANIA'S ROSWELL (tentative title)

Bryant Gumbel returns to host the first of this year's SCI FI Declassified specials. This two-hour groundbreaking investigation examines the startling events in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania -- where in 1965 witnesses saw a fireball in the evening sky, a controlled landing and the military recovery of an object. With all-new scientific forensic analyses, new witnesses and the results of an extensive effort to obtain declassified government documents, this October SCI FI reveals startling new evidence concerning this decades old mystery -- and includes an update from last fall's Roswell special on the findings at the excavated crash site.

RENDLESHAM: THE UK'S ROSWELL (tentative title)

SCI FI travels across the Atlantic to expose one of the most notorious UFO incidents of the twentieth century, a series of events that occurred near an American military base in Rendlesham Forest, England in 1980. Unlike Roswell, a majority of witnesses (civilians and former military) are still alive and have finally come forward to participate and provide new evidence for SCI FI's investigation. Rendlesham was recently catapulted back into the headlines after the British government acknowledged it classified documents to cover-up the incident. Hosted by Bryant Gumbel.

KECKSBURG: PENNSYLVANIA'S ROSWELL and RENDLESHAM: THE UK'S ROSWELL are MPH Entertainment productions for SCI FI. Launched in 1996, MPH has produced over 130 hours of primetime television

programming and two independent feature films, including co-producing the 2002 smash hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Notable among MPH's many television projects are SCI FI Channel's The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence and Martian Mania: The True Story of the War of the Worlds, cable's The Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt, Founding Fathers, Discovery Channel's Eco-Challenge Australia, Las Vegas: Gamble in the Desert and Sea Tales.

SCI FI Channel transmits fantastic images to 80 million human homes. Launched in 1992, SCI FI features a continuous stream of cinematic hits, new and original series, and special events, as well as classic sci-fi, fantasy, and horror programming. Check out SCIFI.COM=AE, the SCI FI Channel's award-winning Web site, at www.scifi.com. SCI FI Channel is a program service of Universal Television Networks, part of the Universal Television Group (www.universalstudios.com), a division of Vivendi Universal Entertainment (VUE), the U.S.-based film, television and recreation entity of Vivendi Universal, a global media and communications company.

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:27:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 17:40:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 09:37:25 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

>This is why the pronouncements of Lier et al and of NIDS as
>well, even given that "one metallurgists looked at it and said
>it was very unusual" are totally un-convincing. If Lier, NIDS
>and company were at all interested in sold scientific approach
>they would convene such a panel, turn over their fragments and
>report the outcome. There is no obstacle to their doing this
>other than their disinterest in hearing the results. For my
>money they'd all be recognized as terrestrial objects. The fact
>that neither Lier nor NIDS have done this, and trumpet "results"
>nevertheless, is all the indication we should need of their
>total absence of serious scientific intent.

To Eric and the List

First, again, his name is Leir, not Lier.

Secondly, you misquote me. The metallurgist that I know examined
the chemical composition of the metallic fragment, not just
"looked at it". This composition was determined in a competent
laboratory, New Mexico Tech.

That is is scientific research.

What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
and decide that there is nothing there.

Regards,

Gildas Bourdais

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South Montreal Sighting

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC-UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 12:19:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 14:29:56 -0400
Subject: South Montreal Sighting

Howdy List

Here you go, and while I was typing this out, in came another sighting for Alberta. The sighting took place in 1979 Wabasca, Alberta. I will go through it to make sure personal information is removed and will post. This is a large report.

South Montreal, Verdun Quebec

Date: July 7, 2003
Time: 10:30 p.m.
Toll Free Hotline

I received a telephone call on the UFO Hotline this morning from a gentleman who resides in Verdun, Quebec. Before he went on to tell me his story of what he witnessed, he first wanted to make it clear by telling me that he is a well grounded fellow. On the odd occasion when with a group of friends someone might bring up the idea of UFO, or that they may have observed one. The witness told me he would walk away and talk to some else, not believing there are unusual flying crafts out there. In other words very skeptical about the whole issue.

The man now explains to me that he has been re-thinking the whole idea after what he saw, which was very strange indeed.

On July 7, 2003 at 10:30 p.m. the witness took his dog out for a walk last Monday evening. He reached the corner of the street he resides on, heading towards the park which is across the street. Running diagonally from the witness, just above the streetlight poles at approximately 40 to 50 feet high the witness described seeing a Smokey gray colored object traveling slow over top of one of the homes in the area. He went on to say he had a good look at it due to it traveling slowly. The fellow described it as being approximately 25 feet in length with the head of it being wider than the tail and traveling maybe 10 miles per hour. The fellow also mentioned that it was not a bird, because he had such a good view of it as the sighting lasted for approximately 5 to 7 seconds. The witness said if he could sense anything about the object was that it had a slight whirling sound coming from it. (HBCC UFO Note: When I heard about the sound in which I object was making, I then asked if his dog took any notice of it, he said no). He went on to say he couldn't be 100 per cent sure the sound was coming from it due to the sound being so faint, but he was pretty sure. This sighting, he said stopped him dead in his tracks. The fellow mentioned that normally on his street folks sit out late when it is really nice out, but this evening of the sighting he said it was oddly quiet. The witness said, what I saw "I could not explain".

I would like to thank the witness for reporting their sighting to HBCC UFO.

Brian Vike

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FOIA Appeal US Army General Counsel

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 16:02:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:40:51 -0400
Subject: FOIA Appeal US Army General Counsel

To: <ali.wyro@us.army.mil>

TO: Hon. Steven J. Morello, Esq.
General Counsel
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The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: July 10, 2003

When I sent my June 13, 2003, FOIA request to the public affairs officer of Fort Myer, Va., I presumed its recipient would fulfill it merely by asking the Pentagon's publisher (Myer's public affairs office) to produce a copy of the Pentagon's current printing contract, for eventual relay to me. Based on my extensive FOIA-request experience, I also presumed that Myer's production of the requested 18-page document would entail such minimal government expense as to fall beneath the FOIA-processing fees-assessment threshold observed by most federal agencies.

Instead, by her letter to me of July 2, 2003 (quoted below), Myer FOIA officer Shirley Kinson-Jones attempts to levy the exorbitant fee of \$43.20. In doing so, she causes even the casual observer to wonder whether her ill-advised action derives (1) from gross inexperience with the Army's FOIA policy/practices, or (2) from her compliance with some higher-up's instructions to impose these unjustified fees as a means for retaliating against and/or discouraging my FOIA usage.

At any rate, I hereby appeal her action as being harmful to my entitlement to a waiver of all processing fees incident to her fulfilling my request. I base this appeal on the following multipoint rationale:

(1) Ms. Kinson-Jones' bad-faith failure to afford me advance notice of her intention to impose the fees at issue.

(2) My requester status as an independent UFO journalist (now recently acknowledged by FOIA officials at the U. S. Department of State) -- as reflected by a series of UFO-related "issues ads" printed in the Pentagon during the past 15 years.

(3) My public-interest role as a First Amendment scholar -- as augmented by my forthcoming anti-censorship litigation against Myer commander Col. Essig and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld. Accordingly, you should grant my fee-waiver request forthwith because disclosure of the Pentagon's printing contract is helping me inform the public about the Pentagon's unconstitutional banning of my recently submitted issues ad "Blow the Whistle on Bush's 'Gulf of Persia' Resolution!"

Please understand that this FOIA appeal letter carries a concomitant purpose: i.e., serving formal notice upon you, Col.

Essig, and Mr. Rumsfeld that I'm in the process of retaining an attorney for the above-cited litigation.

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>

Copies furnished to:

Col. Essig

DOD General Counsel (Mr. Haynes)

Peter A. Robbins, Editor-in-Chief, ufocity.com

Chairman, Committee on Government Reform (Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Etc.) -- U. S. House of Representatives

Chairman, Committee on Intelligence -- U. S. House of Representatives

Lewis Kannon

TEXT OF MS. KINSON-JONES' LETTER TO L.W.B. (July 2, 2003):

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for a copy of the current commercial contract governing the publication, printing, and distribution of the Fort Myer Military Community weekly newspaper.

In accordance with the Department of the Freedom of Information Act [sic], the requester must indicate a willingness to pay for the requested records. In the future you must indicate a willingness to pay.

Enclosed you will find 18 pages of the requested records. Upon receipt of the records, please forward a certified check or money order in the amount of \$43.20 (Clerical hrs \$3.00, Professional hrs \$37.50, copies \$2.70) to cover associated fees. Send payment to Headquarter [sic], US Army Garrison, Deputy Directorate of Information Management, Freedom of Information Office, 204 Lee Ave, Bldg 205, Fort Myer, VA 22211. Should you have further questions or concerns please contact me at (703) 696-7096.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY KINSON-JONES

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 22:20:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:42:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:27:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

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Nick,

Am I correct in my understanding that at present, in order to
destroy any 'enemy target' in UK airspace, the chain of command
would require prime ministerial authorisation? As I understand
it, this would involve a four-stage process, using the emergency
communications systems. The chain of command is: Air Chief
Marshal -- Secretary of State for Defence -- Chief of the
Defence Staff -- Prime Minister. This information is publicly
available (one example being the publication of such in the
London Times, September 29, 2001).

Are you able to confirm whether this policy was in operation
during 1956?

Regards,

Dan Bright

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:43:41 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Hebert

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:09:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 13:23:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>I think that we actually agree on quite a lot of the topic in
>hand, that the following are generally accepted within ufology
>as "real":

- >1. The people
- >2. The stimuli

<snip>

Mmmm, Joe, I'm not sure anything should be generally accepted as
'real', _especially_ when it comes to the study of UFO's.

In reference to the people being 'real', that's a pretty broad
statement and too general to be accurate.

In reference to 'the stimuli' being real, that is open to debate
as well.

I have found the study of UFO's to be much more detailed and
complex than just what was seen and who saw it. People do not
always tell the truth nor do all people perceive the same
'truths'. Some people see UFO's in every blob, spot or blur they
find in photographs or over their house while others see UFO's
in ancient art, the bible and jet contrails. Some people see the
lights of a jetliner at night and call it a "UFO" or "flying
triangle" while others see UFO's in NASA images from space and
from Mars. Are we to assume every person who says they saw a UFO
actually saw a 'real' UFO? Are all UFO sighting reports to be
considered "real"?

The stimuli... what may look like a UFO to one person may not
stimulate the same response in another. I've been at skywatches
where people jumped up and down pointing to a "UFO" when it was
clearly just an airplane. Stimulus-response patterns vary from
individual to individual and are relative to how one defines the
stimuli involved as well as how each stimulus is perceived by
the individual.

For example, in 1997, I saw a UFO camouflaged as the moon while
others, out and about that night, perceived only a crescent moon
suspended in the sky. The stimulus that turned the 'moon' into a
UFO for me was when it "eclipsed" - twice - in less than 2-3
minutes then disappeared. If only two other people perceived the
same stimuli as I, does that make it 'real' for us and not
'real' for others or should it be considered the moon because
that was the stimulus perceived by most who saw it that night?

Perceptions of reality and stimuli vary from one person to the
next just as what's 'real' and not real is subject to each

person's interpretation.

A. Hebert

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Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 19:53:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:47:06 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 22:13:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

>But it's quite obvious that [image analysis]it's not the
>specialty of Mr. Oberg or his anonymous specialists, either. At
>least I've demonstrated some facility in that discipline. Mr.
>Oberg's specialists, whatever it is they specialize in, have
>demonstrated none.

I should point out a misinterpretation of `anonymous' here - it means a person who withholds his name. None of my consulted experts I've been referring to withheld their names from me, not one was ever `anonymous'. I knew many from years of joint work, and others through reputation and record. I then withheld SOME of their names until I receive their permission - and since the prospect of being harassed by somebody who has convinced himself that they are incompetents and falsifiers is not anticipated as a great pleasure, some have not given that permission.

So these specialists are NOT `anonymous', nor even in many cases unnamed - in these exchanges I've quoted by name from works of INCO's Castle and Moolchan, from people present during STS-48 (Jim Bates, and myself), from certified MCC FDO's such as Dan Adamo and respected amateur satellite trackers such as Ted Molczan, from STS-48 crewmen Brown and Reightler, from MLE principle investigator Otha Vaughan, and so forth - all men who have documented specializations in directly relevant areas of expertise, and whose names I gave.

This apparently remains a totally alien conception to Mr. Fleming and to his style of `investigation'.

>It's truly amazing how casually Mr. Oberg contradicts his OWN
>stated opinion - see:

>So Oberg first said (incorrectly) that the flare was at the
>bottom of the image. Now he comes up with a glib rationale for
>why it's actually at the top of the image, where I correctly
>placed it. If Oberg so easily disregards his own previous
>writings, why should anyone else take anything he says
>seriously?

Again, an alien concept to Fleming - being challenged on a question of fact, going back and rechecking, and deciding the challenge was correct and the allegation of fact must be modified to be more in accord with evidence. You'll never catch FLEMING doing any such trickery, fer shoor! <grin>

-- Jim Oberg

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Re: Jarrold & 'Liquidation Of The UFO

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:21:23 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:49:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Jarrold & 'Liquidation Of The UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto ><ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 09:05:18 -0400
>Subject: 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'? Article

Yeah right!

I recollect when this article came out I thought it was rubbish,
and I certainly feel the same way today.

Just for the sake of facts, the article lists:

"Edgar Jarrold, 1960. Australian UFOlogist who vanished
mysteriously."

Well he wasn't liquidated! While he became elusive he certainly
didn't disappear. He became fodder for Gray Barker's "MIB
potboiler" - "They knew too much about flying saucers". It is
pretty clear from correspondence I've seen that Gray Barker knew
that more prosaic factors were at work, but hey why let the
facts get in the way of a good story.

Jarrold left the "flying saucer" scene in the mid 1950s - 1954-
55 - In mid 1955 when he was by all accounts departed from the
scene, a feature article in the Australian "People" magazine
headlined The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau believes MARTIANS
MAY LAND HERE NEXT YEAR and focusing on Jarrold, confirmed that
despite all the other intrigues that had diverted him up until
then, Edgar Jarrold was still enamoured by his Martian theory -
a theory that he had entertained since 1952.<?xml:namespace
prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /> He
resurfaced briefly in the early seventies to titillate some
researchers of that period, and passed away in the late 70s or
early 80s I think. The 1960 reference in the Binder piece was
related to a total "beat up" about a probable prosaic incident
on a department store escalator. If it was "liquidation" "they"
were after, the "liquidators" were about as reliable as the
article - nil.

Regards from "down under", not looking over my shoulder in fear,

Bill Chalker

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Popular Mechanics Roswell Article

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Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 00:02:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:50:19 -0400
Subject: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article

Listerians and Readers;

Jim Wilson, the Science Editor for Popular Mechanics who wrote the June article on Roswell, was interviewed on The Todd Mundt Show (a NPR talk show) today.

If you missed this, there is an archive of this show at

<http://www.toddshow.org>

The URL for this particular broadcast is

<http://www.toddshow.org/ram/tmshow0710.ram>

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 07:29:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:21:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - McGonagle

>From: Gary Stedman <Gary.Stedman@btopenworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:57:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

<snip>

>The so called 'nuclear weapons area' at Bentwaters has cropped
>up many times in this case. While it goes without saying that
>this area exists (Ms. Bruni's book covers this in detail and
>locals were aware of its location). I wonder if anybody's
>investigation has uncovered as to what would have been held in
>this area at the time of the incident, or even if anything
>actually was. The reason I suggest this is that aviation units
>operating out of the twin bases at that time where not nuclear
>capable (81st TFW and 67th ARRS).

Due to specific experiences during my military service, I strongly doubt that Nuclear weapons were held at Bentwaters or Woodbridge. The reasons for this relate to the physical security of the storage sites and this is why I don't want to circulate the details in a public forum given the current terrorist situation, but I have provided Gary with the details off-list. I am willing to provide details off-list to individuals with a genuine interest.

Regards, Joe

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 08:02:32 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:26:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Gevaerd

>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 13:27:54 -0700 (MST)
>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 11:52:59 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 01:08:31 -0700 (MST)
>>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2003 21:57:31 -0300
>>>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>><snip>

>>>>Here is the letter I faxed the Detroit Free Press and emailed to Zlati
>>>>Meyer

>>>>FAX 1-313-222-6774
>>>>Letters to the Editor
>>>>Detroit Free Press

>>>>Dear Editor: July 8, 2003

>>>>As a nuclear physicist who spoke at the MUFON Symposium in
>>>>Dearborn, I am writing to correct several false claims in ZLATI
>>>>MEYER's article in the July 7, 2003, FP(5B):

>><snip>

>>>>I believe the journalist mentions specifically the absence of
>>>>Ph.Ds presenting in which case your first comment supports Zlati
>>>>Meyer's observance and even so she still makes her point of the
>>>>disparity of MUFON's boasts and what it actually presents.

<snip>

Folks.

Just to add a word to this, I would say that the majority of
the most productive and accurate UFO researchers I've met in 3
dozen countries are not Masters, Doctors or Ph.Ds.

Actually, some of the best UFO researchers I've met are not even
graduates. These people are field investigators spread all over
Brazil, who humbly but very efficiently collect the data to be
analyzed.

I believe it doesn't require a degree to be a good researcher.

A. J.

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Circles The Work Of Fairfield Teens

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 06:16:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:29:43 -0400
Subject: Circles The Work Of Fairfield Teens

Source: The Times-Herald - Vallejo, California

<http://www.timesheraldonline.com/articles/2003/07/11/news/news03.txt>

Friday July 11, 2003

Circles the work of Fairfield teens

By Catherine Moy
The Reporter, Vacaville

Four Fairfield teenagers claim they created the mysterious crop circles that popped up in a Rockville Road wheat field in June, drawing thousands of curious onlookers and nationwide media attention.

The four agreed to tell their story on condition their identities be withheld.

The young men - three 17-year-olds and one 18 - claim they spent the wee hours of June 28 pressing Larry Balestra's wheat field with boards connected to a rope. They had watched a television documentary the previous Friday about crop circles and decided to do it, just to while away summer boredom while showing off their creative sides.

"We don't like when people try putting teenagers down," said John, 17.

They said they tried confessing several times to different visitors to the site, but no one would believe them. To prove their role, the teens took a reporter to a set of circles that they say they created in a wheat field off Cordelia Road. No reports had been published on that second set of circles.

"This is where we practiced for the other ones," said George, 18.

Three of the boys are on probation for crimes relating to theft. All of their parents know they made the circles. One of their mothers even bought the movie "Signs" to celebrate their feat.

But their probation officers wouldn't be too happy, they said, especially because the hoax destroyed about \$500 worth of the farmer's wheat fields. And Solano County Sheriff Gary Stanton has made it clear that he views the act as vandalism and trespassing. He said, however, that he has not received a complaint and without one, will not pursue an investigation. The teens don't feel like they've done much harm to the farmer, however.

"He's making loads of cash at his vegetable stand because of them," said Jack, 17.

The Balestra family, however, said this year's profits have been no different than last year. However, they were making plans to start selling \$12 alien T-shirts today.

Balestra said Thursday he would never press charges in the

matter.

Although he made skeptical statements to the press about alien involvement after the circles first cropped up, he was actually a little bit melancholy to hear the teens' claims.

"It's sad, because this made so many people happy."

He said he will harvest wheat from fields around the circles, but will leave the circles intact for people to enjoy.

The design of the new set of circles revealed by the teens includes one large and one small circle connected by a narrow path. It is in another wheat field near Anheuser Busch. The property owners allowed access, but didn't realize the circles existed.

"We shortened the rope on this one," explained George, as he stood in the smaller of the two circles Wednesday.

Since they left Balestra's fields with 14 connecting circles that have drawn UFO believers, extraterrestrial specialists, healers, psychics and gawkers, the young men have returned to the scene scores of times. They said they like watching the reactions of those wandering in the circles.

"We've told people that we did it, but they don't want to believe (us)," said George. A man pumping gas at the Rockville Road's Tower gas station snubbed the teens when they confessed to him. Gerry Narito, a former juvenile hall counselor, was passing through when she met the boys.

"They were having conversations with people" at the gas station, Narito said. "They said they did it. One guy told them, 'You don't look intelligent enough to do it.'"

Narito, however, was convinced after listening to their story.

On Tuesday, the boys spent more than an hour explaining to a reporter how they pulled off the stunt.

Jack even went home and retrieved a wrinkled paper on which he had drawn a diagram of the crop circles. A second copy apparently went through the wash in John's pants.

The teens said they began their task by gathering the tools: A couple boards, a 30-foot ski rope, scraps of other rope and a roll of blue tape. Larry's wife, Lisa Balestra, confirmed late Thursday that pieces of blue tape were found in the circles - a fact never publicized.

The largest circles have 60-foot diameters, twice as long as the ski rope.

"Man, we had to rest sometimes," said John, "My back got tired and I laid down in the field."

They initially walked to the wheat field on a path between the wheat and a safflower field, so they wouldn't leave footprints. They jumped into the wheat and began work on their pattern.

One teen stood in the center of the circle, holding the ski rope borrowed from one of the parents. Another would hold on to the other end of the rope to ensure they made a decent circle. Then they pressed down the wheat with the planks of wood connected to a small rope, which served as a handle.

The moon was bright that night, providing plenty of light. As for reports of mysterious lights in the field, the teens say it was their cell phones. They called numerous friends to come out and take a look, but no one came. Since their story started making headlines, they collected every newspaper and watched every telecast on the topic, enjoying every minute of the attention.

One of their brothers even called from out of state to say he'd seen the story.

They've also enjoyed the people who have made pilgrimages to the circles, especially those who believe aliens made the formations. And they don't belittle any of the believers.

"One lady said she cured her back pain by rubbing the wheat on her back," George said. "If it does that, we'll make more circles for them."

But not all the believers who flocked to the circles have come away believing aliens left their mark. One Albany woman, who told a reporter she is a reincarnated alien, said Thursday the circles just didn't do it for her.

"I was in one group of aliens in a past life, so I think I'd know," said Pat Segrestan. "The design is beautiful, but I don't get any special feelings from it."

Paul Imlah of Fairfield and a friend said they didn't think the circles were alien creations either.

"Unless the aliens are using rope."

The teens have researched the crop circle phenomenon since June 28, and George has seen crop circles on TV that he believes no human could make. Yes, he believes in extraterrestrial life.

Crop circles were first reported in England during the 1600s. Some 250 appear annually in different sites on the globe. Self-described experts study them, believers meditate at them, and skeptics giggle at them. In the past two weeks, four crop circle patterns have appeared in Solano County alone. The teens take no credit for a smaller circle found near Solano Community College, nor the Vacaville circle, which looks like a squashed bug replete with antennae in a corn field at Leisure Town and Fry Roads.

"That one is funny. What did that pilot say? 'It must have been a drunk alien,'" John said.

The foursome would be glad to demonstrate their skills of circle making - if the law wouldn't bust them for it.

"We just did it for fun - to see if we could do it," George said.

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First Mobile UFO Museum Comes To Izmir?

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
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Subject: First Mobile UFO Museum Comes To Izmir?

I found this small blurb at:

<http://www.turkishpress.com/turkishpress/news.asp?ID=11625>

Anyone have more info?

First Mobile Ufo Museum Comes To Izmir

The first mobile UFO museum of the world has come to Izmir as part of a tour including 55 provinces and districts throughout Turkey. The museum was established by the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center.

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Mysterious Disappearances In Pampa Union Chile

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Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:36:09 -0400
Subject: Mysterious Disappearances In Pampa Union Chile

Source: La Estrella del Loa (newspaper)
Date: July 10, 2003

Chile: Mysterious Disappearances in Pampa Union

Human beings appear to be left "out in the cold" whenever reason cannot explain events that are not self-explanatory. This is the effect that Pampa Union has had on many visitors and even those who having been to the site, perhaps prefer to forget about it. The events and enigmas contained in this ancient campsite are legion, as can be attested from the numerous phone calls to our newsroom.

One of the most chilling and still-unsolved ones was experienced by Nora Suarez when she spent a day in this settlement in the company of her sister Mireya and their relatives. In the blink of an eye, Mireya walked away from the family group, causing concern among them and prompting them to search for her. Despite their best efforts, Mireya was never seen again among the ruined walls of Pampa Union. Her mysterious disappearance is an unsolved mystery that has many incredible details. The case reached the law courts, before which any and all who might have something to say about the matter were summoned to appear. However, all those called by the court to testify in the girl's disappearance died under unexplained circumstances without ever telling their stories.

The family has made heroic efforts to unravel the bizarre situation that has remained unsolved for so many years. Nora Suarez has even appealed to Carabineros (state police) and television broadcasters in the search for her missing sister.

There exists the theory that she may have vanished in Bolivia, but not even this hypothesis has aided the efforts to find the whereabouts of that girl - today a woman - who vanished forever in Pampa Union.

The Story of Pampa Union

Pampa Union was a camp that provided support to the various nitrate companies located between Calama and Antofagasta, reaching its heyday in the first half of last century. It was a site which rose and dwindled along with the fortunes of the nitrate workers. Old residents of Sierra Gorda, a town some kilometers away from Pampa Union, say that it was a settlement "without God or law." This fact led to many deaths and events which in the light of history and paranormal research, left each corner of the town "charged".

It is for this reason that many of the accounts that have reached our newsroom concern strange apparitions, wagons bearing ghostly characters who carry out their daily affairs as though time had stopped in another dimension. The happy days of Pampa Union are long gone, but among its ruins the wind seems to emulate the whispers of a vital and important town, an oasis in the desert.

One of the accounts received by our newsroom was that of Gustavo Rojas. He said that he had undergone a chilling experience some

time ago as he drove through Pampa Union, keeping it to himself until now. He says the time was roughly 1 a.m. as he drove through the ruins. He saw a man dressed in black, wearing a top hat and wielding a walking stick, very much in the style fo the early years of the last century. He seemed to be waiting for someone to pick him up. Concerned, Rojas slowed down to help him, but when looking through his rear-view mirror, he noticed the man was gone. The driver returned to Calama bathed in a cold sweat and gripped by fear, a typical reaction among those who have had experiences of this nature.

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Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy

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>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 14:23:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate

>>From: Mike Bird <mikebird@interlog.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:33:00 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator's Right To Investigate

>>It could very well turn out that Oliveira's claims are
>>fradulent. But in the search for truth, all researchers should
>>be allowed the right to investigate, and to report on their
>>findings. I believe that A.J. Gaveard owes Linda Moulton Howe
>>and all other UFO researchers an apology.

>>His efforts to smear and prevent Linda from presenting this case
>>to the MUFON Conference are unprecedented. It is an affront to
>>MUFON and to all researchers.

>Mike, List and Readers;

>At some point in the investigation of any subject, there has
>be a time when a decision is made, one way or another. Leaving
>it open indefinitely will not add to the "body of knowledge". It
>only serves to increase the noise level, and Ufology already
>suffers from a large excess of noise as it is.

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>case is rife with fraud, especially when you view it in the
>entire context of Urandir's operations. Add to this that, by
>any journalistic standard, Linda's investigative methods are
>open to question, her interpretations of the analysis have been
>disputed, sometimes hotly, by the writers of the reports, and
>you end up with a investigation that should be, in my opinion,
>shut down completely.

>Does Linda have the right to continue her "investigations"? Of
>course she does - this is a free country, and there are no rules
>in Ufology that can prevent her. But... Linda's continued
>support of an obvious fraud can only serve to harm the UFO
>Community. It is hoped that she will eventually listen to the
>Community, and move on.

>I have no doubt that Linda can present a nicely packaged
>presentation. I also have no doubt that one can make an
>equally convincing presentation on the Piltdown Man...
>Some good may eventually come out of all this. If nothing else,
>in condemning Linda's methods and conclusions, a large portion
>of a very diverse UFO Community has been united, at least
>temporarily, which, you have to admit, is pretty darn hard to
>do!

My, what sanctimonious and hypocritical piffle from a hard-core
UFO debunker. This is the same Bruce Hutchinson, BTW, who tried
to pretend that Charles Moore didn't hoax his Mogul Flight #4
trajectory calculation to "prove" that it sparked the Roswell
incident.

Just to remind people, Hutchinson and Tim Printy teamed up to attack me here on UpDates last October after I exposed Moore's unquestionable hoax on my website.

(www.roswellproof.com/flight4_trajectory.html)

For a list of posts in this debate, see the "Math vs. Moore" and "Mogul Mangled Math" posts between Oct. 9 and Nov. 10:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/cgi-bin/search-email.cgi?index=/ufo/updates/&key=drudiak>

Because the debate reduces to whether the math was wrong or not, Hutchinson and Printy were as defenseless as new-born babes. After an opening salvo of inept ridicule and propaganda,

(<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/oct/m04-004.shtml>)

Hutchinson quickly jumped ship, leaving Printy to try to argue the math on his own.

It was not a pretty sight. Printy got caught doing a little math cheating of his own in last stand attempt to save what was left of Moore's model. Printy last posted on Nov. 7 and then fled from the debate after disingenuously claiming that I had actually proven Moore right! Oh yes, he never did make a single correction or retraction on his website after the debate.

Another disingenuous Moore apologist is Dave Thomas, who likewise attacked me in the March/April 2003 issue of that noble rag of "science" and "reason," the Skeptical Inquirer. Thomas reproduced his article at his website

<http://www.nmsr.org/sf-gun.htm>)

I recently became aware of the article and am drafting a letter of response to the Inquirer right now. Thomas did exactly the same thing as Printy, claiming that since he could reproduce Moore's (bogus) calculation, Moore was right and I was mathematically "incompetent." The problem was, Moore's calculation was full of "mistakes" and the mathematical equivalent of $2 + 2 = 3$. All the fatal math mistakes were pointed out on my website, but Thomas, naturally, doesn't mention a single one of them, calling them only "quibbles" and "shrill accusations."

This, of course, is the way Debunker Science usually operates, by deliberately ducking the real arguments.

(If you read Thomas' article, do note that Moore "didn't want to get into the math" when Thomas spoke to him. This is a tacit admission by Moore that he can't defend his math, instead letting propaganda lackeys like Thomas and Printy try to do it for him.)

Concerning the Printy/Hutchinson/Thomas/Skeptical Inquirer (henceforth known as PHUTSI) attempts to defend an obvious scientific hoax, I could just as easily and sanctimoniously write, as Hutchinson did:

"At some point in the investigation of any subject, there has to be a time when a decision is made, one way or another. Leaving it open indefinitely will not add to the 'body of knowledge'. It only serves to increase the noise level, and Skepobunkery already suffers from a large excess of noise as it is.

"D.R.. has presented far too much evidence here that the Moore case is rife with fraud. Add to this that, by any journalistic standard, PHUTSI's investigative methods are open to question, their interpretations of the analysis have been disputed and proven to be utter mathematical and scientific bilge, and you end up with an 'investigation' that should, in my most humble and estimable opinion, be shut down completely.

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"Some good may eventually come out of all this. If nothing else, the Skeptobunkery community may finally come to its senses, at least temporarily, and unite in condemnation of PHUTSI's pseudoscientific methods and conclusions, all done in the name of 'science and reason.' However, this, you have to admit, would be pretty darn hard to do!"

David Rudiak

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Brazilian Ufologists Electronic Agenda

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:42:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:42:20 -0400
Subject: Brazilian Ufologists Electronic Agenda

Dear Friends

If you need to contact anyone in the Brazilian Ufological
Community, e-mail addresses are posted at:

<http://www.ufologosbrasileiros.blogger.com.br>

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From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:16:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:49:50 -0400
Subject: Greg Long?

Hi Everyone:

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I'd gladly donate the 30MB of webspace my ISP gives me to put his work back on the Net.

If anyone knows a way to contact him, please email me:

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Thanks,

Bill Stockstill

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Earthlings A Threat To ETs?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 16:03:11 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 18:49:01 -0400
Subject: Earthlings A Threat To ETs?

Earthlings - A Space Faring Civilization And Threat To ETs?

Hi Everyone!

Stan Friedman is correct when he said our ET neighbours in space, if they are indeed out there, would be very concerned about us Earthlings, a primitive society whose major activity Stan well describes as tribal warfare. Our activities would certainly be closely monitored by our ET neighbors, especially since we are a growing potential threat to them by having developed nuclear weapons and continue our manned space activities with the ultimate goal of colonizing other worlds and eventually becoming a multiple planet species.

One very real problem for our manned space plans is not necessarily from ETs but from the rapid movement towards the militarization of space by the U.S. and other world powers. If space is where some of the battles of the 21st century will be fought, the greatly increased amount of debris from exploded spacecraft, etc., orbiting the Earth would present such a serious hazard to human activity in space that our manned space programs would be forced to come to an abrupt end for at least our generation.

The SPACE.com article below for today is about a space-based missile interceptor system that is one part of many plans for the militarization of space. Fortunately, the delay in developing this system will buy us some time to reconsider the need for it. Unless there is indeed a threat to us by ETs as alluded to by former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson, in his Nobel Peace Prize speech, and again later by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in his speech at the United Nations, then how can one justify the need for space-based interceptors?

http://www.space.com/business/technology/technology/missile_defense_030711.html

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 13:51:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 18:51:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2003 16:46:49 +0100
>Subject: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>For those of you interested in the Rendlesham Forest incident,
>known in the USA as The Bentwater's UFO Case, I have some
>interesting updates. But first I would like to address the
>testimony of practical joker Kevin Conde.

The Rendlesham case frequently pops up for discussion here on the List. I know that in the past my ability to comprehend the events was hampered by a lack of good maps and pictures to help me visualize what had happened.

I was in England in March 2002 and made a point of going out to the base and walking the Rendlesham forest area east of the base where the events occurred.

Before going to the base, I got a good map in nearby Woodbridge town (plus Georgina Bruni's just published book on the case, "You Can't Tell the People"). I've put scans from this map plus photos from my walk up on my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Rendlesham_pictorial.html

I've included a brief synopsis of the case and some discussion of the infamous lighthouse explanation. As you will be able to see from the photos, there is no way that the lighthouse could be seen directly from the base or along the roads leading out to the main area, a farm field clearing, or even in most areas of the clearing. What drew the airmen out there to begin with -- an invisible lighthouse beam dropping from the sky?

Now we have the latest "flavor-of-the-month" debunking explanation - some guy in a beat up car with colored lights on it. Yep, that must have been it.

David

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:17:29 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 18:54:53 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Velez

>From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:09:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 13:23:01 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

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>minutes then disappeared. If only two other people perceived the
>same stimuli as I, does that make it 'real' for us and not

>'real' for others or should it be considered the moon because
>that was the stimulus perceived by most who saw it that night?

Hello All,

Amy wrote:

>Perceptions of reality and stimuli vary from one person to the
>next just as what's 'real' and not real is subject to each
>person's interpretation.

I can hear it now... 'Why Ms. Smith, no crime was committed by
my client at all. It's only your interpretation of reality that
allows you to 'believe' you were raped.'

According to your 'theory', maybe we should do away with all eye
witness testimony altogether. I Suppose if you can find a way to
dismiss or eliminate all those pesky eyewitnesses, then there
wouldn't be a 'UFO' phenomenon at all - and you wouldn't have to
worry your head over it.

What a convenient, if not one-sided, set of beliefs. "Everybody
else is full of it." Yeah, that works. :)

Thank goodness the members of the judicial branch of government
don't agree with you. We'd have one hell of a legal system
without the testimony of credible eye witnesses. Or is it that
you think that only witnesses reporting sightings of UFOs are
not to be trusted.

Regards to all,

John Velez

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Re: Re: Greg Long? - Lewis

From: **Stephen MILES Lewis** <ufoupdates@elfis.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:16:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:06:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Re: Greg Long? - Lewis

>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:16:15 -0400
>Subject: Greg Long?

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>recorded from a police radio during an encounter where several
>police officers were watching a UFO over, I believe, the
>Columbia River.

I don't know what happened to Greg Long - I too would like to
know as I greatly appreciated his web site and efforts and
book(s?).

>I'd gladly donate the 30MB of webspace my ISP gives me to put
>his work back on the Net.

Donate away... download what you can hear...

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Helicopter & 'Something'?

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:35:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:10:11 -0400
Subject: Helicopter & 'Something'?

Hi List,

I received this report today, along with the photo to go with it. Must admit it is very interesting. In the photo it shows a helicopter (black ?) and a unknown object above it. The photo can be viewed at my website at:

http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/united_states_ufo_reports.htm

I also uploaded a more new photos of a strange object. And I have another photo I received today which comes from Berlin. I will get this uploaded as soon as I can.

South West side of Canyon Lake - between San Antonio and Austin, Texas

Date: June 17, 2003
Time: Approx: 8:00 p.m.

I came across an article discussing your involvement in UFO research. Well, I'm the kind of person that could go either way in believing about extraterrestrials visiting earth. I have a wonderfully vivid and creative imagination and this subject is very exciting indeed. One afternoon on my way back into Austin, Texas, with a friend of mine I happened to look in the sky and noticed a black helicopter going by. This is of interest to me because I know this fellow who believes in conspiracies and what not and as a kind of joke I took a photo of the black helicopter, to light the fire underneath my friends ass so to speak. (I used a canon powershot S200 digital camera). Anyway when I got home and downloaded it I noticed a shiny silver metal object way above the black helicopter. It wasn't until I read this article "Daylight Photos of UFO's" that I took my very own picture a little more seriously, I really would like to have someone outside of my circle of friends and family to see them and tell me what they think.

I took this picture on the 17 of June this year around 8:00 pm while traveling down the Devil's backbone (hwy 337 I believe) on the SouthWest side of Canyon Lake (in between San Antonio and Austin). It sure does look alot like the ones on the web site. I did take these pictures from a vehicle and the window was rolled up, as far as I can tell there was no object on the window itself to cause this type of reflection and I had no need of a flash so none was used. post the picture if you'd like but I'd like to remain anonymous. Write back with your comments if time permits.

Thanks,

[Personal Information deleted by HBCC UFO]

I would like to extend my thanks to the person you sent in the photo and story.

Brian Vike

Director

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

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Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:47:04 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:13:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories - Friedman

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 08:02:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

>>From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 13:27:54 -0700 (MST)
>>Subject: Re: Conventioneers Share Alien Theories

<snip>

>Folks.

>Just to add a word to this, I would say that the majority of
>the most productive and accurate UFO researchers I've met in 3
>dozen countries are not Masters, Doctors or Ph.Ds.

>Actually, some of the best UFO researchers I've met are not even
>graduates. These people are field investigators spread all over
>Brazil, who humbly but very efficiently collect the data to be
>analyzed.

>I believe it doesn't require a degree to be a good researcher.

Frankly, I think the average police officer is likely to be better equipped to take witness testimony than the average PhD.

But Charlette doesn't seem to understand that Zlati was flat out wrong when she said Bruce was the only presenter with an advanced degree. There were three others. Masters degrees are advanced degrees. She didn't say he was the only PhD to present, which would have been true. The Proceedings gave this information and also listed the consultants.

She was also flat out wrong when she said I talked about thousands being killed when I said 50 million. She was also wrong in linking electromagnetic propulsion systems and pseudo science.

Do I think every presentation was an outstanding one? Of course not; and I have said so to the organizers, just as I had weeks earlier commented about the lack of background information about the speakers in the little program.

Stan Friedman

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 00:26:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:34:11 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

>From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
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That is part of my point-once we get down to specific details,
consensus usually dissolves, therefore in looking for consensus
we need to stick to generalities. Once people are introduced into
the topic, they bring with them all of their preconceptions,
predilections, attributes, and faults. Ufology is highly dependent
on people, there is very little in the way of tangible evidence.
No people = no reports.

>In reference to 'the stimuli' being real, that is open to debate
>as well.

No, I think ufologists agree that hoaxes excluded, _something_
persuades someone that they have seen something unusual, whether
it was the moon, an alien spacecraft, mind-control, chemical
imbalance (artificially or naturally induced) in the brain, E-M,
demons from hell, ducks bellies, sleep paralysis, etc. Without
the stimuli (no matter how mundane and discounting hoaxes) there
would not be any reports. In cases that involve the smallest room
for doubt, the exact stimuli is always disputed, eg Rods, Orbs,
ice particles on shuttle missions, etc.and often (though not
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Certainly not, but UFO _reports_ are generated by people. They are investigated and commented on by people. At every stage of a report from initial sighting to final conclusion, those stages are influenced primarily by people (and not the original stimulus, after all only the witnesses actually encountered the stimulus), with all of their strengths and weaknesses. This is in contrast with, say, Philately, where the stimulus is a perforated piece of paper which can be tested, duplicated, directly compared to other pieces of paper, stored, and examined again a hundred years later. Any analysis is driven by and focussed on the original stimulus. Ufology may reach the stage when specific stimuli (eg E-M or neurological stimuli) are fully understood and can be filtered out of ufology, but this requires careful, thorough, and _financed_ study as well as the desire to identify and accept mundane causes.

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 00:36:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 19:57:21 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

>From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:09:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>I think that we actually agree on quite a lot of the topic in
>>hand, that the following are generally accepted within ufology
>>as "real":

>>1. The people
>>2. The stimuli

><snip>

>Mmmm, Joe, I'm not sure anything should be generally accepted as
>'real', _especially_ when it comes to the study of UFO's.

>In reference to the people being 'real', that's a pretty broad
>statement and too general to be accurate.

That is part of my point-once we get down to specific details,
consensus usually dissolves, therefore in looking for consensus
we need to stick to generalities. Once people are introduced
into the topic, they bring with them all of their
preconceptions, predilections, attributes, and faults. Ufology is
highly dependent on people, there is very little in the way of
tangible evidence.

No people = no reports.

>In reference to 'the stimuli' being real, that is open to debate
>as well.

No, I think ufologists agree that hoaxes excluded, _something_
persuades someone that they have seen something unusual, whether
it was the moon, an alien spacecraft, mind-control, chemical
imbalance (artificially or naturally induced) in the brain, E-M,
demons from hell, ducks bellies, sleep paralysis, etc. Without
the stimuli (no matter how mundane and discounting hoaxes) there
would not be any reports. In cases that involve the smallest
room for doubt, the exact stimuli is always disputed, eg Rods,
Orbs, ice particles on shuttle missions, etc.and often (though
not always) with quite sincere intentions on both sides of the
debate.

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>I have found the study of UFO's to be much more detailed and
>complex than just what was seen and who saw it. People do not
>always tell the truth nor do all people perceive the same
>'truths'. Some people see UFO's in every blob, spot or blur they
>find in photographs or over their house while others see UFO's
>in ancient art, the bible and jet contrails. Some people see the
>lights of a jetliner at night and call it a "UFO" or "flying

>triangle" while others see UFO's in NASA images from space and
>from Mars. Are we to assume every person who says they saw a UFO
>actually saw a 'real' UFO? Are all UFO sighting reports to be
>considered "real"?

Certainly not, but UFO reports are generated by people. They are investigated and commented on by people. At every stage of a report from initial sighting to final conclusion, those stages are influenced primarily by people (and not the original stimulus, after all only the witnesses actually encountered the stimulus), with all of their strengths and weaknesses.

This is in contrast with, say, philately, where the stimulus is a perforated piece of paper which can be tested, duplicated, directly compared to other pieces of paper, stored, and examined again a hundred years later. Any analysis is driven by and focussed on the original stimulus.

Ufology may reach the stage when specific stimuli (eg E-M or neurological stimuli) are fully understood and can be filtered out of ufology, but this requires careful, thorough, and financed study as well as the desire to identify and accept mundane causes.

>The stimuli... what may look like a UFO to one person may not
>stimulate the same response in another. I've been at skywatches
>where people jumped up and down pointing to a "UFO" when it was
>clearly just an airplane. Stimulus-response patterns vary from
>individual to individual and are relative to how one defines the
>stimuli involved as well as how each stimulus is perceived by
>the individual.

>For example, in 1997, I saw a UFO camouflaged as the moon while
>others, out and about that night, perceived only a crescent moon
>suspended in the sky. The stimulus that turned the 'moon' into a
>UFO for me was when it "eclipsed" - twice - in less than 2-3
>minutes then disappeared. If only two other people perceived the
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Re: Greg Long? - Stockstill

From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 20:17:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 20:21:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Stockstill

>From: Stephen MILES Lewis <ufoupdates@elfis.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:16:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Greg Long?

>>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:16:15 -0400
>>Subject: Greg Long?

>>Does anyone know whatever happened to paranormal investigator
>>Greg Long? His Northwest Mysteries website was one of the most
>>interesting sites I have come across in the 8 years I have been
>>surfing the Net. That site had some wonderful investigative
>>stories and its a shame it isn't at least archived somewhere. I
>>was especially intrigued by the UFO audio clip he had that was
>>recorded from a police radio during an encounter where several
>>police officers were watching a UFO over, I believe, the
>>Columbia River.

>I don't know what happened to Greg Long - I too would like to
>know as I greatly appreciated his web site and efforts and
>book(s?).

>>I'd gladly donate the 30MB of webspace my ISP gives me to put
>>his work back on the Net.

>Donate away... download what you can hear...

Hi Stephen

I did not realize Greg had written any books. Checking Amazon I see his 1990 book "Examining the Earthlight Theory: The Yakima UFO Microcosm" but more interesting there's a book due out this year from Prometheus Books co-authored with Kal Korff called "The Making of Bigfoot". This might explain Greg's absence. Knowing what Kal has written about (exposing Billy Meier) and from what the title suggests it might be a debunking book based on the recent death of Ray Wallace and his family saying he faked bigfoot tracks.

I used to be with MSN's UFO Forum (later Community) and we had Kal as a guest on numerous occasions and I personally hosted some chats that featured Greg. The book I thought Kal was going to write was a JFK Conspiracy book. Back in the late 90s he told us in a chat that he was going to make available, as a test for his upcoming book, photos that you could use your home computer's picture software to magnify and see who was shooting JFK. But, we never got the photos from him and he hasn't published that book.

I also see from visiting Kal's site that he has moved to Prague. I think he was living in California back when we were doing the chats. Maybe Greg moved there too.

Anyway, maybe after this book hits the shelves Greg will resurface on the net.

Bill

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 01:39:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:21:17 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - McGonagle

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:28:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

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>I think your list is too short. Other things that are real are:

- >4. Government documents on UFO incursions into military areas,
- >5. Radar detection cases,
- >6. Ground trace cases,
- >7. Photos and videos that show no indication of being hoaxes.

Hello Lan, List,

Yes, I would agree with this, though we may not necessarily agree on their interpretation or significance, and as you later mention, I do regard these as stimuli.

>You may have been thinking these other things belong in the
>single category "stimuli," but stimuli would include Venus,
>weather balloons, and overindulgence in alcoholic beverages. I
>think there's a profound difference between those "prosaic"
>types of stimulus and the categories I listed. In my opinion,
>numbers 4 through 7 are the real stimuli that explain why public
>interest is so high after 50 years of debunking campaigns
>sanctioned by the government and in some cases financed by it.

No, I think the public are far less selective. If presented with "the best ever video footage" which many ufologists recognise as a helium balloon, or a digital video camera zoomed in on a point light source, a large proportion of them are persuaded that it must be something anomalous because it's on the BBC news and the BBC say it's "the best ever". On the other hand, tell them that there are 2000 pages which have just been released by the MOD relating to "Britain's x-files", few if any of the public (outside ufology or the media) and even few self-styled ufologists will actually bother to go and examine the documents themselves. The point is that by volume, mundane objects generate far more UFO reports than genuinely anomalous events, and sorting the wheat from the chaff is complicated by all sorts of human factors.

>>Though I am not confident of the broad support for the third
>>point?

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>

>Some people, like Steven Greer, do seem to attribute benevolent
>motives to ETs. But other people attribute malevolent motives to
>them. Still others, like myself, have no idea what the motives
>of any ETs in visiting Earth might be. I suspect their motives
>would be largely incomprehensible to us. I think the
>psychological need for a benevolent "super being" has far more
>to do with the existence of churches than it does with the UFO

>phenomenon.

I look at it the opposite way - for some people, ufology is just another church, but more fashionable, more relevant to modern life, and less restrictive (You don't need to go to university or become ordained to become a channeler, a contactee, or an alien visitor). When people reach the conclusion that the old man with the white beard, fire and brimstone, and eternal paradise are starting to look a bit wobbly, they look for another crutch which seems more credible. Of course this doesn't apply to all ufologists, some of which are also devout churchgoers, .but the evangelical faction of ufology make at least as much, if not more noise than "mainstream" ufologists (they also attract more media coverage than they deserve). Thankfully, the public does appear to be more selective in this area, possibly in part due to their own religious dogma. It does however taint "mainstream" ufology and I can envisage an increasing ratio of evangelical/mainstream ufologists over the next 20 years as world living standards improve and the internet penetrates deeper into the third world.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Greg Long? - Andersen

From: **Kathleen Andersen** <KAnder6444@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 20:51:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:23:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Andersen

>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:16:15 -0400
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>Does anyone know whatever happened to paranormal investigator
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Greg lives here in Seattle and has been out of the public eye for a while. The last time I talked with him he still does research but has chosen to focus on his family life and a new wife.

If you need me to talk with him, let me know and I can give him a call. He prefers to keep his number confidential.

Kathleen Andersen

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Jacobson

From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:57:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 07:40:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Jacobson

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 17:40:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 09:37:25 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

><snip>

>>This is why the pronouncements of Lier et al and of NIDS as
>>well, even given that "one metallurgists looked at it and said
>>it was very unusual" are totally un-convincing. If Lier, NIDS
>>and company were at all interested in solid scientific approach
>>they would convene such a panel, turn over their fragments and
>>report the outcome. There is no obstacle to their doing this
>>other than their disinterest in hearing the results. For my
>>money they'd all be recognized as terrestrial objects. The fact
>>that neither Lier nor NIDS have done this, and trumpet "results"
>>nevertheless, is all the indication we should need of their
>>total absence of serious scientific intent.

>To Eric and the List

>First, again, his name is Leir, not Lier.

>Secondly, you misquote me. The metallurgist that I know examined
>the chemical composition of the metallic fragment, not just
>"looked at it". This composition was determined in a competent
>laboratory, New Mexico Tech.

>That is is scientific research.

>What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
>and decide that there is nothing there.

Gildas,

Yes but the point is that it is not scientifically adequate to
have any one specialist examine a specimen. It takes around half
a dozen micro-particle ID specialists to determine that such a
particle is not a well-known terrestrial object.

The opinion of a single metalurgist is not adequate.

Best wishes,

Eric

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Re: Greg Long? - Lewis

From: **SMiles Lewis** <miles@elfis.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:20:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 07:45:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Lewis

For some reason the URL I included in my original reply to your post was dropped:

>Donate away... download what you can hear...

http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.nwmyst.com

SMiles

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Re: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 23:58:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 07:48:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy -

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 09:19:25 -0700
>Subject: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2003 14:23:01 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right To Investigate

<snip>

>I recently became aware of the article and am drafting a letter
>of response to the Inquirer right now. Thomas did exactly the
>same thing as Printy, claiming that since he could reproduce
>Moore's (bogus) calculation, Moore was right and I was
>mathematically "incompetent." The problem was, Moore's
>calculation was full of "mistakes" and the mathematical
>equivalent of $2 + 2 = 3$. All the fatal math mistakes were
>pointed out on my website, but Thomas, naturally, doesn't
>mention a single one of them, calling them only "quibbles" and
>"shrill accusations."

It is a serious topic matter but in ways the skeptibunker
concept that they floated caused me to laugh more then once. The
concept goes something to the effect of "Well if you can see how
the bogus math problem was created, then somehow, someway, it
was in fact correct. Example being $2 \text{ plus } 2 = 5$. According to
the skeptibunker rationale all you have to do is be able to
duplicate the mistake, then that makes the original correct.

>(If you read Thomas' article, do note that Moore "didn't want to
>get into the math" when Thomas spoke to him. This is a tacit
>admission by Moore that he can't defend his math, instead
>letting propaganda lackeys like Thomas and Printy try to do it
>for him.)

David is correct here. Since Moore "didn't want to get into the
math" then Moore or Thomas want to duck the math subject.
Doesn't say much about the accuracy of the math.

As I recall even if the math was accurate the closest you could
drop a balloon was 17 miles, so bottom line, best case scenario
is the theory is 17 miles short.

Cheers,

Robert

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Disclosure Australia - 07-12-03

From: Diane Harrison - AUFORN <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:49:26 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 08:14:23 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Australia - 07-12-03

New Disclosure Australia announcement

The Disclosure Australia Project has added another first to its website. A 50 page comprehensive listing of South Australian UFO reports between 1932 and 2003 has just been added to "What's New"?

The list contains some classic cases, and some relatively unknown but interesting events. Have a look at the early 1950's observations from Woomera. <http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>.

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Thank you for participating.

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Re: Jarrold & 'Liquidation Of The

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 22:24:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 08:16:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Jarrold & 'Liquidation Of The

>From: Bill Chalker <bill_c@bigpond.com>
>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:21:23 +1000
>Subject: Re: Jarrold & 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'? Article

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto ><ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 09:05:18 -0400
>>Subject: 'Liquidation Of The UFO Investigators'? Article

>Yeah right!

>I recollect when this article came out I thought it was rubbish,
>and I certainly feel the same way today.

>Just for the sake of facts, the article lists:

>"Edgar Jarrold, 1960. Australian UFOlogist who vanished
>mysteriously."

>Well he wasn't liquidated! While he became elusive he certainly
>didn't disappear. He became fodder for Gray Barker's "MIB
>potboiler" - "They knew too much about flying saucers". It is
>pretty clear from correspondence I've seen that Gray Barker knew
>that more prosaic factors were at work, but hey why let the
>facts get in the way of a good story.

>Jarrold left the "flying saucer" scene in the mid 1950s - 1954-
>55 - In mid 1955 when he was by all accounts departed from the
>scene, a feature article in the Australian "People" magazine
>headlined The Australian Flying Saucer Bureau believes MARTIANS
>MAY LAND HERE NEXT YEAR and focusing on Jarrold, confirmed that
>despite all the other intrigues that had diverted him up until
>then, Edgar Jarrold was still enamoured by his Martian theory -
>a theory that he had entertained since 1952.<?xml:namespace
>prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /> He
>resurfaced briefly in the early seventies to titillate some
>researchers of that period, and passed away in the late 70s or
>early 80s I think. The 1960 reference in the Binder piece was
>related to a total "beat up" about a probable prosaic incident
>on a department store escalator. If it was "liquidation" "they"
>were after, the "liquidators" were about as reliable as the
>article - nil.

Hello Bill, good to hear from you!

I had the same reaction to the Ufologist Liquidation article. I
confess I didn't read it all, my BS alarm was troubling me.

One added thought however: It may well be that UFO enthusiasts
(of all types) have shorter life spans than the general public.
Given the zany collection of really disturbed people who flock
to these matters, (the saner more serious types aside of course)
it would be no big surprise.

Maybe the life-spans of 'UFO people' to coin a phrase, should be
compared to other groups with equally large percentages of
people having difficulties with reality, including but not
limited to those with a need to believe, which outweighs the

most solid reasoning and common sense.

There are some bizarre cults out there, maybe that would be a more valid comparison than the general public.

The Jim Jones cult comes to mind. Remember Guyana? That group came together in the Bay Area here. They had a nearly 100% mortality rate in a single afternoon. Poisoned Kool-Aid!

The only government conspiracy I saw was the usual blind-sided reaction and ass-covering we all know so well.

In any case, and with the possible exception of job interviews, I have never felt afraid to show my interest in UFOs. My intemperate habits are probably a far greater risk to my health. [burp!]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 08:27:33 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 08:18:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article - Friedman

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch@grassyhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 00:02:49 -0400
>Subject: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article

>Listerians and Readers;

>Jim Wilson, the Science Editor for Popular Mechanics who wrote
>the June article on Roswell, was interviewed on The Todd Mundt
>Show (a NPR talk show) today.

>If you missed this, there is an archive of this show at

>
><http://www.toddshow.org>

>The URL for this particular broadcast is

><http://www.toddshow.org/ram/tmshow0710.ram>

The new issue of the US UFO Magazine contains my detailed rebuttal of the Cover Story about Roswell by Jim Wilson in Popular Mechanics and the much worse Cover Story about Roswell by meteorologist Duke Gildenberg in Skeptic Magazine.

Both are excellent examples of the intellectual bankruptcy of the pseudoscience of anti-ufology... bias and ignorance based propaganda.

The cover of Skeptic is particularly ludicrous as it shows an intact saucer stuck in the ground with sheep in the foreground and military vehicles in the background and no connection at all with the article or the debris field. Duke seems hell bent on tabloidizing the story. Buyer beware.

Stan Friedman
www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 09:36:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:08:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:57:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

>What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
>>and decide that there is nothing there.

>Gildas,

>Yes but the point is that it is not scientifically adequate to
>have any one specialist examine a specimen. It takes around half
>a dozen micro-particle ID specialists to determine that such a
>particle in not a well-known terrestrial object.

>The opinion of a single metallurgist is not adequate.

An opinion from a qualified (and hopefully respected)
metallurgist should be adequate to require further investigation
by others in the field. Of course this costs money, unless the
lab is willing to donate their resources, and there (I think) is
the problem.

It's been found that some labs have been willing to perform
testing as long as they can remain anonymous, so that
potentially unpopular findings won't impact their reputation.
This could be at little or no cost because of friendship with a
researcher or an honest interest in the genre on the part of the
scientist or lab management. But if a lab is going to go "on
record" with their findings, they usually want to be paid for
their efforts and potential risk. Any scientist or specialist
who makes extraordinary claims, regardless of the subject area,
is going to be placed under a microscope, along with their
findings.

Steve

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:56:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:10:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens - Pope

>From: Dan Bright <dan@zaziork.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 22:20:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 00:27:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>My statement concerning there being no question of RAF aircraft
>>being ordered to shoot down UFOs was based not on a specific
>>recollection of a particular document, but on my more general
>>knowledge of Rules of Engagement (ROE) and Standard Operating
>>Procedure (SOP). These aren't (as Jan Aldrich recognised in a
>>separate post) areas that I can talk about, for obvious reasons.

>Nick,

>Am I correct in my understanding that at present, in order to
>destroy any 'enemy target' in UK airspace, the chain of command
>would require prime ministerial authorisation? As I understand
>it, this would involve a four-stage process, using the emergency
>communications systems. The chain of command is: Air Chief
>Marshal -- Secretary of State for Defence -- Chief of the
>Defence Staff -- Prime Minister. This information is publicly
>available (one example being the publication of such in the
>London Times, September 29, 2001).

>Are you able to confirm whether this policy was in operation
>during 1956?

Dan and List,

I still work for the Ministry of Defence, so I'm afraid that I
can neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of this newspaper
article.

All I can say about 1956 is that I stand by my statement that no
RAF aircrew would have been given an order to shoot down a UFO.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

From: Lan Fleming <lffleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 09:42:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:58:23 -0400
Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Fleming

>From: James Oberg <jamesoberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 19:53:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained - Oberg

>>From: Lan Fleming <lffleming5@houston.rr.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 22:13:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: STS-48 Time Tags Explained

>>But it's quite obvious that [image analysis]it's not the
>>specialty of Mr. Oberg or his anonymous specialists, either. At
>>least I've demonstrated some facility in that discipline. Mr.
>>Oberg's specialists, whatever it is they specialize in, have
>>demonstrated none.

>I should point out a misinterpretation of `anonymous' here - it
>means a person who withholds his name. None of my consulted
>experts I've been referring to withheld their names from me, not
>one was ever `anonymous'. I knew many from years of joint work,
>and others through reputation and record. I then withheld SOME
>of their names until I receive their permission - and since the
>prospect of being harassed by somebody who has convinced himself
>that they are incompetents and falsifiers is not anticipated as
>a great pleasure, some have not given that permission.

I don't know what "harassment" Oberg is ranting about. I do not
harass people in private email correspondence. In fact, when I
find myself to be the target of abusive email, I simply ask the
person responsible to stop sending it to me, as Oberg knows from
first-hand experience.

>So these specialists are NOT `anonymous', nor even in many cases
>unnamed - in these exchanges I've quoted by name from works of
>INCO's Castle and Moolchan, from people present during STS-48
>(Jim Bates, and myself), from certified MCC FDO's such as Dan
>Adamo and respected amateur satellite trackers such as Ted
>Molczan, from STS-48 crewmen Brown and Reightler, from MLE
>principle investigator Otha Vaughan, and so forth - all men who
>have documented specializations in directly relevant areas of
>expertise, and whose names I gave.

None of the above names are connected to the presentation of any
evidence supporting Oberg's claims that the light flash seen
in the STS-48 video is caused by a rocket firing. Apparently,
none of these specialists noted the flash's correct position in
the camera field of view. And if they didn't even bother to
determine the correct position, then they CERTAINLY have no
explanation for the spatial distribution of the flash's
brightness, which indicates that the flash was actually lens
flare. Speaking of Dr. Vaughan, Mr. Oberg seems to have already
forgotten that Vaughan CONFIRMED the unreliability of the video
time stamps that I had previously concluded for the many reasons
previously stated.

>Again, an alien concept to Fleming - being challenged on a
>question of fact, going back and rechecking, and deciding the
>challenge was correct and the allegation of fact must be
>modified to be more in accord with evidence. You'll never catch

>FLEMING doing any such trickery, fer shoor! <grin>

As anyone who read my NSF paper on the STS-48 video knows, it's largely a long, and I'm afraid somewhat boring, account of how I rechecked facts and assumptions based on input from EXPERTS. The trick I _don't_ use is acting as if I knew something all along when I didn't. Mr. Oberg is obviously having difficulty keeping up the facade that this light flash was something routine when its position and spatial distribution had not been properly characterized until a few months ago -- by me, which must make it a particularly bitter pill for him to swallow.

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:23:38 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 12:03:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
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>article.

>All I can say about 1956 is that I stand by my statement that no
>RAF aircrew would have been given an order to shoot down a UFO.

Hello Nick,

How are you doing?

You say that RAF wouldn't shoot a UFO. But considering your position in the Ministry of Defence, with access to info from overseas, would you say - if you can - that other countries have done that? The United States, for instance?

Best

A. J.

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Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:22:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:59:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 11:47:41 -0400
>Subject: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham Documentaries

>SCI FI GOES "CSI"

>New "Declassified" specials hosted by Bryant Gumbel
>seek the forensic truth behind UFO incidents

>This fall, SCI FI Channel will introduce a series of original
>two-hour primetime documentary specials, in the spirit of last
>year's highly successful The Roswell Crash: Startling New
>Evidence. The SCI FI Declassified franchise will launch with
>two groundbreaking investigations, hosted by Bryant Gumbel
>(CBS's The Early Show, NBC's Today Show), that uncover stunning
>new evidence utilizing the quantifiable, forensic tools of
>modern science. SCI FI moves outside Roswell to chronicle fresh
>forensic testing in connection to two unsolved cases involving
>unknown objects from space -- one in Pennsylvania, and one in
>Great Britain.

><snip>

>RENDELISHAM: THE UK'S ROSWELL (tentative title)

>SCI FI travels across the Atlantic to expose one of the most
>notorious UFO incidents of the twentieth century, a series of
>events that occurred near an American military base in Rendlesham
>Forest, England in 1980. Unlike Roswell, a majority of witnesses
>(civilians and former military) are still alive and have finally
>come forward to participate and provide new evidence for SCI FI's
>investigation. Rendlesham was recently catapulted back into the
>headlines after the British government acknowledged it classified
>documents to cover-up the incident. Hosted by Bryant Gumbel.

<snip>

Steven and List,

A while ago there was some discussion on this List about a documentary on the Rendlesham Forest incident, made for BBC 3 by the independent production company Mentorn. Georgina Bruni (author of You Can't Tell The People) was the programme consultant and worked hard at securing the co-operation of various USAF witnesses, some of whom agreed to do on-camera interviews for the first time.

Unfortunately, time and money were exceptionally tight, and in the end, the only USAF witnesses to appear on the Mentorn programme were Charles Halt and Jim Penniston, who have already appeared on numerous documentaries. Aside from comments from Lord Hill-Norton and myself, discussing the official response to this incident, the programme concentrated on the views of UFO researchers. Many of these interviews were fascinating, but to focus on the ufologists, given the various witnesses who had been prepared to appear, was a missed opportunity.

I am pleased to say that the work Georgina Bruni did for Mentorn

has not been wasted, and that she has been working with the producers and the witnesses, with the aim of ensuring that as many USAF participants in these events as possible appear on the SCI FI Channel show.

I look forward to what should be a most revealing documentary.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:15:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:01:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

>From: Gary Stedman <Gary.Stedman@btopenworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:57:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>The so called 'nuclear weapons area' at Bentwaters has cropped
>up many times in this case. While it goes without saying that
>this area exists (Ms. Bruni's book covers this in detail and
>locals were aware of its location). I wonder if anybody's
>investigation has uncovered as to what would have been held in
>this area at the time of the incident, or even if anything
>actually was. The reason I suggest this is that aviation units
>operating out of the twin bases at that time where not nuclear
>capable (81st TFW and 67th ARRS).

Hi Gary & Listmembers

The subject of nuclear weapons was always a delicate subject with former RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge officers, whose usual line (for obvious reasons) was, 'I can neither confirm nor deny.' This said, those I interviewed who claimed to have been in a position to know, insist that there were indeed nuclear weapons at Bentwaters, in 1980, however, this did not apply to the Woodbridge base. The weapons were said to have been kept in storage bunkers known as 'The Hot Row'. These were short range, and although stored at Bentwaters and other USAF bases around the UK, were also transported to Forward Operating Locations (small installations with a handful of officers) in Germany. It was General Gordon Williams, the base commander of Bentwaters/Woodbridge at that time, who was responsible for creating these FOL's.

The A10 (tankbusters) were brought over to the bases as part of 'Operation Ready Bentwaters', which took place in 1979 due to the build up of world tensions. According to General Gordon Williams these were as you imply, used exclusively for close air support of allied armies. It is my opinion based on interviews, that nuclear weapons were held at Bentwaters and would have been flown to Germany where they would have been deployed if need be. It stands to reason that you 'don't put all your chickens in one basket,' so to speak. For if the other installations were under attack, then there would still be weapons elsewhere, and close enough to be able to retaliate.

Please see page 306/307 of 'You Can't Tell The People' which covers a classified exercise carried out at Bentwaters. 'Proper Watch' tested the procedures in place for responding to the crash of a US transport aircraft carrying nuclear weapons.

These types of weapons have been kept on USAF military bases in the UK since the early 1950's, and were even on the Woodbridge base at one time. In fact see page 305 of 'You Can't Tell The People' which covers another official document titled 'Nuclear Retaliation Procedures', dated 13 March 1961, in which it was revealed that in the event of a nuclear wipe-out of the United States of America, Britain would need to secure the nuclear weapons deployed on US bases in the UK. But if the US officers refused to hand them over for lack of orders from their now defunct higher command, then the British Army would shoot the

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officers to seize the weapons. The paper was approved by the Deputy Permanent Secretary of State.

Georgina Bruni

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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:03:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

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For an example of where the U.S. seems to have done just that,
see my website on Gen. Ramey's involvement with UFOs:

www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_ufos.html

Go down to 1952 and the Washington DC radar/visual/jet intercept
cases. Ramey was operations officer for the Air Defense Command
at the time and in charge of the jet intercepts.

The day before the infamous press conference of Gen. Ramey with
Gen. Samford on July 29, 1952, a story came out in the press
that the pilots were under orders to shoot down the saucers if
they couldn't make them land. An Air Force public information
officer unfortunately made the mistake of confirming that such
an order had been given. "The jet pilots are, and have been
under orders to investigate unidentified objects and to shoot
them down if they can't talk them down." An example newspaper
story:

http://www.roswellproof.com/ShootDown_INS_72952.html

Two examples of letters/telegrams to the White House protesting
the shoot down order (found by Grant Cameron at the Truman
Library):

http://www.roswellproof.com/Protests_1952.html

Basically these protests say something to the effect, "Are you
crazy?"

And Gen. Ramey's doubletalk press release denying such an order,
while at the same time admitting that, of course, their job was
air defense and would shoot if something was deemed hostile or a
threat:

"No orders have been issued to the Air Defense Command, or by
the Air Defense Command, to its fighter units, to fire on

unidentified aerial phenomena. The Air Force in compliance with its mission of air defence of the United States must assume the responsibility for investigation of any object or phenomenon in the air over the United States. Fighter units have been instructed to investigate any object observed or established as existing by radar tracks and to intercept any airborne object identified as hostile or showing hostile interest. This should not be interpreted to mean that Air Defense pilots have been instructed to fire haphazardly on anything that flies." [Quote in The UFO Encyclopedia by John Spencer]

David Rudiak

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>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 13:51:53 -0700
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>Now we have the latest "flavor-of-the-month" debunking
>explanation - some guy in a beat up car with colored lights on
>it. Yep, that must have been it.

I e-mailed Kevin Conde who claims it was his hoax that was responsible for the incident. I asked him if he would kindly answer some questions (those which I put to the list as why his alleged hoax was not the cause). I felt I was very polite, but so far I haven't received a reply.

After reviewing the questions he'd have a hard time answering them if he aims to continue fooling the media that he was responsible.

I did a search on Conde and I found something really interesting. Debunker James Easton, who was responsible for promoting Conde's story, first mentions the hoax in his Voyager Newsletter No 18.

Conde appears to have had second thoughts about his hoax being connected to the incident. He wrote:

"This incident [hoax] occurred right after Christmas. For reasons that are hard to explain it is my impression that I pulled my stunt during an exercise. We would not have had an exercise during the Christmas holiday. That is a strong indication that my stunt is not the source of this specific incident".

Easton cannot accept the fact that Conde has decided his hoax was not responsible for the incident and he points out the following.

"My personal conclusion about Kevin's prank remains unaltered; if his hoax, or a copycat exercise, wasn't responsible for those 'beams of light', it would be an exceptional coincidence.

Typical!

So ask yourself why Easton still promoted Conde's hoax as being the sole cause of the Rendlesham incident. And why Conde decided to change his mind yet again.

It's a well known fact that certain people can get addicted to being in the media limelight. There is one well-known debunker of the case who actually apologised to me for continuing the lighthouse saga. He knows the truth but TV appearances are far too tempting to ignore. And were he to say that he no longer believes the lighthouse theory, then he would be of no further use. Because as we all know the media need a sceptic (or debunker) to balance their programmes.

Alas, this is what I call egomania. Never mind the poor witnesses who are still being ridiculed, and never mind the

evidence. What matters to these people is their fifteen minutes of fame. And what's more they get upset at the idea of answering certain questions that could make THEM look bad. Questions that no doubt go against their ridiculous made up theories. And from what I've heard from producers, you think they were stars!

Sorry, but as you may have gathered, I have absolutely no time for these people. I just don't tolerate them. My greatest pleasure has been doing live TV and radio shows when I am up against one (or several) of them. I have developed a reputation for making them look foolish, so much so that when I did a London radio show recently, nobody from a sceptical group could be found to argue with me.

That said, I have no problem with sceptics who genuinely want to debate a theory or case. But please don't ever ask me to be sympathetic with people who go to extremes to try to prove that a lighthouse or battered car was responsible for the famous Rendlesham Forest case.

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article - Tonnies

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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:06:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Popular Mechanics Roswell Article - Tonnies

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 08:27:33 -0300
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>tabloidizing the story. Buyer beware.

Totally agreed. All I could think of while perusing Skeptic's latest was the sheer out-datedness of their "debunking." It's a reiteration of 1997's AF "Case Closed" report. But it's 2003 now. Could it be that the staff at Skeptic is running out of things to say?

(The same issue includes an obligatory bashing of the Face on Mars in the "Junior Skeptic" section. No references or decent photos. Apparently Shermer and company want to keep "Junior Skeptics" on the right path.)

Skeptic is self-congratulatory but largely vacuous propaganda. For whatever it's worth, I take their Roswell issue to task on my website:

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (either page 38 or 39)

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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:23:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:56:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

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>>Dan and List,

>>I still work for the Ministry of Defence, so I'm afraid that I
>>can neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of this newspaper
>>article.

>>All I can say about 1956 is that I stand by my statement that no
>>RAF aircrew would have been given an order to shoot down a UFO.

>Hello Nick,

>How are you doing?

>You say that RAF wouldn't shoot a UFO. But considering your
>position in the Ministry of Defence, with access to info from
>overseas, would you say - if you can - that other countries have
>done that? The United States, for instance?

Hi A. J.

I'm busy on all fronts, but hoping to get to Graham Birdsall's
conference at Leeds in September. I hope to see you there and
look forward to your presentation.

When I was running the UK's UFO research project my brief was
entirely a national one, i.e. to investigate UFO sightings
reported to the Ministry of Defence, and to evaluate the data to
ensure there was no evidence of any threat to the defence of the
UK. Although some of my predecessors had liaised briefly with
the US authorities and based UK policy and operating procedures
on those of Project Blue Book, mine was essentially a national
brief. This was largely due to resource constraints.

What this means is that I really didn't have any access to data
relating to UFO projects in other countries, so I can't answer
your question. Given the global nature of the phenomenon, taking
an entirely national view of it was clearly far from ideal. But
that is an issue on which I was unable to make any progress,
during my tour of duty.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:58:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:11:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 09:36:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:57:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>>What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
>>>and decide that there is nothing there.

>>Gildas,

>>Yes but the point is that it is not scientifically adequate to
>>have any one specialist examine a specimen. It takes around half
>>a dozen micro-particle ID specialists to determine that such a
>>particle is not a well-known terrestrial object.

>>The opinion of a single metallurgist is not adequate.

>An opinion from a qualified (and hopefully respected)
>metallurgist should be adequate to require further investigation
>by others in the field. Of course this costs money, unless the
>lab is willing to donate their resources, and there (I think) is
>the problem.

>It's been found that some labs have been willing to perform
>testing as long as they can remain anonymous, so that
>potentially unpopular findings won't impact their reputation.
>This could be at little or no cost because of friendship with a
>researcher or an honest interest in the genre on the part of the
>scientist or lab management. But if a lab is going to go "on
>record" with their findings, they usually want to be paid for
>their efforts and potential risk. Any scientist or specialist
>who makes extraordinary claims, regardless of the subject area,
>is going to be placed under a microscope, along with their
>findings.

Steve et al:

I happened to have worked for a major steel producer in the past, and can tell you that a lead metallurgist (working with a given metal type) would be quite familiar with nearly any type of structure, arising from the process - both, those that are intentional or unintentional. Further, many of them recycle much of the resultant refuse, toward being recombined with the ore stock, to be added to a given type of furnace for reuse. And for that reason, some of them are well acquainted with the refuse grade of byproducts arising from the process, as well.

However, I would suspect that the costs involved, or at least the issue of "scarcity," apply more so to available samples of the alleged implants; since, these are usually small, and not readily available. Furthermore, those industries that specialize in a given metal type, e.g., iron, aluminum, nickel or other alloys, would be - in my opinion - the experts, above someone working in a general lab; since, that is what those industrial metallurgists work with, on a daily basis. While some of them often have many years of experience.

In other words, if the general, academic labs are to be viewed as so costly, then why not seek the services of the true experts in the field? While possibly at a much lower cost.....

Kind Regards

Chris

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Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:34:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:46:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham - Fleming

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:22:46 +0100
>Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:59:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham

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>Unfortunately, time and money were exceptionally tight, and in
>the end, the only USAF witnesses to appear on the Mentorn
>programme were Charles Halt and Jim Penniston, who have already
>appeared on numerous documentaries. Aside from comments from
>Lord Hill-Norton and myself, discussing the official response
>to this incident, the programme concentrated on the views of UFO
>researchers. Many of these interviews were fascinating, but to
>focus on the ufologists, given the various witnesses who had
>been prepared to appear, was a missed opportunity.

That reminds me: one thing worth noting about the "Out of the Blue" documentary shown on the Sci-Fi channel last month is that Airman Ed Cabansag was interviewed about Rendlesham. I don't think he was ever interviewed before. A paper signed by him has been cited by debunkers as evidence that what he, Penniston, and Burroughs saw was the infamous lighthouse.

Cabansag said on the program that somebody else wrote this report and ordered him to sign it. His real opinion is that the lights they followed in the forest were not from any lighthouse. Of course, that's just the opinion of a first-hand witness, which I'm sure won't carry as much weight with debunkers as the opinion previously attributed to him in the report he says he didn't write.

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Mount Herman UFO

From: Larry Taylor <Seven Dimension@webtv.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:50:42 -0400
Subject: Mount Herman UFO

Here is an interesting story with photos of a 2002 UFO in strange cloud formation that happened in southeast Oklahoma. I live within 40 miles of this location and this is one of the best documented events lately in this area. Thought you would find this included page below of interest.

<http://www.mccurtain.com/mthermanufo.htm>

Larry Taylor
Oklahoma/USA

PS There was very little press on this other than McCurtain Gazette Newspaper of Idabel,OK. (city of 9,000).

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:52:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

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>viewed as so costly, then why not seek the services
>of the true experts in the field? While possibly at a much
>lower cost.....

Hi Chris-

The scarcity of samples issue is a hard one to resolve, but
we're probably looking at this entire matter far too
simplistically.

A number of alleged "debris" samples that Linda Moulton Howe had
in her possession in the late 90's had far more unusual
properties that what I've seen discussed here. Those were
examined and while the elements they contained weren't
unearthly, the manner in which they been placed together in the
sample was very unusual. For researchers to find something truly
unusual from an unknown source is certainly nothing new to the
field.

Be that as it may, a meeting was recently held to discuss
possible methodologies in dealing with a truly important trace
evidence case, should one come up. One of the main concerns was
the cost of getting independent analysis performed that did not

specifically involve scientists who were directly involved in the genre. The goal is some sort of independent verification of the "strangeness", so that evidence could be used in the preparation of a scientific report for publication in a mainstream scientific journal.

As I've mentioned in earlier posts, I'm not an expert in the area of Dr. Leir's implants and can only speculate as to why further research has not taken place (or at least been made public). As I understand it, NIDS lost interest in pursuing further laboratory analysis and at this point it's outside the scope of their interests.

From "chain of custody" issues to truly independent analysis of any evidence gathered, this entire matter is far more complicated than many understand. Perhaps one day a process can be set up to deal with these issues in a quick and logical fashion. But that hasn't happened as of yet.

Steve

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Re: Investigator's Right and Debunking Hypocrisy -

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 11:52:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:23:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right and Debunking Hypocrisy -

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 23:58:11 EDT
>Subject: Re: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy -

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 09:19:25 -0700
>>Subject: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy

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>>I recently became aware of the article and am drafting a letter
>>of response to the Inquirer right now. Thomas did exactly the
>>same thing as Printy, claiming that since he could reproduce
>>Moore's (bogus) calculation, Moore was right and I was
>>mathematically "incompetent." The problem was, Moore's
>>calculation was full of "mistakes" and the mathematical
>>equivalent of $2 + 2 = 3$. All the fatal math mistakes were
>>pointed out on my website, but Thomas, naturally, doesn't
>>mention a single one of them, calling them only "quibbles" and
>>"shrill accusations."

>It is a serious topic matter but in ways the skeptibunker
>concept that they floated caused me to laugh more then once. The
>concept goes something to the effect of "Well if you can see how
>the bogus math problem was created, then somehow, someway, it
>was in fact correct. Example being $2 + 2 = 5$. According to
>the skeptibunker rationale all you have to do is be able to
>duplicate the mistake, then that makes the original correct.

Bob,

Both Printy and Thomas argued that they figured out how Moore did it whereas I hadn't completely, therefore this made Moore right and me "incompetent" and a character assassination for claiming Moore was a hoaxer.

The problem was that both Printy and Thomas never figured out that Moore did do it wrong. Either that or they knew better and told the Big Lie instead rather than admit that one of their own was a hoaxer.

They were just following the cardinal rules of religious debunkery, "Never admit error," and "Never say ill of a fellow debunker."

>>(If you read Thomas' article, do note that Moore "didn't want to
>>get into the math" when Thomas spoke to him. This is a tacit
>>admission by Moore that he can't defend his math, instead
>>letting propoganda lackeys like Thomas and Printy try to do it
>>for him.)

>David is correct here. Since Moore "didn't want to get into the
>math" then Moore or Thomas want to duck the math subject.
>Doesn't say much about the accuracy of the math.

I know that if somebody accused me of hoaxing my math and I knew otherwise, the very first thing I would want to get into was

the math, since it would be my best defense.

Thomas' "math" is limited to reproducing Moore's (bogus) calculation, and although referencing my website, deliberately avoids the many arguments that actually disprove Moore's math. Instead Thomas tries to make light of the website, referring only to its "mindnumbing" length, as if it wasn't even worth his time to read.

But of course he had plenty of time to write a thoroughly dishonest hit piece without dealing with his opponent's real arguments. Ironically Thomas says he's a practicing physicist and science educator. This is a very strange form of "science" that Thomas practices. It's more the modus operandi of a propagandist than a scientist.

>As I recall even if the math was accurate the closest you could >drop a balloon was 17 miles, so bottom line, best case scenario >is the theory is 17 miles short.

Moore used to say that, according to his memory, the closest they tracked Flight #4 was to within 17 miles of the Foster Ranch. That's apparently where that "17 mile" figure came from. He also said that the "trick" would be getting the balloon those last 17 miles up to the ranch against the prevailing winds.

He also has claimed that he has a very vivid memory of them tracking the balloon in the vicinity of Arabela and Capitan peak, about 70 miles to the NE of Alamogordo. These locations are actually over 20 miles from the debris field crash site at the Foster Ranch to the north.

Moore's original model in 1995 had him assuming winds that took the balloon directly to Arabela and Capitan. See:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4and5_changes.html

But when he got a hold of real wind data, the winds were actually blowing too strongly to the east and curving the balloons away to the east from Arabela/Capitan. If you run his model with these winds, the trajectory of Flight #4 now passes no closer than 15 miles SE of Arabela/Capitan (thus 35-40 miles from the ranch, not 17) and keeps going over 30 miles further to the NE before it rises high enough to catch winds taking it back to the west.

So the actual winds and actual model have Flight #4 missing Arabela/Capitan in a big way. In order to get his balloon "back on track" so that it passes by Arabela/Capitan to conform to his ancient memory, Moore used two subtle cheats to shorten this trajectory. One had him changing the numbers in his table so the balloon rose too fast, in violation of his actual stated assumptions of perfect equipment and flight. The other was the miscalculation of his table the Printy/Thomas way by pushing back all data points to shave another 30 minutes off the ascent. These and other cheats (such as having the balloon drop much too fast) are how he manages to get his balloon "exactly" to the the Arabela area and "exactly" to the Foster Ranch.

Moore's model seems pinned to his ancient memory of them tracking Flight #4 near Arabela/Capitan and also Bluewater, N.M. He further claims this would have been the only time he would have heard these "exotic" names associated with any Mogul flight.

There was one such balloon in Mogul records, but it wasn't Flight #4. It was Flight #17 from 3 months later. It passed right over Arabela/Capitan/Bluewater on a northeastly trajectory that took it into Kansas. Obviously Moore's claim that he would never would have heard these names associated with any other flight other than Flight #4 is false. Moore's ancient memories are, therefore, just as open to question as those of any other witness.

Flight #17 is the only Mogul that I could find in over 50 documented flights in old Mogul documents (reprinted in the 1995 AF Report) that seemed to have passed anywhere close to the Foster Ranch. (Prevailing winds just did not take balloons in that direction.) For a plot of it's trajectory, see my Flight #4 addendums section, on "What Does Moore Remember?"

http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4_Addendums.html

I speculate that maybe Moore was really remembering this flight rather than Flight #4, a much more conservative memory time compression theory than the Air Force's "crash dummies"-from-the-next-decade to explain the bodies.

David Rudiak

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:27:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:15:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 13:51:53 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>>Now we have the latest "flavor-of-the-month" debunking
>>explanation - some guy in a beat up car with colored lights on
>>it. Yep, that must have been it.

>I e-mailed Kevin Conde who claims it was his hoax that was
>responsible for the incident. I asked him if he would kindly
>answer some questions (those which I put to the list as why his
>alleged hoax was not the cause).

<snip>

>So ask yourself why Easton still promoted Conde's hoax as being
>the sole cause of the Rendlesham incident. And why Conde decided
>to change his mind yet again.

>It's a well known fact that certain people can get addicted to
>being in the media limelight. There is one well-known debunker
>of the case who actually apologised to me for continuing the
>lighthouse saga. He knows the truth but TV appearances are far
>too tempting to ignore. And were he to say that he no longer
>believes the lighthouse theory, then he would be of no further
>use. Because as we all know the media need a sceptic (or
>debunker) to balance their programmes.

<snip>

>That said, I have no problem with sceptics who genuinely want
>to
>debate a theory or case. But please don't ever ask me to be
>sympathetic with people who go to extremes to try to prove that
>a lighthouse or battered car was responsible for the famous
>Rendlesham Forest case.

Georgina,

The one lesson people should take home if they look at my photos
and maps of the site:

www.roswellproof.com/Rendlesham_pictorial.html

is that it is impossible to see the lighthouse from the base
because of trees and terrain, not to mention the fact that the
lighthouse has a landward light shield that would have blocked
any direct beam in the direction of the base.

How then would an invisible lighthouse beam at the base be
confused with a possible plane crash in the woods and draw the
guards out there in the first place?

Another thing comes to mind with the Conde and his beat up car story. I scanned in one photo from your book (hope you don't mind) taken by Adrian Bustinza, looking down the small road from East Gate toward Rendlesham forest to the east. Comparing it to my present-day photo taken from the same vantage point, and one notices that the trees lining the East Gate road to the main forest were missing in 1980. Presumably these were removed in the interest of base security.

The point is that the guards at East Gate had a clear view all the way down the road to the big trees in the background, shown in Bustinza's photo. Where exactly was Conde supposed to be hiding his car? Was he driving it through the trees at the end of East Gate road?

David Rudiak

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>>You say that RAF wouldn't shoot a UFO. But considering your
>>position in the Ministry of Defence, with access to info from
>>overseas, would you say - if you can - that other countries
>have
>>done that? The United States, for instance?

>For an example of where the U.S. seems to have done just that,
>see my website on Gen. Ramey's involvement with UFOs:

>www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_ufos.html

>Go down to 1952 and the Washington DC radar/visual/jet intercept
>cases. Ramey was operations officer for the Air Defense Command
>at the time and in charge of the jet intercepts.

>The day before the infamous press conference of Gen. Ramey with
>Gen. Samford on July 29, 1952, a story came out in the press
>that the pilots were under orders to shoot down the saucers if
>they couldn't make them land. An Air Force public information
>officer unfortunately made the mistake of confirming that such
>an order had been given. "The jet pilots are, and have been
>under orders to investigate unidentified objects and to shoot
>them down if they can't talk them down." An example newspaper
>story:

>http://www.roswellproof.com/ShootDown_INS_72952.html

>Two examples of letters/telegrams to the White House protesting
>the shoot down order (found by Grant Cameron at the Truman
>Library):

>http://www.roswellproof.com/Protests_1952.html

>Basically these protests say something to the effect, "Are you
>crazy?"

>And Gen. Ramey's doubletalk press release denying such an order,
>while at the same time admitting that, of course, their job was
>air defense and would shoot if something was deemed hostile or a

>threat:

>"No orders have been issued to the Air Defense Command, or by
>the Air Defense Command, to its fighter units, to fire on
>unidentified aerial phenomena. The Air Force in compliance with
>its mission of air defence of the United States must assume the
>responsibility for investigation of any object or phenomenon in
>the air over the United States. Fighter units have been
>instructed to investigate any object observed or established as
>existing by radar tracks and to intercept any airborne object
>identified as hostile or showing hostile interest. This should
>not be interpreted to mean that Air Defense pilots have been
>instructed to fire haphazardly on anything that flies." [Quote
>in The UFO Encyclopedia by John Spencer]

>David Rudiak

Gad! Ramey was Director of Operations on the Air Staff in Washington, D. C. That makes him Stamford's superior. He was not "operations officer for the Air Defense Command." There is a huge difference! Ramey had over staff responsibility for all operations involving all commands of the USAF including the Air Defense Command.

Ramey's fumbling around at the press conference shows that he had little knowledge or was not thoroughly briefed on the situation.

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Green Fireball Minutes

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Subject: Green Fireball Minutes

I transcribed (or 'typed') the 'Minutes' from one of the famous 'Green Fireball' conferences. You can print it out and read it much faster than the original FOIA documents, for example, or you can search the text with a search utility.

<http://user.cs.tu-berlin.de/~thomasg/gf/gf7.txt>

'Original' Version can be found at:

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

or

<http://www.blackvault.com/documents/ufos/1949/1949wpafb337.htm>

to

<http://www.blackvault.com/documents/ufos/1949/1949wpafb361.htm>

Many thanks to John Greenewald Jr.!

Daniel G.

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Balaskas

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>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
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>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:58:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>>>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>>>What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
>>>>and decide that there is nothing there.

>>>Yes but the point is that it is not scientifically adequate to
>>>have any one specialist examine a specimen. It takes around half
>>>a dozen micro-particle ID specialists to determine that such a
>>>particle is not a well-known terrestrial object.

>>>The opinion of a single metallurgist is not adequate.

>>An opinion from a qualified (and hopefully respected)
>>metallurgist should be adequate to require further investigation
>>by others in the field. Of course this costs money, unless the
>>lab is willing to donate their resources, and there (I think) is
>>the problem.

>>It's been found that some labs have been willing to perform
>>testing as long as they can remain anonymous, so that
>>potentially unpopular findings won't impact their reputation.
>>This could be at little or no cost because of friendship with a
>>researcher or an honest interest in the genre on the part of the
>>scientist or lab management. But if a lab is going to go "on
>>record" with their findings, they usually want to be paid for
>>their efforts and potential risk. Any scientist or specialist
>>who makes extraordinary claims, regardless of the subject area,
>>is going to be placed under a microscope, along with their
>>findings.

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>past, and can tell you that a lead metallurgist (working with a
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>working in a general lab; since, that is what those industrial
>metallurgists work with, on a daily basis. While some of them
>often have many years of experience.

>In other words, if the general, academic labs are to be
>viewed as so costly, then why not seek the services
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>lower cost.....

Hi Everyone!

I have met with Dr. Roger Leir several times since I accepted Roger's request for help in finding highly qualified researchers to examine some of his UFO physical evidence (eg. suspected alien implants, alleged UFO crash debris, fragments from the Alien Autopsy film, etc.) and to independently evaluate this evidence.

It has been my experience that all the scientists that I approached who were in charge of research labs, whether at the university where I work or other institutions, both private and public/government, expressed much interest in what I had and readily made their facilities and staff available to do whatever tests were necessary to determine the chemical composition and physical properties of the artifacts I presented them with. Since scientists are curious people and what I had could indeed be something out of the ordinary, in most cases they were willing to do the tests for free, not even to charge me for their time, use of their resources or to make copies of their analytical findings or reports. I just had to show up in person with whatever unusual artifacts I had and simply asked them if they could help or perform certain tests. Often they would suggest different tests be done too, depending on the nature of these artifacts. For this reason the few biological specimens I had were examined by scientists at government forensic labs or top research hospitals.

When the test findings by specialists strongly suggested that these artifacts had a very Earthly explanation, as was often the case, Roger (and others who have entrusted me with UFO physical evidence) accepted it as such and published this for the record in his 1998 book 'The Aliens and the Scalpel'.

It is interesting to note that although Roger's book was published by the Bigelow Foundation in co-operation with the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), there is a disclaimer in Roger's book that his views do not reflect those of the Bigelow Foundation or NIDS. This I find very puzzling even now, when NIDS scientists such as Colm Kelleher do not seem to fully appreciate the test findings of some UFO physical evidence that clearly favours an ET rather than an Earthly explanation as to their origins. One of these is the 1957(?) Ubatuba UFO fragments that exhibited many unusual and unexpected test results which were for some reason downplayed or omitted altogether in Dr. Peter Sturrock's 1999 book 'The UFO Enigma' (Peter was kind enough to send draft copies of his Ubatuba papers for me to read before publication).

Of course, the 'facts' cannot speak for themselves, but are interpreted in light of our current scientific knowledge and beliefs. Since we have no reason to suspect that ET chemistry is different from chemistry here on Earth, we can point out many things about a certain rock recovered on the surface of the thick ice fields in Antarctica as evidence that it originated on Mars but we cannot prove it to the satisfaction of everyone. So unless some unusual artifact is stamped "Made On Mars", even after a battery of tests by many scientists over many years, we may not be able to conclusively prove our case. Unfortunately, this is the situation with nearly all UFO physical evidence we have studied.

Concerns about costs should never be an excuse for not trying to have tests done on something that may have great significance to us all. You simply have to ask.

Fellow ufologist Grant Cameron possesses a very revealing audio

cassette recording of an interview by Wilbert B. Smith's key 'metals man' about the much larger quantities of UFO hardware that is not in the public domain which has been positively determined to be ET in origin. For this reason, one is wrong to feel that many top labs would want to protect their reputation by refusing to perform analytical tests on such controversial ET artifacts when it is likely that they may have secretly been involved with other equally controversial stuff in the past, including UFO physical evidence studies.

Nick Balaskas

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>The scarcity of samples issue is a hard one to resolve, but
>we're probably looking at this entire matter far too
>simplistically.

>A number of alleged "debris" samples that Linda Moulton Howe had
>in her possession in the late 90's had far more unusual
>properties than what I've seen discussed here. Those were
>examined and while the elements they contained weren't
>unearthly, the manner in which they been placed together in the
>sample was very unusual. For researchers to find something truly
>unusual from an unknown source is certainly nothing new to the
>field.

>Be that as it may, a meeting was recently held to discuss
>possible methodologies in dealing with a truly important trace

>evidence case, should one come up. One of the main concerns was
>the cost of getting independent analysis performed that did not
>specifically involve scientists who were directly involved in
>the genre. The goal is some sort of independent verification of
>the "strangeness", so that evidence could be used in the
>preparation of a scientific report for publication in a
>mainstream scientific journal.

>As I've mentioned in earlier posts, I'm not an expert in the
>area of Dr. Leir's implants and can only speculate as to why
>further research has not taken place (or at least been made
>public). As I understand it, NIDS lost interest in pursuing
>further laboratory analysis and at this point it's outside the
>scope of their interests.

>From "chain of custody" issues to truly independent analysis of
>any evidence gathered, this entire matter is far more
>complicated than many understand. Perhaps one day a process can
>be set up to deal with these issues in a quick and logical
>fashion. But that hasn't happened as of yet.

Steve and List:

Very good insight, and well taken from my perspective.
Hopefully, as part of that article I mentioned, will be a
discussion of some hypothetical, operational features. What I
find to be quite strange about a certain phase of reported
abduction encounters, is that part wherein the abductee suddenly
appears to be under control, or following a set of instructions
somehow.

We may not find it surprising (from a psychological perspective)
that the human psyche might develop an amnesic block - even, if
only from the perceived trauma. However, there remains that
portion of the ensuing drama, where abductees often recall
making what may appear to be 'decisions,' such as "turn left
down this deserted road," and then, "shut off the engine . . .
and step out of the car."

All these things, I'm sure, will be quite interesting, when all
of our efforts are combined and realized.

Good posts.....

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 14:56:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Dan and List,

>I still work for the Ministry of Defence, so I'm afraid that I
>can neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of this newspaper
>article.

>All I can say about 1956 is that I stand by my statement that no
>RAF aircrew would have been given an order to shoot down a UFO.

Hi Nick, list,

Some of you may find the following useful in your research.

I have ascertained that at present, Air defence (AD) of the UK is conducted as part of the NATO Integrated Air Defence System (NATINADS) [2]. This is achieved by continuous surveillance of the airspace, detection of unusual activity and active policing/response using interceptor aircraft. The system is designed and optimised to counter the threat from military aircraft, and was initially implemented to counter the Soviet threat of the Cold War era.

I have not yet ascertained a firm date of when NATINADS was first implemented, and it may well be that the situation was entirely different in 1956. I will conduct further research in this regard.

Currently, the UK Air Surveillance and Control System (ASACS) performs the primary AD tasks under the command of NATO Combined Air Operation Centre (CAOC) 9 located at RAF High Wycombe. The ASACS maintains a Recognised Air Picture based on inputs from AD ground radars, NATS air traffic control (ATC) radars, airborne early warning aircraft and digital data links with neighbouring NATO and French air defence organisations. Based on this information, ASACS weapons controllers direct Quick Reaction Alert interceptors (QRA(I)) to investigate any aircraft acting suspiciously or presenting a threat to the UK. Command and control of the UK ASACS and QRA(I) aircraft are assigned to NATO to enable NATO to police the airspace on the behalf of the UK.

CAOC 9 and the UK ASACS also maintain close liaison with UK civil and military ATC organisations, thus making early warning of any potentially suspicious aircraft activity and exchange of information readily achieved.

Further, a number of additional air defence arrangements have been implemented in order to deal with the threat of 'rogue' hijacked aircraft. Much of the detail of these arrangements remains classified.

The Prime Ministerial authorisation that I referred to before appears to remain the case where a civilian target is concerned. As reported in the Select Committee on Defence Sixth Report 17 July 2002:

"In the United States the arrangements are that, if there was time, such a decision would be taken by the President, but, if time did not permit, it would be possible for authority to be given by the two-star military commander level, ie by a Major-General. We were reassured by confirmation from MoD officials that no such procedures are in place in the UK.[65] Although we would normally have concerns about politicians becoming involved in individual operational decisions, this case is an exception."

Therefore, it would appear that my earlier comment in respect to Prime Ministerial authorisation being necessary in order to engage and destroy a military target is true in the case of a known civilian target, classified modification to this policy not withstanding.

If NATINADS (or an earlier version of NATO control) was in operation for UK airspace during 1956, this would mean that USAF aircraft were operating under NATO chain of command, and not merely under USAF or RAF ROE.

I would now like to address the following questions:

1. Was NATINADS implemented by 1956?
2. What was, and is, the NATINADS chain of command?
3. Specifically, who was, and is, authorised to order the destruction of a military target within the NATINADS system?
4. Did and does an unidentified target constitute a military target, in the absence of evidence of a civilian nature?

[1] Select Committee on Defence Sixth Report 17 July 2002

[2] Memorandum by the Ministry of Defence on Defence and Security in the UK (January 2002)

Best,

Dan Bright

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Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham - Pope

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Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham - Pope

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>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 13:34:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham

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>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:22:46 +0100
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>>Subject: Re: Sci-Fi Channel Kecksberg & Rendelsham

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>>Unfortunately, time and money were exceptionally tight, and in
>>the end, the only USAF witnesses to appear on the Mentorn
>>programme were Charles Halt and Jim Penniston, who have already
>>appeared on numerous documentaries. Aside from comments from
>>Lord Hill-Norton and myself, discussing the official response
>>to this incident, the programme concentrated on the views of UFO
>>researchers. Many of these interviews were fascinating, but to
>>focus on the ufologists, given the various witnesses who had
>>been prepared to appear, was a missed opportunity.

>That reminds me: one thing worth noting about the "Out of the
>Blue" documentary shown on the Sci-Fi channel last month is that
>Airman Ed Cabansag was interviewed about Rendlesham. I don't
>think he was ever interviewed before. A paper signed by him has
>been cited by debunkers as evidence that what he, Penniston, and
>Burroughs saw was the infamous lighthouse.

>Cabansag said on the program that somebody else wrote this
>report and ordered him to sign it. His real opinion is that the
>lights they followed in the forest were not from any lighthouse.
>Of course, that's just the opinion of a first-hand witness,
>which I'm sure won't carry as much weight with debunkers as the
>opinion previously attributed to him in the report he says he
>didn't write.

Lan and List,

Georgina Bruni spoke to Ed Cabansag at length in the course of
the research for her book on the Bentwaters case, You Can't Tell
The People. She devotes a chapter to his story (pages 187-197).

Georgina raises an interesting point about the five USAF witness
statements (Penniston, Burroughs, Cabansag, Buran and Chandler),
all of which are featured in her book, pointing out that she was
told by Special Agent Wayne Persinger that the Air Force Office
of Special Investigations would always take handwritten
statements, so the witnesses couldn't claim they'd been forged.
Persinger wondered why Halt took statements, and who typed them.
The only statement to be handwritten was that of John Burroughs,
though Jim Penniston's statement included some drawings of the
craft and some symbols he saw on its side.

Cabansag told Georgina:

"The only thing that I signed was for Colonel Halt. I didn't
type anything out. Maybe someone else did it and asked me to
sign it. Besides, I couldn't type, I had never used a typewriter

before. I don't even remember what I signed. I was so nervous, I just signed it. I don't remember talking to Halt, I remember sitting in his office in fear of Halt. I was fresh from school."

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Pop Culture's Encounters Of The Alien Kind

Vinay Menon

If aliens are among us, chances are they've stopped watching television.

Who wants to travel millions of light years to be portrayed as an insidious annihilator or bumbling imbecile? Who wants to come in peace only to be accused of planetary conquest by a bunch of paranoid homo sapiens?

And who wants to be associated with Alf or the Great Gazoo or, most distressing, John Lithgow?

Intergalactic roamers once knew the worst place to have saucer trouble was over a cornfield on Planet Earth. Because as soon as you touched down, amid a time-halting flash of white light, some hapless farmer would inevitably bolt into the shadows, screaming at the moon while begging you not to probe his bodily orifices.

In this age of irony and celebrity, things have changed.

If a spaceship were to land in Central Park today, the only commotion would be an enthusiastic horde of New Yorkers crowding the glittering craft while demanding autographs and pictures with the startled visitors.

We've come a long, long way since 1938, when Orson Welles aired his famous "War Of The Worlds" radio dramatization and ignited a mass panic. And, in part, this blas=E9 attitude toward the extraterrestrial question is a by-product of popular culture's unrelenting obsession ever since.

Over the last 50 years, alien portrayal, whether as good or evil entities, has been linked to broader commentary on society and culture. As you might expect, aliens are then either vilified or glorified depending on the spirit of the time... The Day The Earth Stood Still, Invaders From Mars, Close Encounters Of The Third Kind, Alien, E.T.: The Extraterrestrial, Independence Day.

Alienated, a new Canadian comedy that premiered this week on Space, uses the abduction narrative as a launch pad for more terrestrial stories. After being abducted by aliens, the already dysfunctional Blundell family must cope with new impulses that are as bizarre as they are amusing.

Taken, Steven Spielberg's 10-part epic miniseries that's airing on CBC this summer, is a shining example of the Benign Alien. What's most fascinating about Taken is how closely it hews to the actual UFO mythology while presenting a possible explanation for alien visits.

Screenwriter Leslie Bohem anchors the sprawling narrative with

several significant ufological names and places... Roswell, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Groom Lake, Betty and Barney Hill.

This ability to fictionalize popular mythology is what made The X-Files such a compelling program in its early years. Chris Carter's show also inspired several imitators, including Roswell and Dark Skies.

The predominant theme of The X-Files was government conspiracy. The truth was out there. They were keeping it from Us.

Recently, the American Sci Fi Channel... apparently embodied with the spirit of X-Files' Fox Mulder... has started lobbying the U.S. government for more UFO disclosure. It's even considering going to court to have certain top secret documents declassified.

(Somewhere in the Zeta Reticuli, a long distance telepathic call is being placed to Johnnie Cochrane.)

An anecdote, apocryphal or not, that has circulated through UFO circles for years concerns a 1982 screening of E.T. at the White House, where president Ronald Reagan was reported to have told director Steven Spielberg: "There are probably only six people in this room who know how true this is."

In the documentary Area 51: The Real Story, which aired on Discovery Civilization this week, we learn U.S. military officials were asked to consult on Independence Day. They asked that all references to "Area 51" be excised from the script and then declined to participate when their request was rejected.

And people wonder how conspiracies get started.

It's interesting to note how alien portrayal on television and film has swung like a pendulum since World War II when people, for obvious reasons, started gazing into the sky while expecting the worst.

In the '40s and '50s, government conspiracies played only a marginal role in the stories. The emphasis was on the Unknown Alien.

By the '60s, as the counterculture surged to life, aliens were less prevalent, but had become somewhat menacing and treacherous: Dangerous Alien. In general, the '70s ushered in an age of the God Alien... gossamer beings imbued with quasi-religious qualities.

This would hold true in the '80s, only now the government seemed to know everything and maintained a deadly force policy of telling us nothing. There was a new emphasis on abduction, as seen in films like Fire In The Sky. Abduction books such as Intruders and Communion were also creating pop cultural waves. (Can the abduction phenomenon be traced back to the Flash Gordon comic of the '30s? Just wondering.)

Predictably, the blockbuster, special-effects '90s brought a return of the Evil Alien, hell-bent on obliterating the world. (To get the full pendulum effect, watch Close Encounters Of The Third Kind and Independence Day back to back.)

But, dear aliens, what you should find most offensive is the physical stereotyping that has survived the ages: Those wrap-around insect eyes. The matte gray skin tone. The ridiculously oversized heads. The tiny bodies neatly outfitted in silver jumpsuits.

You should also consider starting a petition against "alien sitcoms"... My Favorite Martian, Mork & Mindy, My Parents Are Aliens, Third Rock From the Sun... a subgenre that created the regrettable Comic Alien.

Because hearing "ShazBot" or "Nanoo Nanoo" one too many times would prompt even the most peaceful alien to wipe out civilization as we know it.

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Flying Saucers From The 4th Dimension?

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Subject: Flying Saucers From The 4th Dimension?

Semi-random thoughts on UFOs from my blog:

Reading "Spaceland" [by mathematician/SF writer Rudy Rucker] has caused me to view some UFO reports in a new light. Apparent "vehicles" that seem to change shape while in the air may not be spacecraft at all, but cross-sections of four-dimensional objects that bisect familiar 3-D reality. For example, a 3-D cross section of a 4-D tube would appear spherical. And if the tube was irregular in shape, we would expect it to "change shape" in our three dimensions as it moved, much how a sphere passing through a two-dimensional plane would appear like a rapidly growing disk to any watching Flatlanders.

There's at least one good multiple-witness case on record that makes sense if the UFOs seen were 4-D objects (or a single 4-D object) occurring at right angles to our three spatial dimensions. The pilots involved described the shape-changing objects as "flying jellyfish" -- pretty much what one would expect a 4-D phenomenon to look like if it happened to move through three-dimensional space.

The slightly unnerving aspect to this theory is that it implies that we literally coexist with the UFO intelligence (if it is, in fact, intelligent). But we're unable to see it unless it happens to intersect with us. And even then we're limited to glimpsing tantalizing cross-sections; our 3-D minds must turn to mathematical esoterica to reconstruct what the invading object/s actually look like. (In "Spaceland," Rucker does an excellent job of showing us how bewildering a four-dimensional landscape would appear to a 3-D observer. In short: Gnarly!)

Summing up: A hidden world with four spatial dimensions might account for some UFO sightings. The oft-reported lenticular shape may be a clue as to what these 4-D manifestations really look like. This theory also conveniently disposes of the supposed incredible distances extraterrestrial UFOs would presumably have to cross in order to reach us. It also resonates with Dr. Jacques Vallee's idea of a vast, intersecting "multiverse."

posted by Mac at 7/12/2003 07:04:03 PM

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 21:41:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:03:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Kaeser

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:46:44 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

<snip>

>Concerns about costs should never be an excuse for not trying to
>have tests done on something that may have great significance to
>us all. You simply have to ask.

Without getting too deeply involved in a debate here, I would make a couple of comments. I would certainly agree that every effort should be made to have proper analysis performed on anything that is thought to be anomalous, and basic scientific curiosity would play a role in this for sure. However, some tests are not simple and involve equipment that may not belong to the researcher, and the owners of that equipment may or may not want it used. Sometimes testing can be performed on "off hours", but that's not always publishable. I would like to note that I'm making this as a general comment and not specifically in relation to the testing performed by NIDS and Dr. Leir.

There are a number of scientists who express an interest in this field at a personal level, but at a professional level won't allow their names to become associated with it. There is a stigma that comes with this field that most scientists fear, regardless of how they feel about the subject. Again, this is not always true, but it is a significant problem in getting scientific support.

>Fellow ufologist Grant Cameron possesses a very revealing audio
>cassette recording of an interview by Wilbert B. Smith's key
>'metals man' about the much larger quantities of UFO hardware
>that is not in the public domain which has been positively
>determined to be ET in origin. For this reason, one is wrong to
>feel that many top labs would want to protect their reputation
>by refusing to perform analytical tests on such controversial ET
>artifacts when it is likely that they may have secretly been
>involved with other equally controversial stuff in the past,
>including UFO physical evidence studies.

I have always found Wilbert Smith's involvement in this genre to be very interesting. I'm not familiar with the tape you mention, but if there is evidence to back up these claims then we have the "smoking gun" that we've all been looking for. If no independent evidence exists, then we're left with another anecdotal claim with nothing to back it up.

I'm afraid I don't see how his claim supports the idea that top labs wouldn't care about their reputation. Obviously, if a lab has been contracted to perform secret analysis, then there's no problem regarding their reputation since they're not going to talk or publish anything about it anyway. That's not the type of analysis that going to help this field of research advance itself.

Steve

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 19:12:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:05:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:19:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Alien

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 09:50:08 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>Gad! Ramey was Director of Operations on the Air Staff in
>Washington, D. C. That makes him Stamford's superior. He was not
>"operations officer for the Air Defense Command." There is a
>huge difference! Ramey had over staff responsibility for all
>operations involving all commands of the USAF including the Air
>Defense Command.

Sorry for the incorrect wording in my post. I had his position
right on my website.

>Ramey's fumbling around at the press conference shows that he
>had little knowledge or was not thoroughly briefed on the
>situation.

Both Ramey and Samford were fumbling in front of the large
collection of reporters, but was it for lack of knowledge or
they were just fumbling for explanations that they thought they
might get away with? Ramey himself was quoted as saying that the
Air Force had been forced to come up with some "fast
explanations" to dispel public hysteria. Samford and Ramey were
largely improvising during a hastily called press conference.

Whatever, it is a fact that the Air Force tried to represent
Samford and Ramey as their two top UFO experts, according to the
newspapers. Several days later, Ramey appeared on CBS TV on a
Sunday news program and was grilled by reporters. AP referred to
him as the Air Force's "saucer man." Ramey was also said to be
the man currently in charge of the Air Force's investigation
into all the sightings. According to AP, Ramey added he had been
reviewing reports for the previous six years (which, if
accurately quoted, means clear back to 1946, not 1947).

Unless this was just PR to burnish Ramey's image, he knew a
great deal more about the subject than you are suggesting.

For the AP account of his CBS appearance and also another one
from the New York Herald-Tribune (just added), see:

www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_1952.html

Main essay at:

www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_ufos.html

David Rudiak

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Puerto Rico Sighting - 06-2003

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 22:08:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:26:46 -0400
Subject: Puerto Rico Sighting - 06-2003

SE Coast of Puerto Rico

Date: June ?, 2003
Time: approx: 11:00 p.m.

Dear Brian Vike

My wife and I live on the SE coast of Puerto Rico. I am a former U.S. Infantry officer, and 3,000 hour commercial pilot. We are in the habit of sitting on our roof at night talking and looking at the sky- it's cooler & breezier up there, and less buggy.

About 3 months ago we had an interesting experience that I'd like you to comment on, if possible.

At about 11 p.m. on a clear night, we both became aware, simultaneously, of 3 ruby-red lights, bright and distinctly visible, like car tail-lights or red aircraft nav lights, approaching us from south to north, right to left as we viewed them, in a symmetric V formation, one leading and two trailing. After 3 seconds of this motion, the 3 lights diverged, the lead light continuing straight, each of the trailing lights turning 90 degrees away from the original direction of motion. The lights passed more or less overhead as they made this divergence, then they didn't fade away into the distance but simply vanished out of sight in about 2 seconds. Literally, like poof, they're gone. It was stunning!

It was a clear night with no other air traffic. The experience lasted 5 seconds, and we both subsequently agreed that we had observed exactly the same phenomenon. There was absolutely no sound, and no other lights visible. There was no way of judging altitude of the lights, but we had the "impression" that they were several thousand feet above sea level, and that the rate of movement must have been extremely rapid. I have seen F-4s fly directly overhead, and have observed a very large number of other aircraft movement over the years, and I can tell you without hesitation that those 3 lights were moving significantly faster than any aircraft in my experience, and in complete silence.

If you care to comment, I'm curious if this account sounds familiar to you, which is to ask, have other people witnessed anything similar? And what do you suppose those bright red lights were attached to??

Thanks, and cheers!

(HBCC UFO has deleted the witnesses personal information)

I would like to thank this witness for the report.

Brian Vike
HBCC UFO Research

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 07:13:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Hebert

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:17:29 -0300
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology
<snip>

>>Perceptions of reality and stimuli vary from one person to the
>>next just as what's 'real' and not real is subject to each
>>person's interpretation.

>I can hear it now... 'Why Ms. Smith, no crime was committed by
>my client at all. It's only your interpretation of reality that
>allows you to 'believe' you were raped.'

>According to your 'theory', maybe we should do away with all eye
>witness testimony altogether. I Suppose if you can find a way to
>dismiss or eliminate all those pesky eyewitnesses, then there
>wouldn't be a 'UFO' phenomenon at all - and you wouldn't have to
>worry your head over it.

>What a convenient, if not one-sided, set of beliefs. "Everybody
>else is full of it." Yeah, that works. :)

Your reply demonstrates my point exactly, John. You perceived my
comments according to your own interpretation and opinions of me
which then stimulated your response. At no point did I indicate
that we should "do away with eye witness testimony altogether".
You interpreted my statements according to your perceptions of
what you thought I was saying rather than perceiving what I
actually said.

When an individual sees an object flying in the sky, whatever it
may be, the object functions as a visual stimulus to that
individual. However, the process doesn't end there. Next the
individual forms thought patterns based on his or her
personality, background and previous encounters with objects of
similar characteristics. The combination of the individual's
visual and psychological perceptions of the object determine how
the object is interpreted.

For example, one person may 'see' an airplane with a triangular
set of lights while another may 'see' a triangular-shaped UFO
with lights at each apex. Whether the object is an airplane or a
UFO, the perception of the object is always filtered through
that individual's cognitive processes. In the end, how
perceptions are interpreted are dependent on the psychological
make-up of the individual as well as what was originally seen.

Eye witnesses are important. However, even in a court of law,
the psychological make-up and orientation of a witness is
carefully examined and evaluated before a verdict is reached,
based on a preponderance of the evidence.

Just imagine what would happen, John, if every man accused of

rape by a woman was sentenced to prison based solely on the woman's claims. I can hear it now...'Mr. Jones is hereby sentenced to 20 years in prison for the crime of rape because Ms. Smith believes he raped her. No need to review the character of Ms. Smith, her psychological stability or the evidence. If she says she was raped, we take her word for it.'

Just as Ms. Smith's claims of rape should be evaluated within the context of the psychology of human perception, so should UFO sighting reports be evaluated with the these same concepts in mind.

>Thank goodness the members of the judicial branch of government >don't agree with you. We'd have one hell of a legal system >without the testimony of credible eye witnesses. Or is it that >you think that only witnesses reporting sightings of UFOs are >not to be trusted.

Are you asking me a question, John, or just misinterpreting my comments?

I'm talking about the process of stimulus-response patterns (according to the field of psychology) in relation to UFO sightings and reports. John, if you would respond to the concepts under discussion rather than take personal snipes at me, we might be able to learn from each other.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Golden Section In Face on Mars

From: **Jiri Mruzek** <jirimruzek@shaw.ca>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 05:52:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:31:47 -0400
Subject: Golden Section In Face on Mars

Golden section in the famous Face on Mars, and "my face on Mars"

Sorry, listeros, I am too tired to do anything else other than post a link to my just finished article on the web. I hope, you find it interesting.

Jiri Mruzek

<http://www.geocities.com/jirimruzek/mafa.htm>

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Chupacabras Gets A Beating In Chile

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 10:39:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:35:01 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras Gets A Beating In Chile

Source: Diario "La Estrella de Valpara=EDso"
Date: July 12, 2003

CHUPACABRAS GETS A BEATING

A couple from Vina del Mar went through a horrifying experience after becoming aware that a strange animal, allegedly the Chupacabras, had entered into their back yard where it attacked the family's ducks. One of the ducks suffered a perfect perforation in its spine; the remaining three animals disappeared.

Most stunning for the protagonists of the event was that they managed to face see the animal, face it and even strike it repeatedly with a metal cart. But the intruder managed to escape; it's escape path was not ascertained.

This strange event was recorded early Wednesday morning this week (07/09). The witnesses were Juan Siliva Torres and Veronica Vildosola, residents of Las Maravillas street in the town of Santa Julia. Both were hesitant about disclosing their experience, since they feared they would not be believed. Curiously enough, this episode is similar to several other similar ones recorded in different parts of the area and the country which have been attributed to the legendary Chupacabras.

A horrible experience

Veronica Vildosola states that on the day in question, around 5 a.m., she heard strange noises: "First I heard blows on neighboring rooftops. It was like something jumping from one rooftop to another."

She added: "I suddenly heard something like a very heavy bird that landed on our roof. It immediately started to scratch the rooftop with its claws."

Faced with the fear that the animal or bird would attack the ducks kept in the backyard or the hens in their coops, she woke up her husband so he could go and take a look.

The attack

Juan Silva says: "Upon going outside, I saw an animal that wasn't a dog in spite of looking like a dog. It was in a corner, hunched over the spie of one of the ducks it had caught."

"I got closer, hurling the wrench I held in my hand against it. But since it didn't move, I began to strike it with the handle of a metal hand cart that was in the yard. The animal made some strange sounds, like moans of pain. Had it been a dog, it would have barked and yelped. But that wasn't the case." Silva adds that the creature "had very shiny eyes."

His wife continued the story. "I was holding a stick with which to strike what I thought was a dog. That's when I saw the critter trying to escape. It did so in a sem-erect position, as though walking hunched over on two legs. It looked at me and I also saw its shiny eyes. I don't know if I was paralyzed out of

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Re: Greg Long? - Stockstill

From: Bill Stockstill <size14d@bigfoot.com>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 10:42:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:36:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Stockstill

>From: SMiles Lewis <miles@elfis.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:20:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Greg Long? - Lewis

>For some reason the URL I included in my original reply to your
>post was dropped:

>>Donate away... download what you can hear...

>http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.nwmyst.com

SMiles and Katlhleen:

This site is exactly what I was looking for! Thanks. Now I can
enjoy Greg's stories again.

Glad to hear that Greg is doing well. No need to contact him.
But if you do run into him again Katlhleen let him know his work
is missed.

Bill

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 17:21:15 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:58:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Bourdais

>From: Eric Jacobson <ejacobson74@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:57:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:22:47 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>>Secondly, you misquote me. The metallurgist that I know examined
>>the chemical composition of the metallic fragment, not just
>>"looked at it". This composition was determined in a competent
>>laboratory, New Mexico Tech.

>>That is is scientific research.

>>What is unscientific, in my opinion, is to reject the findings
>>and decide that there is nothing there.

>Yes but the point is that it is not scientifically adequate to
>have any one specialist examine a specimen. It takes around half
>a dozen micro-particle ID specialists to determine that such a
>particle in not a well-known terrestrial object.

>
>The opinion of a single metalurgist is not adequate.

Eric,

First, It was not the opinion of only one metallurgist - Los Alamos National Lab, with a study which must have contained something (not published) since Colonel Alexander and NIDS decided to proceed with another analysis, at New Mexico Tech.

After those two labs, other scientific studies have been made, on more implants, with interesting findings published partially in a series of articles (see bibliography in my study). But it is true that we are still waiting for a complete study in a scientific review.

Secondly, it has not been claimed that theses objects were of extraterrestrial origin. Only that they had very unusual composition, structure and properties.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 13:07:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:59:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Velez

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 19:56:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 14:32:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>>...But the point is this: There is a great misconception that
>>says, "If samples are not exotic and seemingly otherworldly,
>>then they cannot - therefore - be used by ETs.

>I think the point is that only samples that are "otherworldly"
>(and I suppose we're talking about isotopes here) would be
>indicative of visitation by ETs. However, that would likely
>have to be supported by other circumstances or evidence for wide
>acceptance as "proof". I've not heard anyone make the
>suggestion that visitors from space (or elsewhere) would only
>use exotic materials that cannot be found on Earth.

>I'll have to agree with John that there's no reason to continue
>cutting into people who have already become victimized, unless
>they really feel the need to get the darn thing out. Of course,
>that's a decision to be reached between the Doctor and his
>patient.

>I'm sure this line of research will continue, and it will be
>interesting to find out if some of the other samples that have
>already been collected will yield better results. Of course,
>testing is expensive and it appears that NIDS has chosen to
>utilize it's resources elsewhere.

Hello Steve, Chris, All,

Thank you both for your interest and contributions to this
thread. I wanted to add a couple of 'bits' that will hopefully
fuel interest in the subject.

If you go to the following URL at the Virtually Strange Network,

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa2.htm>

... you will find a copy of the NIDS technical analysis of the
alleged implants posted along with several interesting comments
and observations.

One of the more pointed critiques relates to the actual
analytical methods employed by NIDS. In it NIDS is accused of
having chosen tests that were far more destructive (of the
samples) than was apparently necessary.

When NIDS published the results questions were raised (then)
about 'chain of custody' procedures. Which was not all it could
have been if maintaining the integrity of the recovered objects

was high on the agenda. There were many unresolved questions and issues regarding these 'objects' that have never been properly addressed.

Nick Balaskas has the right idea, maybe the best candidates for conducting a proper study of these alleged implants is the universities. If Dr. Leir has ten of these objects and only two have been subjected to 'formal' analysis, then it's time to curtail any further/new surgeries until the other eight recovered objects have been checked out by an independent group of experts. This is all work that needs doing. And it needed to be done yesterday.

Regards, again my thanks to Chris, Steve and all for making this an interesting thread.

John Velez

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FOIA Appeal To DIA General Counsel

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 15:41:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 23:02:16 -0400
Subject: FOIA Appeal To DIA General Counsel

To: <robert.richardson@dia.mil>

TO: General Counsel
ATTN: DAN-1A (FOIA)
U. S. Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20340-5100

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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DATE: July 13, 2003

Yowza!

In only three days' time, DIA FOIA manager Robert P. Richardson either has (1) performed an administrative miracle (via just a few records-search strokes on his Roswellian computer keyboard?) or has (2) wantonly flouted both the spirit and the letter of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act (via intentional obfuscation and stonewalling of my FOIA request dated June 22, 2003).

Accordingly, I hereby appeal his June 25, 2003, tantamount denial of my request -- on the ground that his putatively magical, swift, in-depth, comprehensive, reasonable, thorough, and exhaustive records search has all the earmarks of a ruse to cut off at the pass any such public probe into your agency's experience with, and accountability for, the records sought by my request.

Specifically, Mr. Richardson's warmed-over form letter to me (quoted below) cavalierly (if not brutally) dismisses my requested records-search strategy by which relevant DIA personnel (former/current/retired) can be queried as to the records' current whereabouts/final disposition. Had Richardson complied with that requested strategy, he most likely would've had no need to issue to me his kiss-off form letter this early in the FOIA game.

As you review and grant this appeal, I expect you to identify for me the precise nature, location, and accessibility of the "systems of records" on which Richardson supposedly has focused his whiz-bang records search. Armed with that information, I plan to run another ANNOUNCEMENT ad in the Fort Myer, Va., "Pentagram" newspaper as part of my efforts to solicit additional sources/leads/tips about the fate of the sought-for records. Please do your part toward helping the public "look behind the (paper) curtain" now being reinforced by Richardson's failure to perform an adequate records search.

Your failure to grant this appeal will contribute to the public's growing lack of confidence in federal agencies' compliance with FOIA-driven efforts to ferret out whatever official UFO-related information remains hidden from public view.

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:

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TEXT OF MR. RICHARDSON'S LETTER TO L.W.B. (6/25/03)

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This responds to your request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 22 June 2003. Therein you requested records concerning Unidentified Flying Objects in Australia interfering with satellites. DIA has completed a search of its systems of records and determined that this Agency has no records responsive to the subject of your request.

If you believe this Agency should have records responsive to your request, you are advised that a requester may appeal, within 60 days, DIA's attempt to locate records. You may exercise this right by referring to case number 0498-03 and addressing your appeal to:

Defense Intelligence Agency; ATTN: DAN-1A (FOIA) -- Washington, DC 20340-5100.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. RICHARDSON -- Chief, Freedom of Information Act Staff

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MUFON-ite Said Dead - Not!

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 23:07:20 -0400
Subject: MUFON-ite Said Dead - Not!

Source: The Greeley Tribune - Colorado

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20030714/NEWS/307130002>

July 14, 2003

Man Surprised To Find He'd Been Killed In Action
by Mike Peters

When he first heard about it, when his mother and brother came home and told him, he decided he needed to check for himself.

So Gregg Rhoads, 45, of Evans went out to the Veterans Memorial, 16th Street and 35th Avenue in Greeley, and to the Vietnam era list to look for his name.

And there it was, "Gregg Lee Rhoads." And next to his name, the letters "KIA."

"I was surprised, I'll have to say," Rhoads said, laughing. "I didn't know I'd been killed in action."

Rhoads, the son of well-known Greeley police officer Dusty Rhoads and mother Henrietta, was in the Southeast Asia after the war ended and made incursions into Cambodia. He worked on an amphibious landing craft, delivering and picking up Marines at various landing sites.

They were only under fire once, and Rhoads was never wounded.

The even bigger puzzle was that Rhoads' name had been on the list for years but without the "KIA" designation.

He was in the Navy from 1975-79, then in the U.S. Naval Reserve for six years and another four in the local Army National Guard.

He had to leave the National Guard when he was diagnosed with a rare form of muscular dystrophy. He had the disease under control with medication, but he has pain and involuntary spasms at times.

Rick Wertz, who led the Veterans' Memorial project and keeps track of the 10,000-plus names, said his records don't show the KIA designation next to Rhoads' name. He is checking to find out how it was added at the memorial.

Rhoads volunteers at Hospice and Palliative Care at North Colorado Medical Center, working with the Healing Touch Program, helping patients facing death.

"It makes me feel useful," Rhoads said.

Rhoads also is a member of the local MUFON organization, Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, a group that studies the paranormal and unexplained phenomena.

Two incidents sparked his interest in the idea. In the Navy, he was on ship off the California coast when a large ball of

brilliant blue light swept over the ship and lit up everything around him. It sped away and the Navy offered no explanation. Later, on a fishing trip with his family north of Windsor, they all saw several lights in a diamond formation fly around at a distance, then disappear.

But right now, more than searching for unexplained things in the sky, Rhoads would like to know the unexplained "KIA" next to his name.

"The nurses at Hospice medically confirmed I'm alive," Rhoads said with a smile.

"That's good news."

Staff writer Mike Peters' column about Weld County people appears Mondays in the Tribune. His humor column, the Gnarly Trombone, appears Saturdays.

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70s UFO Causes Military Cordon & Evacuation?

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Subject: 70s UFO Causes Military Cordon & Evacuation?

70s UFO reportedly causes military cordon & evacuation in Wales

The paragraph below was copied from a July 14, 2003 news article located at:

http://icnorthwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/regionalnews/content_objectid=13175637_method=full_siteid=51_Is-anybody-out-there--name_page.html

Would anyone have additional information on this alleged event?

Thanks - ky

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"ONE of the most famous UFO sightings in Wales occurred in the village of Llangernyw, Conwy, in the 1970s. After farmers reported seeing strange lights in the sky military personnel cordoned parts of the village off and evacuated civilians from the area. The incident attracted worldwide interest from ufologists, but to this day the Ministry of Defence has never come up with an explanation of what the lights were or why the village was closed off."

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Witnesses To 'Falling Human' Mistaken

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:14:52 -0400
Subject: Witnesses To 'Falling Human' Mistaken

Source: Expatica News Service

http://www.expatica.com/index.asp?pad=3D2,18,&item_id=3D32649

8 July 2003

'Falling body' probably an eagle

AMSTERDAM--Police have definitely called off investigations into what witnesses described as a "falling body" and have backed a theory suggesting that what several people saw was an eagle diving for prey.

The investigation was launched after several residents of the central Dutch town of Hoenderloo, near Apeldoorn, recently said they saw what looked like a body fall out of the sky into a nearby nature reserve.

Police conducted mid-June a search of the area on foot and by helicopter, but were unable to find a body. Witnesses first mentioned the sighting on 18 June, but a search of the area was not started until the morning of 20 June.

No air traffic accidents or missing persons reports have been lodged with authorities.

Police had previously announced the investigation had been called off, but had kept the possibility open that a body might be found.

It was suggested that a stowaway had fallen out of a plane, but police later ruled that theory out because planes do not generally open their landing gear above the region where the sighting took place.

After ruling out all possibilities, police said on Tuesday the "falling body" must be attributed to a false sighting and said authorities had decided to officially err on the side of a theory suggesting the body could have been a Short-toed Eagle.

Various organisations have said if diving for prey, the eagle could be mistaken for a human body. Several Short-toed Eagle nests are known to be in De Veluwe nature reserve.

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Re: Flying Saucers From The 4th Dimension? -

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 15:35:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:17:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Flying Saucers From The 4th Dimension? -

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 17:25:16 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Flying Saucers From The 4th Dimension?

>Semi-random thoughts on UFOs from my blog:

>Reading "Spaceland" [by mathematician/SF writer Rudy Rucker] has
>caused me to view some UFO reports in a new light. Apparent
>"vehicles" that seem to change shape while in the air may not be
>spacecraft at all, but cross-sections of four-dimensional
>objects that bisect familiar 3-D reality. For example, a 3-D

<snip>

We have crossed swords on other issues in the past, Mac, but on this point I am in full agreement with you. Any solution to truly exotic UFO events need not necessarily be extraterrestrial.

Another possible cause could be either artificially or naturally generated distortion of time. I think that both hypotheses are equally as valid as the ETH, and there are probably several other equally valid hypotheses. One favourite argument of the pro-ETH camp is that the ETH cannot be disproved. The same argument applies to the view held by a minority of ufologists that UFOs and "aliens" are manifestations of evil (Demons).

The ETH is so popular in my opinion because it is easy for us to conceptualise, and has some basis in existing physical knowledge.

Regards,

Joe

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BBC Suffolk Hoaxed By Conde?

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:21:26 -0400
Subject: BBC Suffolk Hoaxed By Conde?

BBC - Victim Of A Hoax?
Hoaxer admitted he was not responsible for incident

Listmembers, I realise I have posted some of this information previously, but here it is intact, and permission is granted to use it freely.

The BBC recently went to the expense of making a TV documentary about the famous Rendlesham Forest mystery, producing witness Kevin Conde who claimed to have hoaxed the incident. They had no evidence to support his claims, so why didn't they do their research?

There's no doubt that Britain's Rendlesham Forest incident is now firmly established as one of the most famous cases in UFO history, second only to the famous Roswell incident. But as with Roswell, Rendlesham has its fair share of debunkers.

The Evidence Rendlesham is a truly fascinating case involving UFO encounters that took place in Suffolk during Christmas week 1980, on the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge. Along with its sister base, RAF Bentwaters, Woodbridge was one of a number of British military sites that were leased to the USAF during the Cold War.

Witnesses to the UFO events include both military and civilian, and there is an abundance of evidence to suggest that something 'unidentified' landed in the forest during that week. This evidence includes an official USAF memorandum (dated January 1981) by the then Deputy Base Commander Lt Colonel Charles Halt, which was dispatched to the Ministry of Defence (MOD). It makes fascinating reading, describing the incidents and UFOs in some detail. There's also Halt's audio tape recording of his own encounter, made on thenight he went out to the forest to investigate the UFOs.

There are several USAF witness statements made in January 1981, which include detailed sketches of the location and the UFOs, and USAF photographs of the initial landing site, which show three ground depressions formed in a triangular pattern. Add to this the numerous witness testimonies, and the fact that Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton put 16 Questions to the House Lords (see Hansard) and more recently the release of the MOD's own file on the case, and it's plain to see that this is no ordinary UFO case.

The Facts v The Critics Over the years critics have offered various theories for what could have happened during that week, the most irritating being 'the lighthouse theory'. For almost twenty years the sceptics insisted that the UFOs were nothing more than the beam from the Orfordness lighthouse, situated five miles in the distance, and the marks on the ground (reported by the witnesses) were mere animal scratches. Then there was the lightship theory pertaining to the Shipwash lightship some miles out at sea.

However, these theories were squashed when recently uncovered USAF photographs taken the morning after the initial incident, were discovered. These amazing photographs feature the landing site with three ground indentations formed in a triangular

pattern, as well as the scuffed up area just off centre, which was measured and described in Colonel Halt's tape recording. One photograph in particular features a USAF captain and a British police officer actually examining the landing site.

Until this evidence surfaced, debunkers, and indeed sceptics had dismissed the testimony of military witnesses, insisting there was no proof that something had landed in the forest. Although most of the sceptics quietly and shyly withdrew, debunkers refused to acknowledge this newfound evidence and persisted in believing the lighthouse was still responsible. Some even tried to find more mundane theories. So what happened? Well, there was the theory that the lights were coming from a tractor. But who would normally operate such a vehicle in the early hours of the morning? When believers in this case are accused of being cranky, my argument is that at least we don't believe in science fiction.

Serious researchers take the case as a whole, examine all the evidence, interview witnesses, go after paper trails and pester officials. But debunkers generally prefer to take one or two pieces of a case, those which suit their theories, and like a Scrooge, cling onto it, dismissing first hand witness accounts, debunking Halt's official memorandum and audio recording, and ignoring recently discovered USAF photographs. In fact they have problems with any material that contradicts their cause.

So the USAF photographs which of course destroys all theories that it was anything to do with a lighthouse, lightship or tractor, are never mentioned. They simply do not exist! The reason for this blackout is because if they were forced to pay attention to this vital evidence it would make their theories appear even more ridiculous. I admit I'm sceptical of their theories. I mean, who would believe that a tractor, lighthouse or lightship could travel across the sky and land in the middle of a dense forest, fooling trained USAF personnel into believing they were seeing a UFO.

And what about the ground indentations, which are shown to be exactly as the witnesses described all those years ago? Three indentations several feet apart in a perfectly formed triangular pattern, far too big to be animal paw prints and too well formed to be animal scratchings. I believe we are not alone in the universe, but I certainly don't believe that Dr Who style lighthouses and giant mythological creatures with three feet are responsible for the Rendlesham UFO case. And I imagine that Colonel Halt and all the military witnesses, as well as MOD Intelligence Staff, and countless others, are of the same opinion.

Kevin Conde's Testimony But now the debunkers have found a new hero who could have come straight out of a Boy's Own comic. They are no longer following the lighthouse trail, but instead have turned their attention to a battered police car. Their hero has been encouraged to go public with an even more incredible story than we have ever heard before. This latest attempt to discredit the Rendlesham Forest case comes in the form of a practical joke allegedly played by former US airman Kevin Conde, who claims he was stationed at RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge in 1980. According to Conde, who retired as a Technical Sergeant, he was bored one evening and decided to play on prank on one of his colleagues.

Conde's story was recently featured in a documentary made for INSIDE OUT, a Suffolk BBC TV station. Michael Hanlon of the Daily Mail newspaper then picked up the story. Hanlon interviewed Conde, who told the journalist that the incident was nothing more than a practical joke on his part. This is quite a statement!

Considering I spent three years investigating the incident, interviewed hundreds of people involved, and wrote a book about the case, I was, as I told the journalist, 'Amazed,' pointing out the evidence for the case, which he duly printed. And as Nick Pope states in the article, "Frankly, there are a lot of people retrospectively trying to write themselves into the story."

Conde's claim to fame is that he drove a battered 1979 Plymouth Volare standard issue American police car down the taxiway, where he stuck red and green lenses on the spotlights, switched on his PA loudspeaker, and proceeded to drive the vehicle around

in circles on the taxiway (runway) in the fog whilst at the same time flashing his car lights. He claims this was the basis of the famous 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident.

But let's examine these outrageous claims.

1. Conde can't recall the date of his alleged prank. If this is so then how can he possibly claim he was responsible for the December 1980 incident? Surely knowing the exact date is important in the first instance!
2. Conde says there was fog on the night in question, but there was no fog during any of the events. Of course several witnesses reported that there was a green ground mist around the UFOs, but there was no natural fog on the runway or surrounding the base.
3. Conde says he played his loudspeaker, but doesn't define what he played, and of course the UFOs were completely silent.
4. The car he used for the prank was a 'battered 1979 Plymouth Volare'. But the incident took place in 1980, which means the so-called battered police vehicle would have been less than a year old at the time. Are we to believe that the USAF would allow the security police to use a battered car? And if so, why was a fairly new car so battered?

Is this just embellishment? And if so, what does it tell us about the rest of Conde's story?

5. Conde claims he played the prank on the taxiway [runway]. The incident did NOT take place on or near the runway, but inside the forest. And let us not forget that the UFO was first seen falling into the forest, which prompted those at the East Gate, John Burroughs and his sergeant, Bud Steffans, to think it was a downed aircraft. The lights, of course, were not going up into the sky, but were falling down from the sky.
6. Conde says he was unaware of the Rendlesham mystery until he looked up his old base on a US military website. If this is the case then how could he claim that as far as he was aware they found nothing above background [radiation] levels?
7. When asked about the metallic spacecraft and [ground] depressions Conde pointed out that a large helicopter had landed the previous night, apparently with three landing skids. Conde obviously hasn't seen or heard about the USAF photographs of the landing site showing the three ground indentations being examined by a British police officer and a USAF Captain. Was there really a 'large helicopter' capable of forming three depressions in a triangular pattern? And if so, then why would the USAF alert the local constabulary to the landing site? Surely a USAF captain would know if these indentations were formed by one of their own helicopters. And why would a 'large' helicopter land smack in the middle of the forest? But even more incredible, how was 'a large helicopter' able to land amongst the trees?

Kevin Conde, a part-time police officer in Sacramento, says, "I was amazed. I had no idea about all this nonsense."

What nonsense?

He then goes on to say: "I hate to be cynical, but when I see people making money out of this, I have to ask myself if they are not nuts, what are they?"

I wonder if Conde has any idea how much it costs in time, effort and money to do investigative work, and furthermore, does he have any idea of the sacrifice, stress, frustration and God knows what else, that the witnesses have had to endure these past twenty three years.

Conde Exposed

Interestingly, Kevin Conde had decided that his prank wasn't responsible for the incident long before he was interviewed by BBC INSIDE OUT or the Daily Mail newspaper. In an I nternet debunking newsletter he told the editor:

"This incident [hoax] occurred right after Christmas. For reasons that are hard to explain it is my impression that I

pulled my stunt during an exercise. We would not have had an exercise during the Christmas holiday. That is a strong indication that my stunt is not the source of this specific incident".

The editor could not accept the fact that Conde had decided his hoax was not responsible.

"My personal conclusion about Kevin's prank remains unaltered; if his hoax, or a copycat exercise, wasn't responsible for those 'beams of light', it would be an exceptional coincidence.

It was this same debunker/editor who set about promoting Conde's story to the media, knowing only too well that it was irresponsible.

If Conde persists in supporting his story he will need to prove himself. And I for one am only too eager to challenge him. But so far he has failed to respond to my questions.

For instance, what proof does Conde offer other than his own verbal testimony? Who was the witness he claims was in the car with him during this prank.

A glance at the BBC website INSIDE OUT reveals how most people feel about Conde's claims. BBC Suffolk, which was the first to feature Conde's story, should be criticised for being so naive. For in an attempt to get an exclusive hoax story, the producers and researchers may themselves now be victims of a prank. For one thing is certain, Conde's story has nothing to do with solving the Rendlesham Forest UFO case.

The contents of this e-mail may be freely used.

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

List Members

Regarding Kevin Conde's testimony claiming he was responsible for the Rendlesham Forest UFO hoax, here is some interesting information from former USAF airman Kenneth Greene, who was stationed at RAF Bentwaters/ Woodbridge. It is interesting reading.

'First of all, Kevin Conde was a non-commissioned officer with the rank of Staff Sergeant at the time of the incident. For him to pull a stunt like that necessitating a security response, especially during an 'alert' would be unprofessional and unauthorized. If he were caught by a supervisor he would have most likely faced Article 15 charges resulting in a demotion in rank and other disciplinary sanctions. I do not think a person of his status would put himself in such a position. I understand the fact the 81st TFW was in 'alert' status at the time of the incident is controversial, but irregardless, Conde would have faced the same punishment if caught, alert or not.'

What Ken states here makes absolute sense. These bases were after all NATO installations, and apart from being at the height of the Cold War, there were at the time serious world conflicts to consider. It makes no sense that somebody with the rank of Staff Sergeant would want to play this sort of prank. Conde may have played pranks but I think he has exaggerated his claims to fit in with this case. Motive? You decide.

Ken continues:

'Flashlight theory: Conde mentions using a flashlight with colored filters as part of the hoax. I will say that Security Personnel were initially issued olive drab green, military '90 degree' flashlights that were equipped with four colored filters (red, green, yellow, blue). The user would have to manually place the colored filter in the head of the flashlight. The flashlights were powered by two 'D' cell batteries and were designed to be clipped to the web gear harness so the beam of the flashlight would be facing out away from the body, hence the '90 degree' design. The purpose of the red colored filter was to provide a person with low light illumination.

'For example, if I were in a combat zone at night and wanted to read a map or other document, I would use the flashlight with the red colored filter. This would give me just enough light to view the map and not give my position away. I can't foresee him using the flashlight with a red colored filter to harass the East Gate Guard. There would not have been enough light intensity to penetrate the mist. Most importantly, SP personnel at BW and WB were issued special 'spark proof' flashlights. These were black and yellow in color and were specially sealed to prevent static electricity. They were issued to us for day to day operations, as we worked on the flight line areas in the close proximity of aircraft, aircraft fuels, munitions, etc. This was obviously for safety reasons. These flashlights were not equipped with colored filters and it was against the rules for anyone working flightline areas to carry any other type of flashlight. The only exception to this would be for field maneuvers, such as our war games in Rendlesham with the East

Anglian Territorials.

Plymouth Volare: The Air Force Volare patrol vehicles were equipped with roof mounted emergency lights. The emergency light was a single bar unit that covered the width of the roof. The center section was the speaker for the siren and public address system, while the left section was a blue colored housing unit and right section was red colored. Inside the colored housing units were clear light bulbs mounted on a revolving plate that rotated 360 degrees. The lights also had a parabolic reflector mounted behind them. When the vehicle operator activated the lights, the plates would rotate inside the colored housing units. This would create the effect of red and blue flashing lights. The emergency lights were not equipped with the capability to provide external white flashing lights. I have enclosed a picture of a 1979 Volare for your reference. Please note this particular picture was taken at Bergstrom AFB, Texas during the summer of 1980. This vehicle is not equipped with a spotlight. As you are looking at the vehicle, the spotlight housing unit would be clearly visible on the lower right hand section of the windshield if so equipped. It is important to note that AF vehicles are bought under government contract with generic specifications for additional items such as emergency lights, spotlights, etc. If this particular vehicle did not have a spotlight, then I do not think the vehicles at BW or WB would have had them either.

'Conde's explanation of slowly driving in circles with the emergency lights activated does have some credibility to it, but again what about the other nights in question? How does he explain the fact that personnel at the BW WSA observed lights in the sky? I worked the security tower at BW WSA for years and there is no way a person from BW could mistake Conde's vehicle lights for an unexplained object. This is simply due to the fact you could not physically see WB from BW. I know you have seen the security tower and how tall it is. When I was up there, I could not see anything of WB, but the reflection of the WB WSA perimeter lights off cloud cover and that was it.'

Thanks to Kenneth Green for allowing me to use this information

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

From: Jerry Smith <jerry.smith@ocfelections.com>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 10:45:15 -0400
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Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

[Non Subscriber Post]

I was stationed at RAF Woodbridge from 1979 to 1982; I worked as a crew chief on a HH53 Jolly Green Giants (Helicopters) assigned to the 67th ARRS, search and recovery.

I used to jog through those woods in the evening, and I have been camping in the Boys Scouts designated camping areas on base.

These are my opinions

"It is impossible to see the lighthouse from the base because of trees and terrain, not to mention the fact that the lighthouse has a landward light shield that would have blocked any direct beam in the direction of the base." - Rudiak

Okay we could not see the lighthouse, but when it was very foggy the light of the lighthouse looked cool, they would sweep through the air and light up the fog. I can remember driving from the back gate many nights and seeing them. That is how I drove home.

Did somebody drive a car around in circles on the runway, and fool the guards?

I doubt it; they would have simply dispatched somebody to see what was going on, or had somebody from the tower take look.

"There were indeed nuclear weapons at Bentwaters, in 1980, however, this did not apply to the Woodbridge base." - Bruni

If there were nukes, I do not know why. We had A10's and before that F4's neither one of those make a good platform for nuclear weapons.

Nuclear weapons require a great deal of maintenance and ground support. Flight crews would have to be briefed, enablers have to be present and specially qualified MPs. In addition, they have to be kept in a no-lone zone. If there were nuclear weapons, a whole bunch of people would have to know about them. I never heard a word about them in my three years there. I was cleared for most classified material.

We did do some exercises simulating the transport of Nuclear, Chemical and Biological weapons.

For nukes look at bases that had EF111's.

"a classified exercise carried out at Bentwaters. 'Proper Watch' tested the procedures in place for responding to the crash of a

US transport aircraft carrying nuclear weapons." - Bruni

Yes we did, not sure how classified it was, I heard it reported on an Ipswich radio station. I do not remember the name of the exercise, we all tried hard to get out of the exercise because we had to wear the Haz-Mat suites.

Charles Halt was an idiot. I never liked or respected the man while I was stationed there.

Okay I was there; did I hear about a UFO? Yes I did. What I heard was some back gate guards had seen some lights and reported it. The guy that told me about it had done so much hashish that I never considered him a reliable source of any kind of information. Looking back, I did not think a thing about it.

Jerry Smith

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Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:30:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens -

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 19:12:44 -0700
>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:19:10 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Alien

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>Air Force had been forced to come up with some "fast
>explanations" to dispel public hysteria. Samford and Ramey were
>largely improvising during a hastily called press conference.
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Perhaps Samford was stumbling because he knew that the FBI
had been told that several percent of sightings couldn't be
explained and that some top Air Force officials were seriously
considering the interplanetary hypothesis. This is in my UFO
FBI book and also at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/1952YEAROFUFO/1952YEAROFUFO.html>

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CCCRN News: Crop Circle Photo Gallery Added to Web

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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 12:02:12 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Crop Circle Photo Gallery Added to Web

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

July 14, 2003

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

Crop Circle Photo Gallery Added to Web Site

An image gallery of some of the best shots of the Canadian crop circles, including aerial and ground views, aesthetic details, photographic anomalies and the people who discover and investigate them. These are a sampling of some of the best available images from over the years so far, many others are in the Crop Circles in Canada Archives on the web site.

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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<http://www.cccrn.ca/theprairiecircular.html>

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Congress Pressured To Probe UFOs

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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 12:09:44 -0400
Subject: Congress Pressured To Probe UFOs

Source: Kentucky New Era

http://www.kentuckynewera.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?/200307/12+straight07122003_news.html+20030712+news

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Congress Pressured To Probe UFOs
By Cecil Herndon
editor@kentuckynewera.com

Straight & Simple

There are precious few genuine mysteries left in the world, the rest having been explained more or less plausibly by science.

Now the Sci-Fi Channel reportedly is putting the heat on Congress to launch a full-scale investigation of one of the few remaining mysteries, the unidentified flying object phenomenon.

At the very least, UFO believers want the federal government to release all the information they think it long has hidden on space aliens and their flying machines.

Although the government in fact has issued reports of past investigations of UFOs that concluded they don't exist, many Americans continue to believe the government is covering up the truth about airborne visitors from outer space.

Whether the government or its agencies actually are actually withholding pertinent information on the subject is anyone's guess, or at least the guess of anyone in no position to know.

The Sci-Fi Channel recently aired a two-part series on UFOs, for the most part a rehash of old reports on the subject, including the alleged long-ago crash of a UFO near Roswell, N.M., and the recovery of alien bodies.

The details of that long-familiar story need no retelling here. Suffice it to say, the alleged Roswell incident has become the centerpiece of UFO lore. It includes the testimony of several apparently credible witnesses.

While we are intrigued by the UFO mystery, if indeed there is one, we've never heard a logical explanation of why the government would hide any information it might have about them. But, then, who knows why government agencies do many of the things they do?

One thing seems beyond: If indeed Earth is being visited by intelligent beings from outer space, they and their technology are far advanced over anything known on our own home planet.

This reality prompted the following comment recently by a non-believing TV pundit: "If these alleged beings are so far advanced, why do they make contact only with someone named Bubba?"

But those who claim to have seen UFOs include many besides this world's "Bubbas." Sightings have been reported by commercial and military pilots, astronauts, trained police observers, and even former President Jimmy Carter. Never mind that Carter also once reported being attacked by a rabbit.

We don't anticipate any congressional investigation of UFOs, and we doubt one would change anyone's mind. Perhaps it's just as well, too. People love a government conspiracy theory only slightly less than they love a good mystery. In regard to the UFO phenomenon, they can have it both ways.

Cecil Herndon is a columnist for the Kentucky New Era. His column runs regularly every Wednesday and Saturday, He can be reached at 887-3232 or at editor@kentuckynewera.com.

[UFO UpDates thanks www.<http://anomalist.com> for the lead]

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 17:00:48 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:45:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - McGonagle

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 15:10:08 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

<snip>

Hello Georgina & List,

I am pleased to have noticed that you have barely mentioned the "elevated radiation readings" taken by Halt in recent posts. Do you now accept that they aren't as relevant to the case as you originally thought?

For anyone interested, I have written a detailed article for "Eye" magazine which I hope will be published shortly (I am still waiting for some copyright permissions) on the topic of the Rendlesham radiation.

Copies of Eye can be ordered from Chris Evers:

eye@hufos1.karoo.co.uk

at a very reasonable cost. Full details of the publication are available at:

http://www.hufos1.karoo.net/eye_magazine.htm

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

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Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 16:42:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:48:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Bruni

>From: Jerry Smith <jerry.smith@ocfelections.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 10:45:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

>[Non Subscriber Post]

>I was stationed at RAF Woodbridge from 1979 to 1982; I worked as
>a crew chief on a HH53 Jolly Green Giants (Helicopters) assigned
>to the 67th ARRS, search and recovery.

>Okay we could not see the lighthouse, but when it was very foggy
>the light of the lighthouse looked cool, they would sweep
>through the air and light up the fog. I can remember driving
>from the back gate many nights and seeing them. That is how I
>drove home.

That's right. And so base personnel would have been familiar
with the lighthouse beams. I saw these myself when I visited the
forest.

>Did somebody drive a car around in circles on the runway, and
>fool the guards? I doubt it; they would have simply dispatched
>somebody to see what was going on, or had somebody from
>the tower take look.

Right. Please read the information from Kenneth Greene, who
worked in the tower.

>If there were nukes, I do not know why. We had A10's and
>before that F4's neither one of those make a good platform for
>nuclear weapons.

Please see my reply to a previous post on this subject.

>Nuclear weapons require a great deal of maintenance and ground
>support. Flight crews would have to be briefed, enablers have to
>be present and specially qualified MPs. In addition, they have
>to be kept in a no-lone zone. If there were nuclear weapons, a
>whole bunch of people would have to know about them. I never
>heard a word about them in my three years there. I was cleared
>for most classified material.

With all due respect Jerry, the UFO incident was not generally
known outside of 81st Security Police. With regard to weapons,
along with the thousands of others on the base, you would
probably not have had clearance or involvement because it was
not your area of expertise. At least that's the info I had from
those involved. It was after all, a very delicate situation.

>Charles Halt was an idiot. I never liked or respected the man
>while I was stationed there.

So the point being?

Best wishes

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 08:53:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:50:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax' - Rudiak

>From: Jerry Smith <jerry.smith@ocfelections.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 10:45:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham UFO 'Hoax'

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>I was stationed at RAF Woodbridge from 1979 to 1982; I worked as
>a crew chief on a HH53 Jolly Green Giants (Helicopters) assigned
>to the 67th ARRS, search and recovery.

>I used to jog through those woods in the evening, and I have
>been camping in the Boys Scouts designated camping areas on
>base.

>These are my opinions

>>"It is impossible to see the lighthouse from the base because
>>of trees and terrain, not to mention the fact that the
>>lighthouse has a landward light shield that would have blocked
>>any direct beam in the direction of the base." - Rudiak

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>the light of the lighthouse looked cool, they would sweep
>through the air and light up the fog. I can remember driving
>from the back gate many nights and seeing them. That is how I
>drove home.

Thanks for the expert witness input.

The main point here is that although the beam (like any searchlight beam) can be seen indirectly by scattering off of light particles, it was, in fact, impossible to see the lighthouse directly from the base. This isn't semantic hair-splitting. Directly means actually seeing it through or inside the forest; indirectly means only over the tops of trees through light scattering.

The testimony of people like Penniston on the first night is of actually seeing the object in the forest itself from East Gate after it dropped from the sky (not to mention Penniston's testimony of actually seeing the object in the forest and touching it). This in no way, shape or form could have been the lighthouse beam. The beam would have had to penetrate a mile of forest.

The only other question I have for now is about the landward light shield on the lighthouse. Just how far did the beam-over-the-trees actually extend before being blocked? Did it reach as far as the east runway and East Gate road entry, or did it stop before then?

David Rudiak

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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 12:51:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:52:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Evans

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 13:07:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

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>Hello Steve, Chris, All,

>Thank you both for your interest and contributions to this
>thread. I wanted to add a couple of 'bits' that will hopefully
>fuel interest in the subject.

>If you go to the following URL at the Virtually Strange Network,

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa2.htm>

>... you will find a copy of the NIDS technical analysis of the
>alleged implants posted along with several interesting comments
>and observations.

>One of the more pointed critiques relates to the actual
>analytical methods employed by NIDS. In it NIDS is accused of
>having chosen tests that were far more destructive (of the
>samples) than was apparently necessary.

>When NIDS published the results questions were raised (then)
>about 'chain of custody' procedures. Which was not all it could
>have been if maintaining the integrity of the recovered objects
>was high on the agenda. There were many unresolved questions and
>issues regarding these 'objects' that have never been properly
>addressed.

>Nick Balaskas has the right idea, maybe the best candidates for
>conducting a proper study of these alleged implants is the
>universities. If Dr. Leir has ten of these objects and only two
>have been subjected to 'formal' analysis, then it's time to
>curtail any further/new surgeries until the other eight
>recovered objects have been checked out by an independent group
>of experts. This is all work that needs doing. And it needed to
>be done yesterday.

>

>Regards, again my thanks to Chris, Steve and all for making this
>an interesting thread.

John and List:

Well... thanks for inspiring me to actually read the reports,
and, in full detail. One of the samples, in particular, has
piqued my curiosity. However, where my interests are concerned,
I assume there are quite a few unanswered questions. For
instance, it would be helpful for me to know how close to a
nerve matrix, one of the samples was located - if not, in fact,
attached. Thus, there are several pathological questions that
would seem more pressing at this point. The material analyses
are there to be read, but possibly, the electrical and magnetic
properties could be taken a few steps further.

I believe there is plausible reason to continue evaluation of the samples, based upon what has already been achieved. And I must admit that there is a body of the related material that needs to be read and fully considered - especially, from the medical side, and of the case histories involved, leading up to the removals.

Kind Regards

Chris Evans

http://www.geocities.com/chrisb_evans/vs-implant.html

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Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:55:15 -0400
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>>Gad! Ramey was Director of Operations on the Air Staff in
>>Washington, D. C. That makes him Stamford's superior. He was not
>>"operations officer for the Air Defense Command." There is a
>>huge difference! Ramey had over staff responsibility for all
>>operations involving all commands of the USAF including the Air
>>Defense Command.

>Sorry for the incorrect wording in my post. I had his position
>right on my website.

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>explanations" to dispel public hysteria. Samford and Ramey were
>largely improvising during a hastily called press conference.

>Whatever, it is a fact that the Air Force tried to represent
>Samford and Ramey as their two top UFO experts, according to the
>newspapers. Several days later, Ramey appeared on CBS TV on a
>Sunday news program and was grilled by reporters. AP referred to
>him as the Air Force's "saucer man." Ramey was also said to be
>the man currently in charge of the Air Force's investigation
>into all the sightings. According to AP, Ramey added he had been
>reviewing reports for the previous six years (which, if
>accurately quoted, means clear back to 1946, not 1947).

>Unless this was just PR to burnish Ramey's image, he knew a
>great deal more about the subject than you are suggesting.

>For the AP account of his CBS appearance and also another one
>from the New York Herald-Tribune (just added), see:

>www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_1952.html

>Main essay at:

>www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_and_ufos.html

Of course, I think that some of the claims concerning Ramey in
and by the press are hype. However, since he was in Stamford's

chain of command, the Directorate of Intelligence should have kept him informed of the situation. It is my contention that UFO material may be found in the the Director of Operations' files.

CIRVIS later moved from an intelligence project to an operations project, again, as I have said before there may be some barking up the wrong tree here.

Seems to me that UFO material has appeared in many unlikely official files.

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From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:36:45 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 16:25:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Golden Section In Face on Mars - Tonnies

>From: Jiri Mruzek <jirimruzek@shaw.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 05:52:41 -0700
>Subject: Golden Section In Face on Mars

>Golden section in the famous Face on Mars, and "my
>face on Mars"

>Sorry, listeros, I am too tired to do anything else other than
>post a link to my just finished article on the web. I hope, you
>find it interesting.

>Jiri Mruzek

><http://www.geocities.com/jirimruzek/mafa.htm>

One big problem: the image you used for your analysis is T.J. Parker's "Picasso" rendering, which is heavily warped. I don't know if Parker produced this image to placate his superiors at JPL or if it was an innocent mistake. In any case, a properly orthorectified version exists thanks to Mark Carlotto. You can find it here along with various other versions:

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

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Secrecy News -- 07/14/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/14/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** CIA FIRES BACK ON BUDGET DISCLOSURE
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CIA FIRES BACK ON BUDGET DISCLOSURE

The Central Intelligence Agency last week reiterated its opposition to an FAS Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking declassification of the intelligence budget total for fiscal year 2002, arguing that the views of the Director of Central Intelligence, and only his views, should decide the matter.

"Courts give 'great deference' to the judgment of the DCI for several reasons: (1) the DCI sees 'the whole picture'; (2) the DCI has expertise to recognize and assess potential risks to national security that may be unrecognized by those less knowledgeable; and (3) the DCI is charged by law with the responsibility of making the decision whether to disclose information," attorneys for the Agency said in a July 11 pleading.

For the same reasons, "no weight [should be given] to opinions of persons other than the DCI when the courts review the propriety of the DCI's classification determinations," the pleading states.

The Agency moved with dispatch to invoke the June 17 appeals court decision that upheld the secrecy surrounding the September 11 detainees in support of its argument for judicial deference. Another FOIA ruling favorable to the government from July 8 was also promptly integrated into the government's legal arsenal.

See the July 11 pleading here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/2002/cia071103.html>

A reply to the CIA argument is due shortly. The case is pending before the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina in DC District Court.

THE IRAQI URANIUM BROUHAHA AND SSCI

The controversy over President Bush's reference in the State of the Union address to alleged Iraqi attempts to purchase uranium from Africa has quickly become the vehicle for larger questions concerning White House credibility, the rationale for the war in Iraq, and the quality of U.S. intelligence.

It is also a convenient vehicle for diversionary questions and score-settling.

"What now concerns me most," said Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) "is what appears to be a campaign of press leaks by the CIA in an effort to discredit the President." See Senator Roberts' July 11 statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/ssci071103.html>

Under Sen. Roberts' closed-door policy, the Senate Intelligence Committee seems increasingly like a mere bystander in the current upheaval. The key developments in the mounting controversy have all unfolded in other venues.

But see "Roberts defends Senate committee's private review" by Scott Rothschild in the Lawrence, Kansas Journal-World, July 12:

<http://www.ljworld.com/section/stateregional/story/138342>

Senator Roberts did set aside his odd aversion to the word "investigation" to endorse a sense of the Senate resolution adopted July 10 that "supports the thorough and expeditious joint investigation by the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Inspector General of Central Intelligence Agency into the documents or other materials that the President relied on to conclude that Iraq had attempted to obtain uranium from Africa." See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s071003.html

A selection of other official statements on the Iraqi uranium matter can be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/index.html>

BOOK: THE CIA'S RUSSIANS

The personality features and motivations common to the Soviet agents who agreed to spy for the United States during the cold war are examined in "The CIA's Russians" by the late John Limond Hart (Naval Institute Press, 2003).

The author, a former CIA officer, based his study in part on CIA case files which remain classified.

"The result is a highly professional analysis of a relationship that has been left too long to novelists and sensational journalists," wrote the late William E. Colby in the Foreword.

For more information, see:

<http://www.militaryink.com/books/2003/june/1591143527.htm>

Secrecy News welcomes review copies of new books on intelligence and national security.

BOOK: JOURNEY TO PEKING

"Journey to Peking: A Secret Agent in Wartime China" by Dan Pinck (Naval Institute Press, 2003) is the memoir of a young Office of Strategic Services volunteer behind Japanese lines in China during World War II.

"Dan Pinck has written one of the best autobiographies on the life of the secret agent in the field that I have ever read: lively, amusing, true, and well-written," wrote the late professor Robin W. Winks in a book jacket blurb.

See:

<http://www.militaryink.com/books/2003/april/1591146771.htm>

BOOK: AUTHORITY GIVEN

"Authority Given" (in Hebrew: VeHaReshut Netunah, Yedioth Aharonot Books, 2002) presents a harshly critical view of the Palestinian Authority and its chairman Yasser Arafat written by Israeli national security reporter Ronen Bergman of the Tel Aviv

daily Yedioth Aharonot.

Based on internal PA documents, many of which are excerpted, as well as original reporting, the book explores corruption in the Palestinian Authority and its links to terrorist organizations. It includes appendices on Palestinian security services and prominent figures in the Palestinian leadership. See:

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
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>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 07:13:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

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>>>Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:58:52 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology
><snip>

>>>Perceptions of reality and stimuli vary from one person to the
>>>next just as what's 'real' and not real is subject to each
>>>person's interpretation.

>>I can hear it now... 'Why Ms. Smith, no crime was committed by
>>my client at all. It's only your interpretation of reality that
>>allows you to 'believe' you were raped.'

>>According to your 'theory', maybe we should do away with all eye
>>witness testimony altogether. I Suppose if you can find a way to
>>dismiss or eliminate all those pesky eyewitnesses, then there
>>wouldn't be a 'UFO' phenomenon at all - and you wouldn't have to
>>worry your head over it.

>>What a convenient, if not one-sided, set of beliefs. "Everybody
>>else is full of it." Yeah, that works. :)

>Your reply demonstrates my point exactly, John. You perceived my
>comments according to your own interpretation and opinions of me
>which then stimulated your response. At no point did I indicate
>that we should "do away with eye witness testimony altogether".
>You interpreted my statements according to your perceptions of
>what you thought I was saying rather than perceiving what I
>actually said.

>When an individual sees an object flying in the sky, whatever it
>may be, the object functions as a visual stimulus to that
>individual. However, the process doesn't end there. Next the
>individual forms thought patterns based on his or her
>personality, background and previous encounters with objects of
>similar characteristics. The combination of the individual's
>visual and psychological perceptions of the object determine how
>the object is interpreted.

>For example, one person may 'see' an airplane with a triangular
>set of lights while another may 'see' a triangular-shaped UFO
>with lights at each apex. Whether the object is an airplane or a
>UFO, the perception of the object is always filtered through
>that individual's cognitive processes. In the end, how
>perceptions are interpreted are dependent on the psychological
>make-up of the individual as well as what was originally seen.

>Eye witnesses are important. However, even in a court of law,

>the psychological make-up and orientation of a witness is
>carefully examined and evaluated before a verdict is reached,
>based on a preponderance of the evidence.

>Just imagine what would happen, John, if every man accused of
>rape by a woman was sentenced to prison based solely on the
>woman's claims. I can hear it now...'Mr. Jones is hereby
>sentenced to 20 years in prison for the crime of rape because
>Ms. Smith believes he raped her. No need to review the character
>of Ms. Smith, her psychological stability or the evidence. If
>she says she was raped, we take her word for it.'

>Just as Ms. Smith's claims of rape should be evaluated within
>the context of the psychology of human perception, so should UFO
>sighting reports be evaluated with the these same concepts in
>mind.

>>Thank goodness the members of the judicial branch of government
>>don't agree with you. We'd have one hell of a legal system
>>without the testimony of credible eye witnesses. Or is it that
>>you think that only witnesses reporting sightings of UFOs are
>>not to be trusted.

Hello All,

Amy writes:

>Are you asking me a question, John, or just misinterpreting my
>comments?

Misinterpreting? Not at all. I hear you loud and clear. But how
else is one to respond to the list of absurd statements that you
have made?

One such statement was the following: "Some people see UFO's in
every blob, spot or blur they find in photographs or over their
house while others see UFO's in ancient art, the bible and jet
contrails."

While this may be true, you fail to mention that you are/were
one of these 'uncritical' people yourself. I recall you sending
me a photograph of some smears on a glass door that you believed
was the imprint left behind by an grey alien as it passed
through it. At the time I was a bit taken back by how gullible
you are, but here you are a few years later pointing your finger
at others of the same ilk. Amazing! Like someone who quit
smoking after many years who is overly critical of others who
still smoke. <lol>

You may currently wear the clothes of a sober skeptic, Amy.
But 'some of us' know you better than that.

>I'm talking about the process of stimulus-response patterns
>(according to the field of psychology) in relation to UFO
>sightings and reports.

Your first mistake is in considering psychology a reliable or
trustworthy science of any kind. The field of psychology is full
of more mumbo-jumbo than just about any other. I wouldn't put
much stock in what you read unless you have carefully researched
it yourself.

Question:

Please, tell me which psychological journal or treatise deals
with the stimulus-response "patterns" in relation to UFO
sightings and reports. I was unaware that any "patterns" had
been discovered or published in any text books or professional
journals. What are these "patterns" that you speak of and where
were they published? 'Who' conducted the study and how was it
done?

>John, if you would respond to the
>concepts under discussion rather than take personal snipes at
>me, we might be able to learn from each other.

'Personal snipes?' I am responding to the "concepts" under
discussion. Perhaps it is you who misinterpret and play slight
of hand games because of some ulterior motive or agenda. Hmmm?

I'm always honest and straight forward in my questions and

comments. Unlike yourself who tries to hide your passive/aggressive hostility towards me behind a thin and veneer of mock civility. How about you address some of what is being said rather than trying to paint my end as "personal" in hopes of minimizing their impact or validity somehow.

It's a cheesy/sleazy, debate tactic.

Stop playing misdirection games with me, Amy. You did the same thing when I asked you to consider including a few "UFOs" in your "IFO" lesson thread. Instead of responding to the valid points and questions I raised, you chose to misdirect attention away from them by answering my questions with more questions and by arguing semantics. Now you seek to do the same thing here by labeling my comments as 'personal.' Give that nonsense a rest will you. Why don't you try responding to what is being said rather than wasting so much energy trying to paint it all as 'personal.' Honestly, if you must know, what I feel about you can be more accurately described as indifference.

You have to 'care' first before you can feel anger or resentment toward someone. I simply don't know you well enough to 'care' that much about you one way or the other. I hope that doesn't come off as too harsh... it's just the honest truth. How's that for "what is 'real' in ufology"? :)

Who's kidding who, Amy?

John Velez

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UFO Sighted Near Scottish Rugby Club

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Monday, July 14, 2003

UFO Is Sighted Near Rugby Club

Space travellers could be making Cambuslang one of their top tourist attractions as sightings of UFOs in the area increase.

The latest incident occurred on the morning of Sunday, June 29, close to Cambuslang Rugby Club.

A mysterious flying object was seen to hover and reflect light for more than a minute before lifting off into the sky towards the Castlemilk and Glasgow area.

The sighting comes only two months after The Reformer reported that the Glasgow UFO Research Organisation (GUFORO) were still investigating reports from three people of a similar object seen in the area last summer.

The recent sighting was made by a medical professional in his 30s, who lives Cathkin.

He is now calling for anyone else who may have seen anything to report what they saw.

He said: "I was looking from the back of the Cathkin High School's ash park area towards Glasgow at around 10.15am when something caught my eye.

"At the area near to the Cambuslang Rugby Club, I saw what at first I thought was a plastic bag floating about on fire. But as I looked more closely it started hovering and resembled a large and uneven stone or rock that was reflecting light.

"It then moved towards the Springhall direction, before ascending towards Castlemilk and then disappearing. All in all, it must have lasted for around a minute.

"At first, I had to ask myself if I was really seeing this thing, which was a good few metres in diameter, but I believe I definitely saw something tangible. I wonder if anyone else saw anything because it was a beautiful clear day."

Thomas Best of GUFORO said: "We have no idea about what this could have been.

"It is a similar description to the ones we had from two elderly ladies and a young lady in June last year who reported seeing a large burning object.

"We have asked astronomers about this and they were unable to

explain it and we checked with the air traffic and their were no aerial vehicles in the area at the time.

"There are occasions where people have made hot air balloons which once they get to a certain height they catch fire but we have searched the area and found no trace of any wreckage.

"Now three or four people have seen a similar object in the same area and we would encourage people to give us a call if they see anything.

"A photograph or a hand drawing of the object would be very useful to us.

"I would not say the Cambuslang area is a hotspot, but there have certainly been things seen in the sky.

"People used to be reluctant to report these things, but that is changing now."

Strathclyde Police told The Reformer that they had received no calls related to this sighting on the day in question.

Anyone wishing to report a UFO sighting should call the GUFORO's 24 hour hotline on 0776 3323 743. For more information on the organisation, visit their website at:

www.geocities.com/guforo2000.

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North Wales' Top 10 UFO Sighting Spots

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Jul 14 2003

Is Anybody Out There?

Gareth Bicknell Investigates North Wales' Top 10 UFO Sighting Spots

STRANGE lights in the sky, humanoid visitors with no faces, and even stories of people taken to faraway planets. Since the dawn of space travel and science fiction writing early in the 20th century, man has been fascinated by the possibility of life on other worlds. With films like Close Encounters of the Third Kind and ET in the 1970s came a rapid increase in reports of flying saucers and men from Mars. Wales in particular has become a hotbed of evidence that we're not alone.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

ACCORDING to reports of sightings over Denbighshire, we could be under regular surveillance by more advanced life forms struggling to understand our primitive earth ways. Are aliens carrying out their own 10-year census of life on Earth, unbeknown to the unbelieving majority?

In spring 1964 a woman was walking her dog in the grounds of the haunted Denbigh Castle when the dog gave a sharp yelp. She found the animal cowering under a beam of light in the bushes. The woman rescued her beloved pet but felt a burning pain in her arm as she came into contact with the light.

Ten years later two women saw a bright orange light hovering in the sky above nearby Denbigh Hospital. A similar sighting was also reported in 1984, and again 10 years later in 1994. Will the visitors be returning next year?

FAMILY OUTING

ONE family claimed to have been abducted by visitors from outer space while travelling through North Wales on November 10, 1977. On the same night an elderly man from Llandudno had been frightened by unusual beams of light in the sky above the Great Orme. The family were driving near the village of Llandernog, Denbighshire. They saw a purple triangular craft which then swallowed up their car. The purple object seemed to vanish. The family had lost several hours but could remember nothing about what had taken place during that time.

Meanwhile, another man driving along the Llandernog road that night claimed he saw a spaceship as big as a football pitch with hundreds of bright lights emanating from it. The man whose family were abducted was reportedly instructed by the RAF not to

speak publicly about what had happened to him.

TALENT SCOUTS

1977 was a busy year for Welsh ufologists, with a wave of sightings over Anglesey and West Wales known to alien watchers as the Broadhaven Triangle. On February 4 a game of football between children at Broadhaven School was interrupted when a glowing cigar-shaped object landed in a nearby field. David George, nine at the time, said he saw a "silver man with spiked ears" near the craft.

On February 17 the ship was seen by one of the school's teachers and then later in the day by two dinner ladies. One of the dinner ladies claimed to have seen a figure climb into the craft before it made its departure.

In the months that followed, up until June, there were numerous sightings of flying, cigar-shaped objects in the skies above Dyfed and Pembrokeshire. Many people reporting seeing white, humanoid figures, with pointed, apparently faceless heads. The cynics and those in officialdom suggested they were simply MoD personnel in radiation suits carrying out routine training exercises.

Were these dome-headed beings talent scouts for some intergalactic sports academy? The same month that they landed next to the playground kickabout in Broadhaven, the cigar-shaped ship was also spotted by Bronwen Williams, who was teaching girls netball during a PE class at Rhos-y-Bol school on Anglesey.

In September the following year, a group of boys were playing football in Llannerchymedd, Anglesey, when they saw what they thought was a helicopter land nearby. The boys went to investigate, finding a small white object with a red glow stuck in the ground where the helicopter had been. They also claimed to have seen two hooded humanoids near the craft.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

MANY people put UFO sightings down to the armed forces testing new designs and equipment, but there have been sightings in North Wales as early as the 18th century. In 1743 William John Lewis, a farmer from Peibio, near Holyhead, saw an object sailing through the air above the nearby mountains long before man had mastered flight. He claimed he had seen similar crafts at roughly 10-year intervals.

Historian James Buckley interviewed descendants of miners from Mold who saw a UFO in the 1880s. The men, who were struggling to feed their families on the miserable wages they were being paid, had gone to nearby Padeswood to collect some snares they were using for poaching. Already tense at the prospect of being caught stealing by the landowner, they were terrified when they saw a large, bright, purple sphere hovering above the field. The men ran away, but when they returned again to pick up their snares there was a circle of scorched grass where the craft had been.

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

THE Egryn lights are a famous phenomenon that have baffled people in Meiryonnydd for centuries, but in the last few decades they have also attracted the attention of ufologists. In the 17th century balls of flame were seen crossing the sea near the west coast of Wales. In Harlech in 1662 it was claimed that these strange lights were setting fire to crops and barns and infecting grass, although they seemed to do no harm to people who were in the fields at the time.

In 1877 blue lights were seen over Pwllheli and the Dysynni Estuary, and in the early 1900s the lights were adopted by Mary Jones and the Revivalists as proof that God was trying to communicate with them.

Ms Jones was widely discredited as being barking mad, but with the increase in UFO sightings over the 20th century the lights became a focus for people convinced of the existence of little green men.

The lights were the subject of an investigation in Flying Saucer Review in 1971, and have aroused alien conspiracy theorists across the world.

FAMILIAR FACES

A WOMAN from Halkyn, Flintshire, has been visited by aliens on a regular basis since she first saw a UFO in July 1982, according to North Wales ufologist Margaret Fry. The woman, who was interviewed anonymously by Mrs Fry, thought she was witnessing a meteorite hurtling towards the earth until the large, round object stopped over a neighbour's home. It was yellow, had two rings around it and made a humming noise as it hovered above the house.

Then, one night in November 1983, she was woken by a bright light shining into her bedroom. Outside her window - 20ft off the ground - was a face looking at her. She claims the figure, who had a human appearance, then appeared in her room before finally disappearing. The woman says she has been in regular contact with people from outer space ever since.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

MANY people, known as contactees, reckon they are visited regularly by aliens on their jaunts to our corner of the universe. But for one young girl from Flintshire, frequent visits from space travellers resulted in the chance-of-a-lifetime trip to visit their home planet.

Gaynor Sutherland, from Oakenholt, claimed she was taken on the journey by aliens she had met when she was nine. In 1976 Gaynor was playing in fields near her home when a flying saucer landed nearby. Two figures, which she supposed were male and female, emerged from the ship and began to carry out what appeared to be scientific tests on the ground.

The aliens continued to make contact with the Sutherland family over the next few years and at times Gaynor seemed to be possessed by the visitors and unable to control her own actions. The girl's claims were backed up by her family, who all gave matching descriptions of the aliens.

DANCING TO AN ALIEN TUNE

IN 1896 Welsh Folklore, by the Rev Elias Owen, recounted the story of Dafydd Fawr, a farmer from Penrhyndeudraeth who thought he saw a fairy dance but may actually have had a close encounter of the third kind. Dafydd was on his way home from market when he saw a small comet fall to the ground, followed by a hoop of fire. Two

small figures appeared from the flaming hoop, drew a circle on the ground and started to dance around it.

Dafydd watched amazed as more little people, both men and women, seemed to appear from nowhere and join in the dance. The fairies, as Dafydd supposed they were, danced for a few minutes until the first two figures climbed back into the hoop of fire and flew away. The rest of the fairies vanished.

Dafydd continued home, a journey which would normally take him about 20 minutes. When he got home he found he had lost three hours. According to writer Richard Holland the "fairy dance" episode had all the cult hallmarks of an alien landing - a strange object comes out of the sky, unusual humanoid figures emerge and leave a circle imprinted in the ground, and the incredulous earthling watches spellbound before realising he has lost hours in what seemed like minutes.

DARING DUO

TEN years ago a Colwyn Bay woman and her boyfriend spent the night in Valle Crucis Abbey, Llangollen, when they were disturbed by a huge craft hovering in the sky above them. The two had been dared to stay in the supposedly haunted ruins of the abbey, but halfway through the night the abbey lit up around them and, looking up, they saw a diamond-shaped object above them, its red and yellow lights beaming down on the ancient monastery. A group of campers also saw the ship, which stayed for about five minutes before silently zooming off at a speed no

man-made craft would be capable of.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY

ONE of the most famous UFO sightings in Wales occurred in the village of Llangernyw, Conwy, in the 1970s. After farmers reported seeing strange lights in the sky military personnel cordoned parts of the village off and evacuated civilians from the area. The incident attracted worldwide interest from ufologists, but to this day the Ministry of Defence has never come up with an explanation of what the lights were or why the village was closed off.

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Beware The Escaped Flyborg

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Monday July 14, 2003

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's an escaped flyborg

by Martin Wainwright

Airports across Britain have been warned to look out for a UFO - unusual flying object - which is expected to float erratically round the country for at least the next four days.

Thirteen feet long and worth =A315,000, the rogue flying machine is a solar-powered "fly borg" from the Magna science centre in Yorkshire, where it normally takes part in robot wars staged for audiences of up to 500 people.

Equipped with a small but well-practised computer "brain", which allows it to avoid obstacles, the flyborg looks like a wartime blimp and is filled with helium gas.

A spokesman for Magna said it broke free while two technical staff were moving it from workshops to a display.

"The two technicians held on to its gondola but they couldn't cope with a strong gust of wind which tore the airship out of their hands," he said.

There are now fears that the robot poses a risk to other aircraft.

"We immediately contacted the unmanned balloons and blimps section of the national air traffic service in London," the spokesman said.

The flyborg, which is made of lightweight polymer, may be blown further afield by strong winds; it is calculated to have four days of airworthiness before its blimp deflates.

It normally takes part in daily struggles with other "intelligent robots" which test the Darwinian theory of the survival of the fittest by trying to steal one another's electric power.

The only previous escape from the colony, which is being "bred" by Professor Noel Sharkey, of Sheffield university and the TV series Robot Wars, involved a wheeled robot which slipped out of an open door.

It managed to get across the busy car park at the former steelworks in Rotherham, but was run over at the entrance by a car.

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Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? -

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Subject: Re: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University? -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 08:14:37 -0400
>Subject: 'UFO Program' At Laurentian University?

>A caller to an overnight talk show made a quick reference to a
>"UFO programme" (which might simply be one course) at Laurentian
>University in Sudbury, Ontario. Anyone know if that reference
>is true?

>How common are such courses, if it is a single course? Is there
>a list of universities with such courses posted?

Eleanor,

I reside in Sudbury... and am the sole UFO expert in this
area....I will try to verify this... for you and me both.

Cordially,

Michel

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List,

For sale: set of about 100 various 'UFO Newsclipping Service'
issues from 1970s to 1990s.

Ken Kelly

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UFOs SIGHTED IN FRANCE

"On the night of Friday, July 4, 2003," Fabien C., 29, "had a cigarette outside in my garden" in Cherbourg, in the department of Manche in western France, "and I watched a plane passing over, when suddenly, behind the plane, I perceived several lights of weak intensity but moving at a high speed."

"I immediately called my wife, and she called a friend, who was also there, to have a look. The friend arrived, as well as two children, and they immediately saw what I had seen. The lights passed over very quickly and overtook the Airbus jetliner without any difficulty. It was a very clear sky. There were several points of light (about 15 to 20 points of light--F.C.), coloured orange and of a weak luminosity."

On Sunday, June 22, 2003, at 1:07 p.m., Serge S. "saw a UFO at Pic du Midi de Siguer, in the department of Ariège," in southern France. "It was a clear sky with some scattered thick clouds. Serge described the UFO as 'a lengthened gray spot.' The speed and distance of the object were 'impossible to determine.'" (See Le Journal de l'Ufologie for July 7, 2003. Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour ces articles de journal.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO TRAILS AN AIRLINER IN ITALY

"An aircraft in flight was allegedly buzzed by a missile-shaped UFO over the city of Benevento," located 80 kilometers (50 miles) northeast of Napoli (Naples).

"This was the report made to Italian authorities by the commander of an Alpi Eagles Fokker 100 which, at around 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, was about to land in Napoli with 80 passengers...when the commander called the control tower to report having observed a strange and large, elongated 'missile-like' object, coming towards him from the opposite direction and passing very close underneath the plane."

The Fokker's flight had originated in Palermo, on the island of Sicily just south of Italy. The claim was investigated by Italy's National Flight Assistance Agency and the Civil Aviation National Agency.

"In a report filed on Thursday, June 26, 2003, the

(Fokker) commander described 'an unidentified flying object' approaching him from an altitude of approximately 8,000 feet (2,400 meters). It was cylindrical in form, 3 to 4 meters (10 to 13 feet) in length, white in color, and reflected the sun's rays."

"The object, observed by both Fokker pilots (aircraft commander and co-pilot--J.T.) was apparently not detected by radar systems. For security reasons, however, the state prosecutor in Napoli opened an investigation and confiscated the radar recordings and (radio) dialogue between the aircraft and the control tower." (See the Italian newspaper Il Giornale of Napoli for June 27, 28 and 29, 2003. Grazie a Edoardo Russo, Renzo Cabassi e Antonio Cuccu di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici (CISU) per questo rapporto.)

MYSTERIOUS GLOWING CROSS SEEN OVER THE AZORES

"A strange phenomenon has been observed in the night sky above the village of Povoacao on the island of Sao Miguel in the Azores." The islands, located 1,280 kilometers (800 miles) from Europe in the Atlantic Ocean, belong to Portugal.

"The principal witness, Nidia Fidalgo, is a high school science teacher who immigrated to the Azores from Portugal. An enthusiastic amateur astronomer, she has the custom of observing the stars at night."

Sra. Fidalgo originally sighted the mystery object in late April 2003. "The phenomenon is a white cross, shaped like a + sign, and it is static (stationary) in the night sky. She first saw the phenomenon at 12:30 a.m. The sky was starry with just a few clouds. She said the cross seemed to be under the clouds, but it was much too defined for that."

"It was a cross painted on the sky,' Sra. Fidalgo said, 'It was two large whitish bands perpendicularly cross, and, in the middle, where the two bands intersected, the colour is more clear.'"

On Saturday, June 14, and Monday, June 16, 2003, "she saw the cross again in the same place" over Povoacao "between 11 p.m. and midnight."

"In June, the cross had a homogenous white colour and, in the middle, it is clearer."

More recently, Sra. Fidalgo "saw the cross on Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at about 1 a.m. The sky had too many clouds, but then she noticed the cross behind the clouds."

On Monday, July 7, 2003, "she noticed that the cross was static (stationary) in the sky and was of an apparent size larger than the full moon. The cross always appears near the zenith point."

The appearances of the cross have generated excitement on the island of Sao Miguel. Witnesses think it might be some kind of portent. Others claim that it's a "new Star of Bethlehem," possibly announcing the rebirth of Jesus Christ in the Azores. Still others refuse to go out and look at the phenomenon, believing it is something to be feared. (Muito obrigado a Filipe Gomes por eso caso.)

OVAL-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

On Thursday, July 3, 2003, at 8:35 p.m., Craig S. reported, "On Broadfield Road in Manlius, N.Y., my cousin and I observed a wingless oval-shaped object traveling from east to west for approximately 15 to 20 seconds overhead, before it vanished behind the area's trees."

"The angle of observation was from approximately 85 degrees to 50 degrees relative to the horizon. The relative comparative size of the object was equal to an aspirin tablet held at arm's length. The object appeared to be metallic and was a dark copper color and appeared to reflect the setting sun's rays and, as a result, it had gold highlighting. The object emitted no sound or contrail. The object's speed was approximately the same as a commercial airliner (450 miles per hour--J.T.) at a medium cruising altitude. The night was clear except for

a few cirrus cloud wisps, which the object was visually below."

"After the sighting, we stayed outside for some time hoping we could see the object again, which we did not. However, upon leaving at 10 p.m., we observed a white light traveling at a very high speed from north to south in the western sky, which covered the whole sky in approximately 5 seconds and then disappeared."

Manlius, N.Y. (population 4,819) is on Route 92 about 10 miles (16 kilometers) southeast of Syracuse. (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)

DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED IN NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

On Saturday, July 5, 2003, at 4 p.m., the male witness "was putting the cover on my boat" in Eagle River, Wisconsin (population 1,443). "I looked up into the sky and I noticed an extremely shiny (metallic/silver) cigar-shaped object traveling in an east to west direction. The object traveled at a very slow rate of speed" over the evergreen forests of Vilas County, Wisconsin, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Watersmeet, Michigan.

"There was no contrail, no wings, no windows, no lights or anything of a discernible nature that would support that this was an aircraft or a balloon."

"The object seemed to reflect the bright sun off its surface, but then I noticed that a vertical band of light started to appear from the front of the object and traveled slowly to the back of the object. This band of light appeared every 15 seconds or so and traveled over the surface of the object from front to rear. The object did not change speed, hover, or change direction at all."

"I observed the object for about two minutes and tracked it until it went out of sight over the treeline. The weather conditions at the time of the sighting were absolutely clear. My impression is that the object was relatively small, maybe the size of a small plane, and that the altitude of the object was 1,000 feet (300 meters). I am truly blown away at what I saw and can't stop thinking about the event." (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)

UNUSUAL "RING OF SMOKE" SEEN IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

"Moisture coming in from the Gulf of Mexico dumped more than an inch (2.5 centimeters) of rain in parts of San Antonio, Texas (population 1,144,646) this morning, causing minor flooding in some areas of the city."

"The National Weather Service in New Braunfels recorded 1.03 inches of rain at the San Antonio International Airport between 9 and 11 a.m." on Tuesday, July 8, 2003.

"In addition to the usual fare that comes with thunderstorms, many on the city's Northeast side (Terrell Hills and Fort Sam Houston--J.T.) witnessed an unusual dark circle in the sky, which turned out to be a 'ring of smoke' that a weather official said emanated from 'an explosion caused by lightning.'"

"Several people reported seeing the ring this morning after a lightning bolt struck an area near North New Braunfels Avenue and Nacogdoches Road."

"I saw the lightning strike out of the side of my eye, and, when I turned to look, there was a plume of black smoke rising up with a circle of smoke on the top." Chris Yanas said in an email to the San Antonio Express-News.

"Chuck Fehlis, 29, an associate appraiser who works for Blair T. Stouffer and Associates at Loop 410 and North New Braunfels, said a co-worker told him about the ring."

"So Fehlis took his Kodak DC5000 digital camera and walked in front of his building to check it out."

"Fehlis took three photos of the dark circle in the sky at 10:44 a.m."

"The circle got larger and larger until it finally started breaking up," said Fehlis, who was among seven co-workers looking up at the rainy sky. 'Nobody had ever

seen it before.'"

"Fehlis forwarded the photos to the National Weather Service in New Braunfels."

(See the San Antonio Express-News for July 8, 2003, "Inch of rain brings minor flooding to sections of city." Many thanks to Jim Hickman for forwarding this newspaper article.)

TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN BY FOUR IN OKLAHOMA

On Saturday, July 5, 2003, at 12:15 a.m., David, John, Alan and one other male witness were in Mounds, Oklahoma (population 1,143) "facing east, looking north and east" when they saw "three white lights in a triangular pattern moving across the sky at a very high altitude at the same speed, some distance apart the whole sighting."

"A star disappeared when the object moved in front of it, which suggested to us that this was a triangular craft, not three separate lights. The lights disappeared at the same exact time after about 3 to 4 minutes of watching them, heading south."

"We looked around a bit to see if they'd reappear and, sure enough, Alan said, 'Look...there they are!' They were right in the exact spot they disappeared in, only now they were facing in the opposite direction (north--J.T.) but in the same triangular pattern, same distance apart as the first time seen."

"Witnesses included an ex-Navy man, two history buffs who know a little about aircraft and a 4.0 (college) student here visiting his father."

David added, "I have to say this was the most exciting and interesting thing that I've seen in the skies, and I would like to speak to someone while everything is fresh in my mind."

Mounds, Okla. is on Alternate Highway 75 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Tulsa. (Email Form Report)

GOAT MUTILATION REPORTED IN WILHOIT, ARIZONA

"Authorities are trying to find out why someone beheaded the pet goat of a Yavapai County family and drained the body of all its blood."

"The family reported this in the early morning hours of (Saturday) July 5 (2003); two of the younger children ran into the house and cried that the goat 'had no head,' Lt. James Jarrell of the County Sheriff's Office said. The goat and other livestock had been fed the night before and appeared fine."

"The body of the goat was found in its proper pen, but the head had been cut off cleanly, with a very sharp instrument, Jarrell said. The children's father said there was no blood in the pen or in surrounding areas, or on the body of the goat; he was unable to find the head."

"No other livestock were injured or killed."

"The man said that, other than the head, no other part of the goat had been removed or mutilated. He said he's unaware of anyone who bears grudges against him or his family and has no idea what prompted the killing, authorities said."

"Authorities said that the family has asked that their identity not be released given the bizarre nature of the incident. It occurred in the community of Wilhoit (population 664), about 13 miles (20 kilometers) south of Prescott on Arizona (Route) 89."

"Yavapai County authorities have not received reports of other killings of this nature." (See the Arizona Republic for July 11, 2003, "Family goat beheaded, has blood drained." Many thanks to Mike and Sheri Sedovic for forwarding this newspaper article.)

CHUPACABRA KILLS FIFTEEN ANIMALS IN SOUTHERN CHILE

"Since Thursday (July 3, 2003) residents of Pillanlelun, a town some 15 kilometers (9 miles) from"

Temuco in southern Chile "have been shutting down henhouses, mangers and pigpens under lock and key and using crosses made of palqui (wood) after the news of the mysterious deaths of 15 animals at the Ty Koyam Mini-Zoo became known."

"The victims of the odd event, which remains unexplained, were six sheep imported from Somalia and nine deer which were found dead with tear marks and bruises on their bodies and bites on their necks. They were scattered throughout the location."

"A number of hypotheses were presented at first-- everything from the descent of starving pumas (cougars or mountain lions in the USA--J.T.)" from the Andes "to wild dogs and the Chupacabras--which have been discarded given that the place is completely shut (down) at night, thus making impossible any entry by animals."

"Local residents are concerned. Even those who profess not to believe think that the matter involves Satan."

"Alejandro Fuentes, who owns the preserve, stated yesterday (Thursday, July 3, 2003) that the investigation is in the hands of the (Chile's) Agriculture and Livestock Service (Spanish acronym: SAG) of the Ninth Region as well as the police, since the deaths of the animals represent a loss in excess of 4 million pesos."

"In order to avoid any new attacks, and in view of the fact that llamas, alpacas, iguanas and apes also occupy the premises, Alejandro Fuentes and his associates have placed traps all around the area. However, as of yesterday, the beast did not attack again."

Temuco is located about 400 kilometers (250 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital. (See the Chilean newspaper La Cuarta for July 4, 2003, "Fifteen animals slain in mini-zoo." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Rodrigo Cuadra Salazar para eso articulo de diario.)

BLACK HELICOPTERS APPEAR AGAIN IN MASSACHUSETTS

On Friday, July 4, 2003, at 11 a.m., people living on Perryville Road in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, located 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Boston, were startled to see "high-flying silver jets leaving chemtrails across the sky." The thick, smoky trails, which resemble conventional condensation trails or contrails, were said to have persisted "into the early afternoon."

The following day, Saturday, July 5, 2003, "the silver jets" returned, but this time "they were flying quite low and in formation. Their engine noise was very loud."

In nearby South Attleboro, Mass., black helicopters were sighted hovering over Abbott Run (creek) and its suburban neighborhood.

On Sunday, July 6, and Monday, July 7, 2003, "dozens of people living in the Baker's Four Corners area of Seekonk, Mass.," just across the town line from South Attleboro, "saw black helicopters flying in formation. And guess what they had on County Street (in Seekonk)? Black helicopters! All the while, we got more silver jets in Rehoboth."

The following day, a local teacher dropped by her high school and talked "to some of the sports summer students, and this was the lead topic of conversation." A male teacher "called Otis Air Force Base" on Cape Cod (now a Massachusetts Air National Guard base--J.T.) and they told him it was 'practice maneuvers.'"

Curiously, Rehoboth and Seekonk were the site of numerous black helicopter sightings during July and August 2002. (See UFO Roundup for August 6, 2002, "Rehoboth reports flights of black helicopters," page 8. Many thanks to Mary Lou Jones-Drown and others for these reports.)

NEW MOTHMAN TERROR

A near-disaster, which may be linked to Mothman, took place two weeks ago.

Mothman researcher Loren Coleman reported, "According to local newspapers, on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, Bonnie Anderson of Gallipolis, Ohio was driving across the bridge

that goes to Point Pleasant, West Virginia," where Mothman was originally sighted in November 1966, "when her car mysteriously caught fire."

Ms. Anderson "pulled off onto Route 2 (near the Silver Bridge--L.C.) and emergency vehicles responded." (Editor's Note: The Silver Bridge, which spanned the Ohio River between Gallipolis, Ohio and Point Pleasant, W.V., mysteriously collapsed on December 15, 1967. The event had been predicted by the entity known as Mothman.)

"As you know, June 24 is special," Loren added, "The modern era of 'flying saucers' began on June 24, 1947, and lots of weird things to do with fires have happened on this date," as he mentioned in his book Mothman and Other Curious Encounters, pages 147 to 152. (Many thanks to Loren Coleman.)

WEIRD WEATHER REPORTED ON SATURN

"Astronomers say the winds of Saturn appear to be slowing dramatically just as NASA's Cassini spacecraft approaches the ringed gas planet" two billion miles (3.2 billion kilometers) from Earth.

"Other researchers who study giant planets say the finding is surprising because little change has been detected in the winds of neighboring planets such as Jupiter."

"A comparison of images taken from one of the Voyager missions in the early 1980s and photos taken by the Hubble Space Telescope from 1996 to 2002 indicate that winds have slowed by about 40 percent at the equator of Saturn."

"Saturn is the solar system's windiest planet with wind speeds peaking at 1,000 miles per hour (1,600 kilometers per hour). With the sudden change, the peak winds now are whipping around the planet at about 600 miles per hour (1,000 kilometers per hour)."

"By comparison, the highest surface wind ever recorded on Earth was a gust of 231 miles per hour (369 kilometers per hour) clocked on Mount Washington in New Hampshire (USA) on April 12, 1934."

"The researchers who performed the Saturn analysis say they do not know why its winds are slowing, unlike the steady winds on Jupiter."

"I think most atmospheric scientists would be willing to be a substantial amount of money that a giant planet's winds don't do things like this," said the study's co-author, Richard French, a Wellesley College professor who has been a Hubble researcher for the past seven years."

"More than a century of recorded observations of Jupiter, including Voyager and Galileo spacecraft surveys, have shown its winds move at a relatively constant speed."

"Recent studies of the other two gas giants in the solar system, Uranus and Neptune, also indicate wind speed is fairly constant, although their winds circulate in the opposite direction of Jupiter and Saturn."

"In the new study published in the journal Nature, French and Agustin Sanchez Lavega of the Universidad del Pais Vasco in Bilbao, Spain, suggest that the unique rings of icy particles encircling Saturn may influence the wind speed by casting shadows on the planet's surface during the 30 Earth years it takes Saturn to make an orbit around the sun."

"Researchers who did not participate in the study agree that shadows could cool the Saturn atmosphere enough to slow the winds."

"The ring shadow moves from the northern hemisphere to the southern hemisphere and back again during the Saturn seasons," said Andy Ingersoll, a Caltech astronomer and expert on the atmospheric dynamics of other planets."

"That's a pretty unusual environment, and it probably has an effect," Ingersoll said."

"French and Sanchez Lavega estimated the reduction in Saturn's wind speeds by comparing motions at the top of its deep cloud layer, which is 155 miles (248 kilometers) thick."

"They tracked the movement of clouds or prominent storm systems on the Voyager photos of the 1980s, then compared them to the speed of cloud and storm system motion from the Hubble's higher-resolution images taken in

1996-2002." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for June 29, 2003, "Saturn winds slacken, puzzling astronomers," page 16A.)

From the UFO Files...

1926: UNEXPECTED WITNESS

UFO sightings by famous politicians are rare, and public reports of them are rarer still. But occasionally they do see the light of day. Such as this one, which appeared in the 1926 diary of one of the Twentieth Century's most notorious political figures.

His name was Joseph-Paul Goebbels, and he was born in Rheydt, in Germany's Rhineland, on October 29, 1897 to a sizable Roman Catholic family. Although frail in body, Goebbels, like H.P. Lovecraft, learned to read at age four and went on to excel all through school. Graduating in 1917, at the height of World War I, Goebbels top-scoring academic average made him the school valedictorian. But his graduation speech left a little to be desired.

As he left the podium, the gymnasium (German high school--J.T.) headmaster clapped him on the shoulder and said, "Good speech, Goebbels, very good speech! The content was excellent, even. But...my boy, you will never make a good orator."

Herr Professor's words came back to haunt him...with a vengeance.

Most 19-year-old boys would have taken the summer off. Not Goebbels! He enrolled in the University of Bonn's summer semester. It was the start of a spectacular academic career that took him through the universities of Bonn, Freiburg, Wurzburg and Munich.

June 1921 found Goebbels in Heidelberg, majoring in German literature and striving for his Ph. D. He wrote a 215-page thesis--a book, actually--on the Nineteenth Century German playwright Wilhelm Schutz. It was so crammed with footnotes on the playwright's life that one of the four dissertation committee judges, Dr. Paum, commented that "it was as if Schutz himself had returned from the grave."

However, Dr. Max von Waldberg, the chairman of the department, was not so easily impressed. He put together a review team that would cut this Rhinelander down to size. "On 16 November 1921 Joseph Goebbels received his summons to the oral examination, scheduled for 18 November."

The highly nervous grad student wrote, "To Heidelberg...Called on the examiners. In top hat. Crammed all night. A cup of strong mocha (coffee). And then to the exam."

There he was, a lone grad student arrayed against four Heidelberg professors. The oral examination went on for hours. "The most harrowing experience of my life," Goebbels later called it, as he fielded questions from von Waldberg, Paum, Oncken and Neumann. But when the ordeal was over, Goebbels "received a provisional doctoral diploma on the spot and felt proud--as he later noted--when Waldberg called him 'Herr Doktor' for the first time."

"Goebbels," Waldberg told him, unwilling to let this star of academia get away. "We have to see about getting you a professorship."

Ah, but there are some things the department chairman cannot do. And one of them is change the course of history.

The year 1922 brought the collapse of Germany's currency. When the German Weimar Republic announced its inability to meet Allied reparations payments, France invaded and occupied the Saar. Riots broke out in all of the major cities, and the unemployment rate shot over 50 percent. Goebbels found himself a Ph. D. without a job and with no chance of getting one.

While the Weimar government reeled under attacks from the Left and Right, Goebbels drifted into Anton Drexler's Nationalsozialistische Deutschesarbeitspartei (NSDAP or National Socialist German Workers Party--J.T.), founded four years earlier. He became attracted to Gregor Strasser and, like Strasser, admired Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, a.k.a. Lenin, the leader of Russia's Bolshevik

Revolution and dictator of the newly-founded Soviet Union.

Goebbels, Strasser and the other atheist "National Bolsheviks" wanted a uniquely "German Socialism." As opposed to Georgi Plekhanov and the other luminaries of the Second International, Lenin was actually making revolution, calling Lloyd George and Winston S. Churchill "assholes" and badmouthing Wall Street night and day.

Because of his literary background, Goebbels finally landed a job at the NSDAP headquarters in Elberfeld, editing the party publication *Nationalsozialistische Briefe* (German for National Socialist Letters--J.T.). Goebbels' fire-breathing revolutionary style soon earned him the nickname "Robespierre" among the magazine staff.

However, his sojourn in Elberfeld soon brought him into contact with the *volkische* or mystical branch of the NSDAP. Elberfeld had long been the capital of German mysticism.

On July 22, 1884, the German wing of Elena Petrovna von Hahn Blavatsky's Theosophical Society was founded in Elberfeld by Madame Blavatsky herself and the city's resident sorceress, Marie L'estrangere Gebhard (1832-1892). Frau Gebhard had been a disciple of Eliphas Levi (birth name: Alphonse Constant), the foremost occultist of the middle Nineteenth Century. A few years later, Dr. Wilhelm Hubbe-Schleiden (1846-1916) became president of the German Theosophical Society and founded their long-running magazine *Die Sphinx*.

Also living in Elberfeld for a while were Dr. Franz Hartmann (1838-1912), a prolific author and occultist, just back from his worldwide tour (which included a stint in Colorado with the American outlaw group, the Wild Bunch--J.T.) and his chela (disciple) Hugo Vollrath, who founded *Prana*, the Theosophical magazine. Vollrath's best friend and a frequent visitor to Elberfeld was Johannes Baltzli, who helped the mystic Rudolf von Sebottendorff (birth name: Adam Glauer) create the *Germanenorden dem Walvater und den Graal* (Translated: German Order of the All-Father and the Grail--J.T.), better known to history as the Thule Society.

Goebbels' star was rising in the NSDAP. He took on new responsibilities as the editor of the party newspaper *Volkische Freiheit*. He also went on a whirlwind speaking tour throughout northern Germany. This went on for a whole year, with Goebbels giving a major speech literally every other day. How that old headmaster, who said he would "never make a good orator," must have gasped when he picked up the prestigious newspaper *Frankfurter Zeitung* and saw his former student commanding Page One headlines as "the Robespierre of the Rhine."

But the main arena of NSDAP action was in the south, in Bayern (Bavaria) where party members had staged an abortive coup. The "Beer Hall putsch" had made their fiery orator, Adolf Hitler, a national figure. Already he was "the German Messiah" to the mystic faction of the NSDAP. When Hitler's book, *Mein Kampf* (German for My Struggle--J.T.) appeared in October 1925, one of the Thule group in Elberfeld gave Goebbels a copy.

"Reading the book to the end 'with gripping tension,'" Goebbels confided to his diary, "'Who is this man? Half plebeian, half god! The real Christ, or only John?'"

Goebbels decided to find out. On November 6, 1925, he traveled to Braunschweig for a meeting with Hitler. The effect on Goebbels was nothing short of extraordinary. Goebbels wrote, "At once he (Hitler) jumps up, stands there before us. Presses my hand. Like an old friend. And those big blue eyes. Like stars. He's glad to see me. I'm filled with happiness...This man has everything it takes to be a king. The born tribune of the people. The coming dictator."

"Numerous diary passages written in the summer of 1926 show how far Goebbels' imagination could carry him; he not only transfigured Hitler into the new Messiah but also linked him with miracles and wonderful happenings in nature...At the end of July (1926) Goebbels spent time at Hitler's mountain retreat, the Berghof on the Obersalzberg (mountain) above Berchtesgaden."

And that's where it happened. But we'll let Goebbels tell the story himself.

"I stand shaken before him (Hitler). This is how he is: like a child, dear, good, compassionate. Sly like a

cat, clever and skillful, magnificently roaring and gigantic like a lion. A fine fellow, a real man."

"He speaks of the state. In the afternoon, of winning the state and of the meaning of political revolution. Thoughts I may already have had myself but not expressed."

"After supper we sit for a long time in the garden of the Seamen's Retirement Home, and he holds forth on the new state and how we will achieve it. It has the ring of prophecy."

"Above us in the sky a white cloud forms a swastika. A shimmering light that can't be a star (my emphasis-- J.T.). A sign from fate? We go home late!"

"Far in the distance Salzburg shimmers. I am something like happy. This life is certainly worth living. 'My head won't roll in the dust until my mission is fulfilled.' That was his last word. That's how he is! Yes, that's how he is!"

Goebbels' defection doomed the Strasser wing of the NSDAP. Although his one-time friends, Gregor and Otto Strasser, fulminated against Hitler and openly jeered at "Goebbels' Damascus!" (A reference to the conversion of St. Paul in the Bible's Acts of the Apostles--J.T.), the "National Bolshevism" idea fell by the wayside, and Hitler led the NSDAP down the mystical path.

Goebbels' faith in his new-found "Messiah" never wavered. Two decades later, during those last days in the Berlin Fuhrerbunker, he was telling everyone present "to die bravely so that audiences will cheer when they see the actor portraying you on color television in the year 1999."

If there was ever a UFO that changed the course of history, it was the one that appeared over Berchtesgaden in July 1926. (See the books Goebbels by Ralf Georg Ruth, Harcourt Brace & Co., New York, N.Y., 1993, pages 66, 67, 74 and 75; Goebbels by Victor Reimann, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1976, pages 38 and 39; and Unholy Alliance by Peter Levenda, Continuum Publishing, New York, N.Y., 1995, pages 42 to 47.)

(Editor's Comment: I don't know about you people, but, when those "daisy cutters" come whistling down, the absolute last thing on your editor's mind is what might be in TV Guide a half-century hence.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time!

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>>A caller to an overnight talk show made a quick reference to a
>>"UFO programme" (which might simply be one course) at
Laurentian
>>University in Sudbury, Ontario. Anyone know if that reference
>>is true?

>>How common are such courses, if it is a single course? Is there
>>a list of universities with such courses posted?

>Eleanor,

>I reside in Sudbury... and am the sole UFO expert in this
>area....I will try to verify this... for you and me both.

Thorneloe University is part of the Laurentian Consortium and
the do offer a course in their Religious Studies department
called,

RLST 2326 E - Dimensions of the Paranormal
This course critically examines the religious and cultural
significance of paranormal phenomena (such as near-death
experience, telepathy, clairvoyance, UFO contact, and
abduction). By studying first-hand accounts, films, academic
studies, and selected new paranormal religious movements,
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and the different ways of accounting for it: mythic-religious,
scientific, philosophic, and psychoanalytic. (lec 3) cr 3

<http://thorneloe.laurentian.ca/religion/courses.html>

Hope this helps

Terry Groff
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Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Strickland

From: Sue Strickland <strick@intergate.net>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 00:36:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 15:55:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants' - Strickland

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 21:41:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:46:44 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: Leir & 'Implants'

><snip>

Nick said:

>>Fellow ufologist Grant Cameron possesses a very revealing audio
>>cassette recording of an interview by Wilbert B. Smith's key
>>'metals man' about the much larger quantities of UFO hardware
>>that is not in the public domain which has been positively
>>determined to be ET in origin. For this reason, one is wrong to
>>feel that many top labs would want to protect their reputation
>>by refusing to perform analytical tests on such controversial ET
>>artifacts when it is likely that they may have secretly been
>>involved with other equally controversial stuff in the past,
>>including UFO physical evidence studies.

Steve replied:

>I have always found Wilbert Smith's involvement in this genre to
>be very interesting. I'm not familiar with the tape you mention,
>but if there is evidence to back up these claims then we have
>the "smoking gun" that we've all been looking for. If no
>independent evidence exists, then we're left with another
>anecdotal claim with nothing to back it up.

Hello all,

Bruce, I'll bet you've been wondering what would pull me out of
the closet. This kind of claim is exactly what yanks my chain.
Obviously, Steve's wondering the same thing. Nick, I'll bet
there's others on the List whose ears and eyes popped out a few
inches after reading your above-cited post.

Nick, if you can, please provide the List with some sort of
ability to listen to the tape, which may be a piece of the huge
puzzle and a bit of "the smoking gun" we've been seeking for so
long. This is not a small issue. Your claim is relevant and
important.

Hugs to all,

Sue Strickland
ex-abductee

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Heads-Up

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 14:38:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:01:09 -0400
Subject: Heads-Up

Hello All,

Some coward is sending people (UpDates List members) warnings that if they engage in debate with me they will be thrown off the List. I just want to put to rest any concerns that anyone may have that any such thing is true.

1. The sole creator, moderator, owner of this List is Errol Bruce-Knapp. Not John Velez. I have no authority or power or wish to either add or delete any members/participants to this e-mail List.
2. The only thing that EBK has ever screened out consistently is flames. In all the years I have been an active participant of this e-mail forum I have never seen anyone dumped for honest or even heated debate.
3. In the seven years I have been a member of UFO UpDates the number of people that have been removed from the List can be counted on one hand. From the public explanations that EBK has always posted regarding these 'removals' none of them were arbitrary or without good cause.
4. I am not responsible, nor have I had any input regarding the few people that have been removed in the past. I simply don't have any say in who stays or who goes. Nor do I want to.

Anyone wishing to engage in honest, open discussion or debate with me can do so without any qualms about retribution from me or the moderator of this List. I think all will agree with me that Errol has proven himself to be a fair man of fine judgement when it comes to the moderation of this List. UFO UpDates is the best run UFO List on the Internet, bar none. Credit for that is due to EBK's intelligence, sense of fairness and even-handed handling of List-related issues that have come up in the past.

Please, ignore any 'behind my back' notes you may get from disgruntled individuals with nothing better to do with the time of their lives. So sorry to have bother everyone with this kind of time wasting, sophomoric nonsense. We all have bigger fish to fry. I don't know about you, but I consider the subject of UFOs to be the most important and urgent issue that any of us could be dealing with.

It is the sole reason for the existence of this e-mail forum. Let's stick to that.

Respectfully, regretfully submitted, (sorry to have to take up your time with this.)

John Velez
Just another UpDates Indian... not the chief!

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Crikey! Stargazer Deciphers Alien Lingo

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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:21:16 -0400
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Source: The Sydney Morning Herald - Australia

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/07/14/1058034941584.html>

Stargazer deciphers alien lingo

By Richard Macey
July 15 2003

Strewth, if yabbering with aliens sounds like hard yakka, take a Captain Cook at making contact with those life forms Down Under.

Seth Shostak, a world leader in the hunt for intelligent life in space, is in Sydney for the 25th general assembly of the International Astronomical Union.

But Dr. Shostak, a senior astronomer with the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence, in Mountain View, California, is not here to speak. He is editing the tabloid newspaper The Magellanic Times, published daily for 2000 astronomers from 65 countries.

In yesterday's issue he warned delegates about the local lingo: "This is occasionally, and insincerely, referred to as 'English', but that's like referring to the boiled missionaries served up by 19th century cannibals as 'cuisine'."

"Fair dinkum," he assured delegates, meant "I agree".

If that doesn't lead to a communications supernova, he advised that in this "man's society... Women are still regarded as novelties and in order to simplify conversation are all called 'Sheila'."

For their part, most men are called 'Bruce'."

Defending himself yesterday, the mischievous astronomer-turned-editor declared: "If it's not provocative, there's no point writing it." As for that fair dinkum definition: "I was told this by Australians," he pleaded.

Dr Shostak is no doubt used to provocative stands. The first SETI experiment was launched in 1960, but 43 years later not one alien "G'day" has been heard by SETI's radio telescopes. But he is not disillusioned.

"I would have been surprised had we succeeded up to this point," he said, noting a local McDonald's store employed more staff than SETI had full-time scientists.

Since 1960 radio astronomers listening for artificial signals had satisfactorily surveyed less than 1000 of the 100 billion stars in our galaxy, one of thousands of billions of galaxies.

Optical astronomers, looking for laser beam flashes some scientists think aliens may be using to communicate, had only observed several thousand more.

"We have only begun to search," said Dr Shostak, who guessed that millions of stars would have to be examined in detail.

He predicted that within 20 years astronomers would have telescopes capable of spotting telltale signs of life - such as bacteria-made oxygen atmospheres - in planets beyond our solar system.

"I think we are on the verge of finding that biology is very wide spread. Bacteria may be more detectable than aliens."

But, he conceded: "I don't think the Waynes, from Penrith, would be that happy [with bacterial]."

The public wanted intelligent life, he said.

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Crop Circles Cause Chaos & Questions In Knobel

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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:27:11 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles Cause Chaos & Questions In Knobel

Source: WMC-TV Channel 5 Memphis

<http://www.wmcstations.com/Global/story.asp?S=1360437>

July 15, 2003

Crop Circles Cause Chaos And Create Questions In Knobel, Arkansas
by
George Brown

To say Knobel, AR is a quiet town is an understatement so when
crop circles showed up, word spread fast.

The circles appeared June 7th near a small cemetery and got big
attention.

A group from Boston that studies crop circles around the world
even made a trek to the tract of land, twice.

BLT Researchers:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/>

said soil samples show magnetic levels 9 times higher than
before the circles.

The question now is what or whom made them.

Tammy Wilson says it could be aliens, "What about aliens? I
don't know. You could be an alien for all I know. I guess if we
can go up there they could come down here. If God made us why
couldn't he make something up there?"

One theory from the folks studying the circles is they may be
caused by the same forces that create lightning or the Northern
Lights.

A sort of cosmic, plasma downburst that flattens fields.

Whatever it is, people around the world are talking about
Knobel, AR and Tammy Wilson says that's not all bad. "It's
better attention than we normally get. It's usually drug busts
around here. This is better than that."

The circles are gone, the fields disked, crops are popping up.

All is quiet in Knobel and the people who live here hope the
plasma, little green men, punksters or whatever's causing the
circles doesn't come back.

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ET Alive And On Mars

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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:34:22 -0400
Subject: ET Alive And On Mars

Source: The Australian - Sydney, Australia

http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,6753999%255E13762,00.html

July 15, 2003

ET Alive And On Mars: Astronomers
By Leigh Dayton and Steven Swinford

NASA found evidence of life on Mars in 1976, but dismissed the findings as impossible, two British astronomers claim.

Now, evidence from missions such as the Mars Global Surveyor suggests that the early observation was correct after all.

For instance, newly released high-resolution images of the planet's surface show a valley which might have been originally formed by liquid water, the stuff of life.

According to Nigel Henbest and Heather Couper, independent astronomy writers and broadcasters, one of three biology experiments conducted on Mars by the two Viking landers obtained clear evidence that there were living microbes on the red planet.

The experimental instrument, designed by engineer Gilbert Levin, head of the Biospherics company in the US, exposed samples of the Martian soil to an Earth-like solution of water and nutrients known to exist in meteorites and interstellar clouds.

"It was the kind of solution that bacteria on Earth would love to slurp," Mr Henbest, in Sydney for the International Astronomical Union's 24th general assembly, said.

"It was cleverly designed so that if there was no life, then nothing would happen, but if there were microbes, they would take in the solution and produce gas." He said the gas was tagged with a radioactive label that could be detected by the experiment's built-in Geiger detector.

Also speaking at the assembly, astronomer Seth Shostak predicted that scientists will find ET within 25 years.

Dr Shostak, with the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) claimed that a \$US10 billion (\$15 billion) array of 350 specially designed radio telescopes under construction in California will crank up the search for extraterrestrial radio signals.

"It's like going from walking to jet speed, like finding a needle in a haystack with a big shovel instead of a small spoon," he said.

In their new book Mars: the inside story of the red planet Mr Henbest and Dr Couper reveal that Dr Levin's instrument tested three soil samples at differing temperatures. When tested at 46C, the sample emitted gas, indicating the presence of

bacteria-like organisms.

"Independent people say that if this were the only experiment on Viking the (scientists) would have been persuaded that there is evidence for life on Mars," Mr Henbest said.

The problem was that neither of the other two experiments found telltale signs of life. NASA dismissed Dr Levin's findings.

The Australian

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New York Sunday Times Magazine July 27/03

From: Will Bueche - Center for Psychology & Social Change <info@centerchange.org>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:14:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:37:22 -0400
Subject: New York Sunday Times Magazine July 27/03

A feature article on the alien encounter experience, by Times writer Bruce Grierson will appear in the Sunday July 27th edition of The New York Times Magazine.** The article is not expected to be favorable towards experiencers of alien contact (though stranger things have happened).

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The article is expected to highlight Clancy's remarkable resistance to criticism from researchers such as Dr. John Mack who believe that alien encounters are real, and from her Harvard Medical School colleagues who believe that traumatic memories are routinely repressed.

Interviews were conducted in Cambridge, Massachusetts earlier this year with Susan Clancy, her colleague Richard McNally, John Mack, filmmaker Laurel Chiten (of the documentary film "Touched"), some of the subjects who took part in Clancy's experiment and went on to speak out against her conclusions, and others from Harvard (the final article may or may not include all of these perspectives).

**Those wishing to get an advance look at the article should sign on to the New York Times website on the Friday before that Sunday's issue: the Times' website gets a head start on the print edition. Here is the direct link:

<http://nytimes.com/magazine>

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Re: Heads-Up - Vike

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 13:34:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:59:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Heads-Up - Vike

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 14:38:59 -0300
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Good Day John & List

Well folks I have not heard from anyone as of yet over this issue. But I must say I have had some interesting e-mails lately. I don't know if any of you are aware of this, but I am a "mole". Planted in the UFO field by government sources to hopefully throw a wrench into the working gears. It gets better, I am also working for the Canadian Intelligence Service. Of course this is news to me. I received I think the best one yet, late last week, from a very kind fellow who called me every name in the book, and some words I wasn't aware of, because I did not send him an URL. Little did the guy know that he is not the only person I talk with everyday, and if he had held on to his nasty mail he would have received the URL. Some folks don't seem to realize that all of us have a life away from UFOs. And of course I must be working for the government and trying to keep things silent.

I know there are some strange folks out there with some twisted ideas, but it seems to be getting worse. One nice thing is that I can block these people I don't have to put up with them. Thank goodness for that blocking feature.

So all in all, if the person who John is talking about here decided to contact me, I am sure I will tell him to hit the road, in a nice way.

I certainly am finding that some people can be down right scary and I for one am glad they do not live close to me - I hope.

Take care

Brian
The Government Mole

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Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Spurrier

From: Tony Spurrier <tonyandsue13@ntlworld.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 01:51:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 22:13:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Victor Kean - 1931-2003 - Spurrier

>From: Graham W. Birdsell - UFO Magazine [UK] <gwb@ufomag.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2003 12:36:40 +0100
>Subject: Victor Kean - 1931-2003

Victor's contribution to the UFO community as a whole will be greatly missed following this sad news.

Following Victor's analysis of the FT sightings during December 1999, I contacted Victor for more information. Unfortunately my attempts to contact Victor failed, until he saw a message I posted on the UFO Forum on Compuserve. What followed was a new dimension of research into the "Flying Triangle", that comprised of the data collated by Victor and all the FT contributors throughout the UK.

As early as March 1998, from a research point of view, Victor's work was complimented with an independant sighting of unusual sightings in the vicinity of one of the hot spots in the uk.

Following on from this Victor was able to identify certain time lines which have greatly assisted in future investigations into these sightings.

Many things have been eliminated from this enquiry, most certainly lighthouses, airports, tractors, boats, cars, etc. One particular area comprises only marshes which greatly eliminates anything other than a silent craft which houses red/white/amber lights, can hover for 30 minutes, appearingly change shape, be only 100 feet from observers, and merely 30 feet above ground.

During the past 5 years we have been able to utilise the local residents association to eradicate local landmarks and also encourage free speech within the area of question. The locals are now very helpfull and come along to see some very strange sights.

We took one local to a secluded field by the marshes, she saw, as we all did, a sudden appearance of a white "glowing"pyramid shaped object. Two red lights on the bottom edge of the pyramid. On top a pulsating green light. This just appeared, materialised if you like. After a few minutes this object blinked out like a light, it was gone.

This type of sighting is not unusual in the area Victor specified. His research was second to none, because he had identified true hot-spots. From the conversations over the years we had, Victor knew he had stumbled across something, but even to the day he perished, I doubt he realised how significant his research was.

This field research will continue as it has done from 1999, there has been some significant footage obtained, which to my knowledge has yet to be conventionally identified. There is one piece of footage which absolutely fascinates us but until it is independantly verified as being anomalous and concurs with our own blown up images, it will remain a mystery.

So I would like to postumously commend Victor on his work within

ufology and for all the information he divulged which led to the ongoing investigation which ensued.

Many thanaks

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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 22:49:39 -0400
Subject: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

Source: The Jonesboro Sun - Arkansas

<http://www.jonesborosun.com/archivedstory.asp?ID=5302>

7-12-03

Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

By Keith Inman

A series of 10 circles discovered June 7 in a wheat field at Knobel was no prank, a group of scientists who study crop circles around the world has concluded. However, because the wheat was harvested before scientists could arrive, they said they could not be certain.

The discovery generated interest and rumors, not only in Northeast Arkansas, but from BLT Research Team Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., which has studied crop circles in the U.S., Canada and Europe for approximately a decade.

JoAnne Scarpellini, a BLT field investigator, visited the site adjacent to Williams Cemetery on June 16 and June 25, conducting interviews with witnesses and taking soil samples from the site, according to a report by Nancy Talbott, one of BLT's founders.

Todd Young harvested his wheat crop on June 11. He remains uncertain about the source of the crop circles.

"I know something happened, but I don't know," Young said. "I'm trying to put all that crap behind me."

Young said he had lost interest in the phenomenon. "I'm more interested in making a living instead of making myself famous," he said.

Based on photographs of the site, Talbott described it as a "mini-triple Julia formation." The center circle was around 31 feet in diameter, with three circles in each "arm" of decreasing sizes down to eight feet in diameter. Circles in arms spaced approximately 10 feet apart had a slight curvature clockwise, according to the research. Crop lay was reported to have been clockwise in all circles.

On June 25 Scarpellini returned to the site, after Young had already disked the field and planted soybeans. She took soil samples from the location where the formations were found and control samples some 500 feet away from the site.

"These samples yielded the highest concentration of magnetic material ever reported by the BLT Team in a crop circle," Talbott reported. While normal soils seldom exceed 0.4 milligrams of magnetic material per gram of soil, the soil at Knobel measured 30.29 mg, the report stated.

The BLT report indicated that the high magnetic concentrations found at the Arkansas site are similar to trends found in a

large number of crop formations worldwide.

"The fact that under the microscope we can see both spherical and partially ablated particles here, the fact that there were no magnetic particles found in the control soils, and the fact that the concentration in the circle samples was so great, all indicate that this formation was not mechanically-flattened" Talbott reported.

She said a paper published by William C. Levensgood, a biophysicist from Michigan, and John Burke, a New York businessman, may shed some light on what happened. Levensgood and Burke, who are co-founders of BLT Research, hypothesized that microscopic particles of meteoric iron which are entering the earth's atmosphere constantly as meteors burn up in the upper atmosphere. Those particles get drawn into a descending plasma vortex system.

"The idea is that the meteoric debris is both drawn into the descending plasma vortex by its strong magnetic field and then heated to a molten state by the microwaves emitted by the spiraling plasma," Talbott wrote in the report. "The molten, and now magnetized particles then form spheres and particles with partially rounded surfaces as they cool on the way down to the earth's surface and are left in the soil in the crop circle area as the plasma vortex impacts the field.

"This theory is the most reasonable yet offered to explain the presence of these magnetic particles in so many crop circle soils, all over the world."

Talbott also noted that interviews with witnesses revealed that energy was emanating upwards to at least 800 feet above the formation.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 22:58:14 -0400
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We have seen many of these, seemingly, highly-controlled
"experiments in a box"; not merely in the fields of psychology
and psychiatry, but also, in several other fields of science.

These may at times seem impressive, if we hold the frame
according to the guise of the experimenter. That is, 'include'
only what he or she is presenting, while 'excluding' a
voluminous collection of glaring physical evidence that does not
readily lend itself to the realm 'psychological evaluation.'

Just a continuation of a large battery of logic fallacies that
have pervaded the field of ufology, while along the lines of
"the [academia] is quicker than the eye."

Kind Regards

Chris

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Re: New York Sunday Times Magazine July 27/03 -

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Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 10:37:39 -0400
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>From: Chris Evans <chrisevans@zoominternet.net>
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>Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 22:47:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: New York Sunday Times Magazine July 27/03

>>From: Will Bueche - Center for Psychology & Social Change <info@centerchange.org>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 16:14:49 -0400
>>Subject: New York Sunday Times Magazine July 27/03

>>A feature article on the alien encounter experience, by Times
>>writer Bruce Grierson will appear in the Sunday July 27th
>>edition of The New York Times Magazine.** The article is not
>>expected to be favorable towards experiencers of alien contact
>>(though stranger things have happened).

<snip>

>We have seen many of these, seemingly, highly-controlled
>"experiments in a box"; not merely in the fields of psychology
>and psychiatry, but also, in several other fields of science.

>These may at times seem impressive, if we hold the frame
>according to the guise of the experimenter. That is, 'include'
>only what he or she is presenting, while 'excluding' a
>voluminous collection of glaring physical evidence that does not
>readily lend itself to the realm 'psychological evaluation.'

>Just a continuation of a large battery of logic fallacies that
>have pervaded the field of ufology, while along the lines of
>"the [academia] is quicker than the eye."

Chris Evans is right when he said this are "experiments in a box".

I would like to see this type of experiment back up with a field investigation;

Interview eyewitnesses and also independent witnesses, body marks left in the body (physical evidence), police report, hospital report, military report, etc.....

All this happened in one case: the Filiberto Cardena -a Cuban exile living in Hialeah, Florida - abduction in January 3, 1979. We investigated this case assisted by the late Dr. Hynek. Later published in a book "UFO, Contact From Undersea", already out of print.

There are others abduction cases rich on physical evidences and witnesses beside the psychic experiences. I would like to ask researcher Susan Clancy: "Where is the Beef" (field investigation)

If only one abduction case is true, then we are facing a real problem worth research.

Very truly,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Secrecy News -- 07/16/2003

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SENATORS ASK RELEASE OF WEN HO LEE REPORT

The Justice Department has refused to comply with a congressional request for a copy of a recently completed report on the FBI's handling of the Wen Ho Lee case, prompting a challenge from three Senators.

"Your staff has said that we cannot review the report," complained three members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in a letter to Attorney General Ashcroft last week, asking him to release the document.

"The Senate Judiciary Committee has exercised close oversight over the Wen Ho Lee case, including holding three hearings while you were still a member of the committee," wrote Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Charles Grassley (R-IA).

"Members of the committee would like to continue our oversight role over the Wen Ho Lee case by examining the [Justice Department Office of Professional Responsibility] report."

An FAS Freedom of Information Act request for the new report was also recently denied, and the denial has been appealed. It is, in fact, likely that the report contains properly classified information, privacy information, and law enforcement information that would preclude the report's full release to the public.

But withholding it from Congress is another matter. The Senators noted that in the past, similar investigative reports from had been provided to the Judiciary Committee.

Congressional oversight of the Justice Department has increasingly been diverted into a struggle for access for information. To the extent that routine requests for information consume the time and attention of senior Senators, as in this case, fewer resources are available for actual oversight.

A copy of the July 8 letter from Senators Feinstein, Leahy and Grassley is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2003/07/wh1070803.html>

IRAQI URANIUM CONTROVERSY GROWS

The President's State of the Union remark concerning an alleged Iraqi attempt to acquire uranium in Africa "appears to be but one of a number of several questionable statements and exaggerations by the Intelligence Community and Administration officials that were issued in the buildup to the war," said Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) yesterday.

In a floor statement, he itemized the growing list of problematic assertions involving intelligence on Iraq.

Part of the problem arises from the careless use of language, which may in turn reflect a deeper confusion. While dramatic linguistic missteps are most common in the pronouncements of President Bush ("We've found the weapons of mass destruction," he said egregiously on May 30), they are not limited to the President.

For example, Senator Levin noted, "Last Sunday, Ms. Rice said 'we have never said that we thought he [Saddam] had nuclear weapons.' But Vice President Cheney said on March 16 'we believe he [Saddam] has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons'."

Senator Levin called for a "thorough, open and bipartisan inquiry" on pre-war intelligence regarding Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and its use by policymakers. See his July 15 statement here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/levin071503.html

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), who has been way out in front on the Africa uranium story, wrote a long letter to the House Intelligence Committee outlining his view of the "four categories of unanswered questions" that the story presents. His July 15 letter, and previous correspondence, may be found here:

http://www.house.gov/reform/min/inves_admin/admin_nuclear_evidence.htm

The Director of Central Intelligence has responded in writing to the House Intelligence Committee's May 22 request for information on how pre-war intelligence on Iraqi WMD was developed, said ranking member Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA) at a news conference yesterday.

"We are presently working to have that letter declassified," she said.

Based on her own review of the materials provided to the Intelligence Committee to date, she said delicately, "the intelligence case for war relied more than it should have on circumstantial indicators of Iraq's WMD programs, rather than on solid facts."

At the same time, "the Administration consistently omitted the caveats and qualifiers that the intelligence community generally attached to its assessments of Iraq's WMD programs and ties to terrorism."

"The emerging evidence in Iraq does point to WMD programs," Rep. Harman said, "but does not point to the existence of large stockpiles of chemical or biological weapons."

The House Intelligence Committee will hold a public hearing on July 24 "in connection with its continuing review of pre-war intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and ties to terrorism."

Several members of the Committee went on a fact-finding mission to Iraq last week and reported on their findings in a July 15 release. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/hpsci071503.pdf

CONGRESSIONAL 9/11 REPORT IS ON THE WAY

House Intelligence Committee chairman Rep. Porter Goss (R-FL) said yesterday that the long-promised declassification of the congressional joint inquiry report on September 11 has finally been completed and the report is now "at the printers."

"I would say that we won virtually all of the battles we wanted to win in terms of getting information to the public," Rep. Goss said. "Now, we didn't win it all in exactly the form we wanted it, but the material, the subject matter, is pretty much out there."

"The one case that was the most difficult, it turns out in hindsight, maybe the administration was right, we should have been more prudent. But I will quickly say neither the administration nor we knew that at the time. They were guessing that it could be a problem if we released it, and as it turned out they were right because of events that none of us knew were going to happen," he said without further explanation.

"My hope is that Senator Graham and I are going to be able to have a press conference and get [the report] out as soon as it is back, and we hope that will be in a week or so," Rep. Goss said on July 15.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO SAVE TIA

The Senate is proposing, and the White House is resisting, a provision to eliminate any funding for research and development on DARPA's controversial Terrorism Information Awareness (TIA) program.

The provision appears in the pending 2004 Defense Appropriations Act. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/defapp-tia-sen.html>

In a July 14 statement, the White House "urge[d] the Senate to remove the provision that prohibits any research and development for the Terrorism Information Awareness Program. This provision would deny an important potential tool in the war on terrorism." See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/108-1/s1382sap-s.pdf>

BINGAMAN ON ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS

Longstanding American legal principles of due process are being unnecessarily compromised by the Administration's conduct of the war on terrorism, said Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) in a July 14 floor statement.

"The core element of due process law is the requirement that if individuals are taken into custody by the Government, then within some reasonable time, they will be advised of the crimes of which they are accused. They will be charged with those crimes and they will be prosecuted.... Today we are witnessing the abandonment by this current administration of our historic commitment to this most basic legal protection."

See Senator Bingaman's remarks on "Administrative Detentions and Right to Due Process" here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s071403.html

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Little did I know that yesterday, when I was dubbing a couple of Mr. Creighton's lectures onto CD for the Faded Discs Project, that I was listening to another voice fading from Ufology. A tremendous loss of a champion for Ufology.

Wendy Connors

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 12:49:39 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 16:57:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

>Source: The Jonesboro Sun - Arkansas
>>7-12-03

>Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>By Keith Inman

>A series of 10 circles discovered June 7 in a wheat field at
>Knobel was no prank, a group of scientists who study crop
>circles around the world has concluded. However, because the
>wheat was harvested before scientists could arrive, they said
>they could not be certain.

>The discovery generated interest and rumors, not only in
>Northeast Arkansas, but from BLT Research Team Inc., of
>Cambridge, Mass., which has studied crop circles in the U.S.,
>Canada and Europe for approximately a decade.

>JoAnne Scarpellini, a BLT field investigator, visited the site
>adjacent to Williams Cemetery on June 16 and June 25, conducting
>interviews with witnesses and taking soil samples from the site,
>according to a report by Nancy Talbott, one of BLT's founders.

>Todd Young harvested his wheat crop on June 11. He remains
>uncertain about the source of the crop circles.
>"I know something happened, but I don't know," Young said. "I'm
>trying to put all that crap behind me."

List members, EBK, BLT,

My family has a farm in the Ozarks, about 100 miles as the crow
flies from Knobel Ark., where this incident took place. My wife
and all her kin are from or still reside in the Ozarks, on
family farms going back 150 years.

I've spent one or two months each year for the last nine years
visiting the Ozarks. That's why I became interested in LMH's
research into this particular crop circle, which may be the best
example yet. Why? Because it would be almost impossible to pull
off a hoax of this magnitude without someone in this small
community (pop300) finding out. Ozark citizens know what's going
on and who comes and goes. Folks watch out for one another. I
can't imagine someone from outside coming in and not being
noticed. And if it were a local prank, then the perpetrators
would soon have been outed.

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=544&category=Environment>

>Young said he had lost interest in the phenomenon. "I'm more
>interested in making a living instead of making myself famous,"
>he said.

Typical Ozark attitude. "Fools' names and fools' faces soon
appear in public places".

>Based on photographs of the site, Talbott described it as a
>"mini-triple Julia formation." The center circle was around 31
>feet in diameter, with three circles in each "arm" of decreasing
>sizes down to eight feet in diameter. Circles in arms spaced

>approximately 10 feet apart had a slight curvature clockwise,
>according to the research. Crop lay was reported to have been
>clockwise in all circles.

See link above.

>On June 25 Scarpellini returned to the site, after Young had
>already disked the field and planted soybeans. She took soil
>samples from the location where the formations were found and
>control samples some 500 feet away from the site.
>"These samples yielded the highest concentration of magnetic
>material ever reported by the BLT Team in a crop circle,"
>Talbot reported. While normal soils seldom exceed 0.4
>milligrams of magnetic material per gram of soil, the soil at
>Knobel measured 30.29 mg, the report stated.

I think this is very interesting evidence.

>The BLT report indicated that the high magnetic concentrations
>found at the Arkansas site are similar to trends found in a
>large number of crop formations worldwide.

Also interesting.

>"The fact that under the microscope we can see both spherical
>and partially ablated particles here, the fact that there were
>no magnetic particles found in the control soils, and the fact
>that the concentration in the circle samples was so great, all
>indicate that this formation was not mechanically-flattened"
>Talbot reported.

>She said a paper published by William C. Levengood, a
>biophysicist from Michigan, and John Burke, a New York
>businessman, may shed some light on what happened. Levengood and
>Burke, who are co-founders of BLT Research, hypothesized that
>microscopic particles of meteoric iron which are entering the
>earth's atmosphere constantly as meteors burn up in the upper
>atmosphere. Those particles get drawn into a descending plasma
>vortex system.

Fine but what are the specifics and how in the hell does this
vortex, if it is a natural occurrence, create the circles found
in this Ozark field? And what stimulates the vortex in the first
place?

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>heated to a molten state by the microwaves emitted by the
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>as the plasma vortex impacts the field.

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vortex.

>"This theory is the most reasonable yet offered to explain the
>presence of these magnetic particles in so many crop circle
>soils, all over the world."

I agree that a vortex like phenomenon is responsible for both
angel hair and some crop circles but the vortex is not a natural
occurrence, which I think BLT is implying.

>Talbot also noted that interviews with witnesses revealed that
>energy was emanating upwards to at least 800 feet above the
>formation.

Also interesting info.

Ed

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Bill Hamilton

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Graham, Wendy and Bill:

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researcher, editor and incentivator. And he spoke several
languages, including chinese. Fluently. He also spoke
Portuguese, as he worked in the UK Embassy in Recife many years
ago. While he was here he investigated some of our best
cases. It was his phrase "the most amazing case of all",
referring to the Villas Boas' sexual relations with an alien in
the 50s.

Indeed... Another great one gone!

Sadly.

A. J.

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Ed,

Why a "craft"?

I remain convinced that some crop formations are true anomalies. But I think it's a grave error to immediately invoke ET "craft" as an explanation. While luminous phenomena have been seen near the locations of crop circles, presumably during their formation, they don't seem to be of the structured variety sought by nuts-and-bolts ufologists. UFOs, yes. "Craft" -- probably not in any meaningful sense. That doesn't mean there isn't an intelligence behind the circles.

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He had a good innings, will be sadly missed.

John Auchettl
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Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 17:16:43 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 12:49:39 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

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>>>"The idea is that the meteoric debris is both drawn into the
>>>descending plasma vortex by its strong magnetic field and then
>>>heated to a molten state by the microwaves emitted by the
>>>spiraling plasma," Talbott wrote in the report. "The molten, and
>>>now magnetized particles then form spheres and particles with
>>>partially rounded surfaces as they cool on the way down to the
>>>earth's surface and are left in the soil in the crop circle area
>>>as the plasma vortex impacts the field.

>>If it's not a hoax, it's far more likely a craft generating the
>>vortex.

>Why a "craft"?

>I remain convinced that some crop formations are true
>anomalies. But I think it's a grave error to immediately invoke
>ET "craft" as an explanation. While luminous phenomena have been
>seen near the locations of crop circles, presumably during their
>formation, they don't seem to be of the structured variety
>sought by nuts-and-bolts ufologists. UFOs, yes. "Craft" --
>probably not in any meaningful sense. That doesn't mean there
>isn't an intelligence behind the circles.

Hi guys,

Personally... when the first plain circles were found in the
early 1990s, I thought they might have been landing traces...
but soon after... and since then, I've learned pretty quickly
that they're separate phenomena or aspects connected to... or
part of... the ET factor.

I don't think the circle creators are craft either, but
definitely something unearthly, for sure!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Hessdalen Question

From: Catherine Reason <CathyM@ukf.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:13:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:17:15 -0400
Subject: Hessdalen Question

Hello List

I have just been re-reading Paul Devereux's book "Earthlights Revelation" (Blandford Press, 1989) and have a question regarding the Hessdalen project.

In Chapter 7 of the book, Devereux says that the 1984 report on the Hessdalen project, the authors failed to notice any correlation between seismicity and the appearance of light phenomena. He then makes the claim that a correlation did in fact exist, and presents a histogram to illustrate the point (Fig 21 of Chapter 7).

I apologize if this is old news, but I found this a bit odd and so I calculated the product-moment correlation coefficient for the data Devereux presents in his histogram. I did this using a pencil and paper and pocket calculator and these numbers are only approximate, but unless I made some ghastly error the results are as follows:

N = 24 (with 2 missing from N = 26)
Pearson's r = 0.21 (approx)

Even for a one-tailed test, this does not approach any of the usually accepted significance levels and accounts for roughly 4% of the variance. I did a similar calculation for the Sundsval/Harnosand data presented later in the same chapter (Fig 22) with the following results:

N = 34
Pearson's r = .064 (approx)

Not only is this correlation also non-significant (despite a larger sample-size) but it accounts for less than 0.4% of the variance.

Admittedly the Fig 21 data do not strictly count as interval level data, and one might argue that the product-moment correlation coefficient is an inappropriate statistical measure. I have not so far calculated the Spearman rank-order coefficient for these data, I may get around to this in the next couple of days. But by any consideration, these correlations are not impressive. It seems to me that on the basis of the data presented in his own book, Devereux is incorrect to claim that a "distinct" or "strong" correlation exists, and that the Hessdalen team were right to assert that no such correlation was present.

I wonder if anyone has any more detailed or up-to-date information on this, or on any other claimed correlation between light phenomena and seismicity.

Cathy

[See: Discussions at:

<http://www.google.com/custom?q=Hessdalen+%2B+Devereux&sa=Google+Search&cof=GIMP%3A%23ffffff%3BT%3A%23ffffff%3BLW%3A137%3BALC%3A%2>

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Re: What Is Real In Ufology - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
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>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 13:14:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

>>From: Amy Hebert <amyhebert@sbcglobal.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 07:13:54 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

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>>>not to be trusted.

>>Are you asking me a question, John, or just misinterpreting my
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>Misinterpreting? Not at all. I hear you loud and clear. But how
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You could respond with less sarcasm and simply address the
issues at hand. If you don't like what I say, John, that's your
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If you are asking me a question and sincerely want to know if I
think witnesses reporting sightings of UFO's are not to be
trusted, the answer is: I think many factors are involved and
should be taken into consideration in the analysis of any such
encounter. It is not a matter of trust, it's a matter of
conducting thorough and objective investigations, asking
important questions and avoiding personal bias as much as
possible.

>One such statement was the following: "Some people see UFO's in
>every blob, spot or blur they find in photographs or over their
>house while others see UFO's in ancient art, the bible and jet
>contrails."

>While this may be true, you fail to mention that you are/were
>one of these 'uncritical' people yourself.

First, let me make it clear that the use of the term
'uncritical' is your choice, not mine. It's not even a word
according to Webster's Dictionary.

Second, I deliberately combined a negative statement and a
neutral statement, twice in the same paragraph, to see how my
comments would be interpreted and by whom. You responded.

Re-read my statements below:

"I have found the study of UFO's to be much more detailed and
complex than just what was seen and who saw it. People do not

always tell the truth nor do all people perceive the same 'truths'. Some people see UFO's in every blob, spot or blur they find in photographs or over their house while others see UFO's in ancient art, the bible and jet contrails. Some people see the lights of a jetliner at night and call it a "UFO" or "flying triangle" while others see UFO's in NASA images from space and from Mars. Are we to assume every person who says they saw a UFO actually saw a 'real' UFO? Are all UFO sighting reports to be considered "real"?"

The point of that paragraph was that people do not always perceive the same 'truths'. When I said, "Some people see UFO's in every blob, spot or blur", I was indicating that there are people misinterpreting photographic images as UFO's due to their own personal beliefs and bias. But the second part of that statement where I said, "others see UFO's in ancient art, the bible and jet contrails", was neutral.

Instead of asking me if I think there may be UFO's in ancient art, the bible (note that I did not capitalize the word "bible" - another kind of stimulus-response test) or contrails, you jumped to the conclusion that I was debunking or dismissing these concepts as nonsense when I wasn't. Personally, I don't know if there are or were any UFO's in ancient art, the bible or contrails and I leave the question open until further evidence is forthcoming. I don't believe or disbelieve. I'm just keeping my mind open on these issues and avoid jumping to conclusions either way.

When I said, "Some people see the lights of a jetliner at night and call it a "UFO" or "flying triangle", I was indicating that, like it or not, there are people misinterpreting airplane lights in the sky at night and calling them UFO's or flying triangles. We, as investigators and researchers, can't just bury our heads in the sand and pretend every UFO sighting report is on the money and totally accurate. To do so only distorts the resulting data and computations pushing the truth about UFO's even further from our grasp.

But when I added, "others see UFO's in NASA images from space and from Mars", no value judgments were indicated either positive or negative. It was neutral. I don't know if there are UFO's in NASA images from space nor do I know if there are UFO's in the images sent back from Mars. Again, I wait and continue to gather data and information before reaching conclusions in these matters. You, John, attached your own meanings to the neutral statements I made according to your interpretation of the "truth" and your beliefs about me and my research.

As for me being "uncritical", that is your made-up word for your opinion of me - not necessarily my opinion or everyone else's opinion. I do not have to include myself in your made-up categories if I don't agree...and I don't.

>I recall you sending
>me a photograph of some smears on a glass door that you believed
>was the imprint left behind by an grey alien as it passed
>through it. At the time I was a bit taken back by how gullible
>you are, but here you are a few years later pointing your finger
>at others of the same ilk. Amazing! Like someone who quit
>smoking after many years who is overly critical of others who
>still smoke. <lol>

Ah, John, you fail to mention that you offered to "enhance" the images and send me copies, which you did. You were the one who said, what appeared to be a mere handprint to me, looked "three dimensional" and sent me several images to illustrate your point. At no time did you say it looked like "some smears on a glass door" nor were you honest enough to say how "gullible" you thought I was. Why did you wait almost 5 years to finally express your true thoughts and feelings?

Had I known you would later distort the information I shared to attack me on a public forum, I would not have sought your help as an experimenter and researcher. Many people have asked my help in the analysis of images and information but I keep these confidences private until I obtain that person's permission to publish. I hope you don't do this with other people who seek your advice and help. It's not very ethical.

In addition, I doubt I would have called it a "grey alien" since

the main witness described most of the beings she saw as white. I preferred to call them 'beings' rather than "aliens" and did so throughout the article. The title of my article contained the word "alien" because it was taken from one of the main witness' description of how it appeared to her at the time.

BTW, I did quit smoking after 7 years as a smoker. But because I know how hard it is to quit smoking, I am very sympathetic towards those who want to quit as well as those who want to smoke. It does not help to criticize people for their habits, it is more important to recognize and understand the underlying causes.

>You may currently wear the clothes of a sober skeptic, Amy.
>But 'some of us' know you better than that.

John, since we have never met in person and you hardly know me at all, how could you possibly know what I am 'wearing' at any given time? If you would spend a little more time listening to what I'm trying to say rather than projecting your own distorted beliefs into everything, you might find I have an entire 'wardrobe' you have yet to experience.

>>I'm talking about the process of stimulus-response patterns
>>(according to the field of psychology) in relation to UFO
>>sightings and reports.

>Your first mistake is in considering psychology a reliable or
>trustworthy science of any kind. The field of psychology is full
>of more mumbo-jumbo than just about any other. I wouldn't put
>much stock in what you read unless you have carefully researched
>it yourself.

No, John, it's your mistake because you prefer to make it all up as you go thus limiting the research tools at your disposal. Sciences can only provide guidelines for continued learning and basic structures of analysis upon which to build. It's up to the individual to make his or her contributions reliable and trustworthy not science.

>Question:

>Please, tell me which psychological journal or treatise deals
>with the stimulus-response "patterns" in relation to UFO
>sightings and reports. I was unaware that any "patterns" had
>been discovered or published in any text books or professional
>journals. What are these "patterns" that you speak of and where
>were they published? 'Who' conducted the study and how was it
>done?

Well, some of the studies I like best are still packed away (we have been in the process of moving) but there is one report you may wish to review, if you haven't already. I don't particularly like the bias of this report but it does give a fair outline of the processes involved in stimulus-response patterns in relation to UFO sightings and reports.

Please try not to block the information outright just because it was contained in the Condon Report. The basic concepts involved in perception and cognition are presented fairly well and can be used as an introduction to further (hopefully less biased) research along these lines.

Publication:

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects
Conducted by the University of Colorado
Under contract to the United States Air Force
Dr. Edward U. Condon, Scientific Director
Daniel S. Gillmor, Editor
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- subsequently published in reports of the United States Air Force and other governmental agencies and was published commercially by Bantam Books

Section VI - The Scientific Context

Perceptual Problems
by Michael Wertheimer
<http://ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/s6chap01.htm>

and

Processes of Perception, Conception, and Reporting
by William K. Hartmann
<http://ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/s6chap02.htm>

One statement from the introduction of Chapter 3 (Section VI)
best reflects my own philosophy concerning eye-witness
reports...

"An open-minded investigator, honestly endeavoring to understand
UFO phenomena, cannot dismiss eye-witness reports, which to date
represent the only information he has. Neither can he accept
such reports without scrutiny, for there are many possibilities
for error and distortion. An initial attitude of "benevolent
skepticism," as suggested by Walker (1968) in his excellent
article on establishing observer creditability, seems
appropriate to the evaluation of eye-witness observations."

I don't think eye-witness reports should be dismissed but
neither can these reports be totally accepted without some
scrutiny and an awareness of the perceptual and cognitive
processes involved. Above all, it is most important to keep an
open mind and neither believe nor disbelieve or the risk of bias
may become a detriment to the endeavor.

>>John, if you would respond to the
>>concepts under discussion rather than take personal snipes at
>>me, we might be able to learn from each other.

>'Personal snipes?' I am responding to the "concepts" under
>discussion. Perhaps it is you who misinterpret and play slight
>of hand games because of some ulterior motive or agenda. Hmmm?

>I'm always honest and straight forward in my questions and
>comments. Unlike yourself who tries to hide your passive/
>aggressive hostility towards me behind a thin and veneer of mock
>civility. How about you address some of what is being said
>rather than trying to paint my end as "personal" in hopes of
>minimizing their impact or validity somehow.

>It's a cheesy/sleazy, debate tactic.

No, John, I just refuse to stoop to your level of conversation
and prefer to remain as tactful as possible.

>Stop playing misdirection games with me, Amy. You did the same
>thing when I asked you to consider including a few "UFOs" in
>your "IFO" lesson thread. Instead of responding to the valid
>points and questions I raised, you chose to misdirect attention
>away from them by answering my questions with more questions and
>by arguing semantics.

No, John, I did answer your questions, you just didn't like my
answers. And no matter how many times I answer your questions, you
will continue to demand more. What do you hope to accomplish by
continually demanding answers from those with whom you disagree?

This is the last time I am going to answer this question, John.
No matter how much you kick, scream and stomp, my answer will
remain the same. Take it or leave it.

I considered including a few "UFO's" in my IFO lessons but felt
that since it was about IFO's, not UFO's, then that's where I
would focus. And since my IFO Database is about IFO's, I decided
not to include images of alleged UFO's because...it's my website
and I am going to do with it as I please. Any information I may
have relating to UFO's will be posted in another section of a
new web site I am currently building. There you will find
"UFO's" to your heart's content.

>Now you seek to do the same thing here by
>labeling my comments as 'personal.' Give that nonsense a rest
>will you. Why don't you try responding to what is being said
>rather than wasting so much energy trying to paint it all as
>'personal.' Honestly, if you must know, what I feel about you
>can be more accurately described as indifference.

>You have to 'care' first before you can feel anger or resentment
>toward someone. I simply don't know you well enough to 'care'

>that much about you one way or the other. I hope that doesn't
>come off as too harsh... it's just the honest truth. How's that
>for "what is 'real' in ufology"? :)

You're right, you don't know me.

A. Hebert

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Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:09:12 -0400
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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
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>definitely something unearthly, for sure!

Hi Michel,

Being a witness of this Phenomenon since 1991 on the spot
in England I can agree with what you wrote above.

As far as I know there exists no report of a European
researcher who claimed to have seen a 'craft' leaving a
crop circle behind. The 'Oliver Castle Video' hoax is
researched and exposed as such.

The Crop Circle Phenomenon up to the early 1990s created
genuine formations which is now completely taken over by
human teams. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of all times
inbetween appeared as Balls of Light (See L.M.Howe's
book)and created unhoaxable energy patterns inside and
around fields. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of nowadays is
only to be found by dowsing (which is a very powerful and
cosmic and spritual and mental human activity)in certain
activated fields.

Neither a 'craft' nor a meteorite has ever reportedly
created a crop circle in Europe.

Sorry to say, but if what I saw is the Californian 'crop
circle' which everybody and even scientists do speak of -
this thing is so ugly (from the picture - I wasn't
there)that it wouldn't pass established standards of crop
circle research.

And if a certain ET agenda (same valid for human
agenda)has tried to jump on the band waggon in California-
then they should practise a bit. :-))

All the best,

Joachim

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Amy writes:

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>issues at hand. If you don't like what I say, John, that's your
>right. But you don't need to twist my words and meanings to
>reflect your own personal bias towards me.

In my last note to you I believe I clearly stated the
following:

>>Honestly, if you must know, what I feel about you
>>can be more accurately described as indifference.

I don't have any "bias" personal or otherwise towards you Amy.
All that is in your head. That's what I meant when I said that
you are misdirecting the discussion by constantly depicting my
motives as "personal." I figure it's just a way for you to
artificially inflate the value of your own stock. Regardless,
you really should let go of any notions that I have some kind of
'personal' vendetta against you. I don't. As I said in my last,
I really don't know you well enough to care that much, or to be
affected by you that way.

I'll say it one more time in hopes that it will register: what I
'feel' toward you can be more accurately described as
indifference.

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>think witnesses reporting sightings of UFO's are not to be
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>should be taken into consideration in the analysis of any such
>encounter. It is not a matter of trust, it's a matter of
>conducting thorough and objective investigations, asking
>important questions and avoiding personal bias as much as
>possible.

You have a habit of stating the obvious and making it sound as if the person you are speaking to disagrees with it. If you're going to manipulate the conversation that way, maybe you should just talk to yourself and cut out the middle-man.

You wrote:

>First, let me make it clear that the use of the term
>'uncritical' is your choice, not mine. It's not even a word
>according to Webster's Dictionary.

C'mon Amy. So what? We use/make-up words/terms all the time in order to make a point or to describe something in a new way. "Skeptibunker" is one such coined word. You know exactly what I mean by "uncritical" and that's all that really matters. Not whether I coined it for the purpose of this conversation or not.

>Second, I deliberately combined a negative statement and a
>neutral statement, twice in the same paragraph, to see how my
>comments would be interpreted and by whom. You responded.

Frankly I didn't sign on to this List to become anybody's lab rat. If you want to play at 'psychologist' and conduct clandestine testing among the members of this List then you should have the common courtesy to let us know we are being 'tested.'

I resent that kind of presumptive behavior on your part. This isn't your "personal" classroom or lab for you to do with the members anything you wish. How dare you?

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>our heads in the sand and pretend every UFO sighting report is
>on the money and totally accurate. To do so only distorts the
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You left out the all important qualifier "amateur" before the word 'investigator/researcher'. Unless you have some experience and credentials that I am unaware of, you are an _amateur._

>You, John, attached your own meanings to the neutral
>statements I made according to your interpretation of the
>"truth" and your beliefs about me and my research.

Says you. You're entitled to your opinions and interpretations, Amy. But just stating them doesn't make them true or accurate.

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>_your_ opinion of me - not necessarily my opinion or everyone
>else's opinion. I do not have to include myself in your made-up
>categories if I don't agree...and I don't.

No, it is my 'made-up' word for your behavior. It is not an 'opinion' as much as an 'observation.' There is a difference.

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>images and send me copies, which you did. You were the one who
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I was attempting to spare your feelings at the time. Maybe I should have let you have it right between the eyes. You may have become more thoughtful and critical sooner.

"My bad" as they say. ;)

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>>journals. What are these "patterns" that you speak of and where
>>were they published? 'Who' conducted the study and how was it
>>done?

Your response:

>it was contained in the Condon Report.

Man, I'm not even going to dignify that with a response. The
"Condon Report?" You ought to know better than to use a
discredited piece of crap like that as reference material. Much
less use it as 'credible' material in a debate about UFOs or UFO
reports.

In case you haven't heard... the "Condon Report" was an
intentionally biased and therefore _useless_ piece of garbage.
Period. Unless you wish to cite it as an example of how
shameless and low some people are willing to sink in order to
debunk the UFO phenomenon.

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>neither can these reports be totally accepted without some
>scrutiny and an awareness of the perceptual and cognitive
>processes involved. Above all, it is most important to keep an
>open mind and neither believe nor disbelieve or the risk of bias
>may become a detriment to the endeavor.

Again you state the obvious as if it is 'original' with you.
BTW, you apparently consider yourself to be a "researcher" or
"investigator" now-a-days. Have you done _any_ 'original' work
in the field?

Please, don't even mention the Rod stuff. All you did there was
'duplicate' and quote from someone else's work.

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>answers. And no matter how many times I answer your questions, you
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Answers?

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>remain the same. Take it or leave it.

>I considered including a few "UFO's" in my IFO lessons but felt
>that since it was about IFO's, not UFO's, then that's where I
>would focus. And since my IFO Database is about IFO's, I decided
>not to include images of alleged UFO's because...it's my website
>and I am going to do with it as I please.

What a mature response! "It's my toy and I'll do what I want
with it." <lol>

>You're right, you don't know me.

And, from everything I have seen and heard so far, I don't want
to either! ;)

John Velez, Speaking strictly for myself

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>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@interlynx.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 02:43:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 17:16:43 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

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>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 12:49:39 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>><snip>

>>>>"The idea is that the meteoric debris is both drawn into the
>>>>descending plasma vortex by its strong magnetic field and then
>>>>heated to a molten state by the microwaves emitted by the
>>>>spiraling plasma," Talbott wrote in the report. "The molten, and
>>>>now magnetized particles then form spheres and particles with
>>>>partially rounded surfaces as they cool on the way down to the
>>>>earth's surface and are left in the soil in the crop circle area
>>>>as the plasma vortex impacts the field.

>>>If it's not a hoax, it's far more likely a craft generating the
>>>vortex.

>>Why a "craft"?

Mac, Michel,

I believe that the UFO responsible for crop circles and angel
hair are nuts and bolts machines, perhaps biological, but from
this dimension, our dimension.

I don't know exactly how they might look, but the UFO
responsible for angel hair are usually described as very shiny,
orb-like crafts that disappear after releasing the angel hair.
The craft drawn by the cameraman is certainly of this world, and
the debris in the AA footage is real, though unusual. I also
think that the simplest explanation for crop circles is that
they are created by someone above, from a solid craft
(platform), for unknown reasons.

Or they could all be hoaxes, which I doubt.

I have no experience with other dimensions so I can't comment on
the likelihood that something from beyond is responsible for
this phenomena.

>>>I remain convinced that some crop formations are true
>>>anomalies. But I think it's a grave error to immediately invoke
>>>ET "craft" as an explanation. While luminous phenomena have been
>>>seen near the locations of crop circles, presumably during their
>>>formation, they don't seem to be of the structured variety
>>>sought by nuts-and-bolts ufologists. UFOs, yes. "Craft" --
>>>probably not in any meaningful sense. That doesn't mean there

>>isn't an intelligence behind the circles.

There is definitely an intelligence behind the circles, but is it alien?

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>I don't think the circle creators are craft either, but
>definitely something unearthly, for sure!

I'm not so sure they're "unearthly".

Ed

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Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:26:32 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:22:34 -0400
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http://www.expressandstar.com/artman/publish/article_37198.shtml

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"An unexplainable silver spinning ball was seen briefly between Dudley Castle and the Black Country Museum on Monday around 1pm. It remained in the sky for seconds before disappearing.

"On Tuesday night an object was seen in the Brierley Hill area at approximately 11.45pm which travelled in the direction of Pensnett turned very sharply then disappeared instantly.

"These sightings are from credible witnesses who know the difference between, aircraft, balloons, satellites and the rising stars. There are probably even more sightings that we are totally unaware of," she said.

"It is well documented that UFO's are seen before an earthquake occurs and also when volcanos erupt. Uform is watching the skies with an open mind," she added.

The group also has video footage of an unexplainable object which was seen in the Gornal/Himley area at about 1pm on June 29 and also last month had reports of sightings from Stourport, Kidderminster and Worcester.

"One of our own Uform members witnessed an unexplainable orange ball of light on July 8 near Hartlebury Common."

She appealed for anyone with information about the Black Country sightings or other unexplainable objects in the sky to contact Uform on 07941 833842.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:24:36 -0400
Subject: Mother Kept Mummified Daughter For Aliens

Source: Yahoo News - Reuters

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=3Dstory&cid=3D573&ncid=3D757&e=3D6&u=3D/nm/20030717/od_nm/life_kazakhstan_corpse_dc

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UFO Frauds Redux

From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
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Subject: UFO Frauds Redux

Greetins All on UpDates.

13 months ago a thread was launched on UpDates concerning credibiltiy in UFO research as conducted and relayed by different names in the field. One name that surfaced was "Guy Kirkwood" who is also known by another name "Mel Noel." Kirkwood/Noel is well known to UFO Magazine. I conducted an expose of Kirkwood/Noel's claims of being a F-86 Sabre Jet pilot and commerial pilot in Vol. 7 Number 3 of UFO Magazine in May, 1992. I also uploaded that expose to Updates and if you are interested here is a link.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m29-017.shtml>

On June 03, 2002 list member Bill Hamilton wrote;

June 03, 2002 Bill Hamilton

"I noticed that Kevin Randle has agreed with Stanton Friedman on Mel Noel (AKA Guy Kirkwood) and his story while he flew an F-86 Sabre jet back in 54. I recently talked with Guy at Rachel and he passed around his military record of honorable discharge (DD214) together with several pages of a United Airlines roster with his name on it while he worked for that company. I saw no evidence of record tampering, but these records could not be found by public access. I do not have copies of these at this time, but I have also seen photos of Guy in flight gear in the cockpit of an F-86 when looking much younger. I suspect that someone has tampered with his records as discovered by an FAA investigator a few years ago when Guy was flying a private plane and had to make an emergency landing on a freeway."

That same day, June 03, 2002 Stanton Friedman stated:

"It seems amazing that suddenly Guy Kirkwood comes up with a DD214 even though Linda Howe gave him plenty of time to do so a few years back after we had a big session at the Hilton Hotel in LA with Guy. His first excuse was that it was in a box that fell off the truck when he moved. Another extension ; no form. He also claimed to have flown DC-8s for United, but could not provide a copy of his card for the Airline Pilots Association though he claimed membership. They didn't have him listed under any of the 3 names he has used. I checked the FAA for his pilot credentials. He was cleared for single engine aircraft. The DC8 has 4 big ones. He claimed to have graduated from Cheshire Academy. I checked with them, he had only attended for a few months and no graduation. There was also a letter from the Air Force denying that anybody by any of his names had been an Air Force pilot. His story about what happened (being threatened by a supposed CIA agent brother of the host, Bob Dornan,) on a TV show when he was exposed, was a flat out lie. I would suggest he is a consumate con-man. That is a left handed compliment."

On June 04, 2002 another user, GT McCoy wrote;

"Ok, What unit, regular, air guard, and for how long? Irritates me with these weasels who claim military service, It is easy to check them out (If you know what you are doing). Like what model of F-86? How do you start it? what was the armament? (this one

separates the A's (machine guns, 50cal. to be exact) from the D's (Rockets)..or the all flying tail what do you know about that?"

The point being that if Kirkwood/Noel had actual background as a military pilot he could answer these questions, show documents and prove his status. This is not to mention that I gave Kirkwood/ Noel a year to provide documents which he never did...not even to this day.

Bill Hamilton promised to get the information as shown here.

June 04, 2002

"Good questions GT. I will get the answers for you but since Guy does not yet have email I will have to rely on the telephone or mail and if you have more specific questions, please forward to me.

We waited and waited but the answers were not forthcoming but then on June 07, 2002 Bill Hamilton made this statement.

"This is a conclusion to reach when you just read articles and don't do real research enough to know which parts of this article are inaccurate.

Bill H."

Up to this point I had decided to stay out of this exchange but then my expose was accused of not being accurate. I decided to throw my 2 cents into the ring.

June 07, 2002

"First, before we ever printed the article on Guy the Shyster, I had him sitting in my kitchen and gave him the proofs to read and if he chose to refute anything, he had his chance even before the article ran. By a month.

Next I gave him the chance, and waited OVER ONE YEAR for him to produce his DD 214.

I interviewed Don Dornan for the article. For those of you that do not know who he is, his brother was Rep. Robert Dornan of Orange County Calif. or as he is known.... B 1 Bob Dornan. Dornan interviewed Kirkwood, Noel, Cornwall back in the 60's about his story. Bob Dornan was a F-100 Super Sabre Pilot and he knew Kirkwood was full-of-it. Exposed him on LA TV. Etc. etc. etc. I could go on but what is the use?

Now Bill Hamilton... what is inaccurate?"

Bill answered me with this;

"Hey, Pal, this is the attitude that doesn't get us anywhere in this field. I will only post the info once I have it all correct. I am not taken by anything because everything is provisional with me. The trouble is everything is conclusive with you."

We waited and waited but nothing was forthcoming. Bill exchanged a series of emails with GT McCoy, where McCoy gave questions to Hamilton for Kirkwood/Noel to answer. According to GT McCoy Kirkwood/Noel failed his test that any military F-86 driver or DC 8 pilot would know.

The bottom line is very simple. Since it has been 13 months and Bill Hamilton never came up with the proof, I think it is time he admitted he was wrong about my expose not being accurate. I sincerely doubt however that Bill will. But if Kirkwood/Noel has his DD 214 why not furnish a copy to us and I will do a complete retraction in the pages of UFO Magazine if I am wrong about him being a fraud. That seems to be very fair, doesn't it? After all I have waited over a year, what do you say Bill?

Don Ecker
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Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003 - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 20:52:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003 - Rimmer

>From: John Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 20:10:37 EDT
>Subject: Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003

>>From the Editor Of UFO Magazine (Uk)

>>The death has been announced of Gordon Creighton, who died this
>>morning (Wednesday, 16 July, 2003). He was aged 95.

>Gordon was a friend, he was colourful, helpful, thoughtful and
>an interesting human, who devoted endless energy to the subject.
>FSR was a benchmark and a stable platform for Ufology to hang
>it's hat when others fell by the 'UFO trail', that stability and
>print record will be Gordon's legacy.

>He had a good innings, will be sadly missed.

>John Auchettl
>Director - PRA

We all regret the passing of Gordon Creighton, and look with amazement and admiration at the scope of his life and learning, and particularly his mastery of languages as esoteric as Mongolian and Tibetan, as well as Chinese and a number of European tongues. All our sympathy goes to his family and friends.

However our respect must not blind us to the fact that far from being "a benchmark and a stable platform" for ufology, Flying Saucer Review became during his stewardship a mouthpiece for his own bizarre and eccentric views, which included a fair amount of extreme right-wing politics.

If anyone made FSR a "benchmark" it was his predecessor Charles Bowen, who inherited and developed a magazine which truly was a forum for all that was best in UFO research and comment. Under Bowen FSR welcomed voices as varied as Jacques Vallee, Donald Menzel, Jerome Clark, Jenny Randles, Richard Haines - in fact most of the major UFO investigators - and sceptics - of the day. I've just picked a couple of copies from my file, and in three issues from 1980 I find major articles and reports by Bill Chalker, Leonard Stringfield, Ann Druffell, Jenny Randles, Aime Mitchell and Maurizio Verga.

Under Bowen's editorship Gordon Creighton did much invaluable work, translating interesting UFO cases from foreign-language - particularly Latin-American - newspapers, including the ground-breaking Vilas Boas case some correspondents have already mentioned. However, without Bowen's steadying influence, under Gordon Creighton's control FSR became almost the private property of a very small group of people, mostly dominated by the eccentric Puerto Rican researcher Jorge Martin and his obsession - shared by Creighton - with bloodsucking djinns.

I crossed swords once with Creighton, when he began to promote a curious conspiracy theory that public libraries in Britain were acting under government orders to remove 'pro-UFO' books from their stock. As a professional librarian responsible for library

stock ordering, I pointed out that I had never received such instructions, nor had any of my colleagues. A letter to Crighton to this effect merely resulted in the ending of the exchange arrangement with MUF0B magazine that had been established more than a decade earlier between John Harney and Charles Bowen.

One must admire Gordon Creighton's great energy and enthusiasm, and I am sure those who knew him are right when they testify to his friendliness and helpfulness; and to be actively editing a magazine at the age of 95 is no mean feat.

But let us not allow the myth to develop that Creighton's tenure with FSR produced a magazine that was either influential, or helpful to ufology. On the contrary: he took a magazine which was well-respected and represented the mainstream of intelligent UFO research, and reduced it to the mouthpiece of an eccentric cult.

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

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Re: Reports Of UFOs Flooding Into UK Group - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 13:41:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:07:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Reports Of UFOs Flooding Into UK Group - Hatch

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Hello all:

Two questions for anyone involved:

1) What are the bounds of the "Black Country" of England? This
has been referred to before.

2) Since when is Mars, now in its closest approach in tens of
thousands of years, an "inexplicable orange ball of light"?

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Investigator Question on Object Shape

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Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:08:28 -0400
Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

Hello Listers,

Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

Todd Lemire

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Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:14:49 -0400
Subject: UFO UpDates Off-Line Until July 25th

Gentle Subscribers & Readers,

That time of the year is upon us again.....

This moderator needs to take a break. Consequently UFO UpDates will be on hiatus until Friday July 25th.

Please hold your responses/posts until the evening of Thursday July 24th.

Many thanks for your participation and interest,

Errol Bruce-Knapp

["Goin' up the country, got to get away....." -- Canned Heat]

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Sorry, but this is not the case. Where is the evidence for these century old crop-circles? There is the famous "Mowing Devil" broadsheet from the 18th century, the relevance of which to crop-circles is marginal, to say the least. There are a few anomalous marking and swirls in crops recorded from the 1970s (like the infamous "Tully Saucer Nests" in Queensland) which are more analogous to wind damage than the neat circles of the '80s and '90s.

The origin of the crop circle phenomenon was Southern England in the 1980s. There was nothing before then even remotely similar.

Consider this: right at the heart of English crop circle country lies the town of Warminster. In the 1960s and 1970s this town was absolutley awash with ufologists from all around the world looking for 'The Thing'. Every weekend ufologists climbed every hill in the vicinity looking for UFOs - in the sky and possibly landed as well - and there was only one report which, in retrospect, could have been interpreted as a crop circle.

So if they've been around for years - centuries even - why were they not an integral part of the UFO story during this period? Almost everything else which happened in Warminster has been recorded in a UFO context in the writings of Arthur Shuttlewood and dozens of others who were there at the time.

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

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 15:00:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 14:13:58 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Hamilton

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:28:01 -0700
>Subject: UFO Frauds Redux

>Greetings All on UpDates.

>13 months ago a thread was launched on UpDates concerning
>credibility in UFO research as conducted and relayed by
>different names in the field. One name that surfaced was "Guy
>Kirkwood" who is also known by another name "Mel Noel."
>Kirkwood/Noel is well known to UFO Magazine. I conducted an
>expose of Kirkwood/Noel's claims of being a F-86 Sabre Jet pilot
>and commercial pilot in Vol. 7 Number 3 of UFO Magazine in May,
>1992. I also uploaded that expose to Updates and if you are
>interested here is a link.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m29-017.shtml>

>On June 03, 2002 list member Bill Hamilton wrote;

>June 03, 2002 Bill Hamilton

>"I noticed that Kevin Randle has agreed with Stanton Friedman on
>Mel Noel (AKA Guy Kirkwood) and his story while he flew an F-86
>Sabre jet back in 54. I recently talked with Guy at Rachel and
>he passed around his military record of honorable discharge
>(DD214) together with several pages of a United Airlines roster
>with his name on it while he worked for that company. I saw no
>evidence of record tampering, but these records could not be
>found by public access. I do not have copies of these at this
>time, but I have also seen photos of Guy in flight gear in the
>cockpit of an F-86 when looking much younger. I suspect that
>someone has tampered with his records as discovered by an FAA
>investigator a few years ago when Guy was flying a private plane
>and had to make an emergency landing on a freeway."

>That same day, June 03, 2002 Stanton Friedman stated:

>"It seems amazing that suddenly Guy Kirkwood comes up with a
>DD214 even though Linda Howe gave him plenty of time to do so a
>few years back after we had a big session at the Hilton Hotel in
>LA with Guy. His first excuse was that it was in a box that fell
>off the truck when he moved. Another extension ; no form. He
>also claimed to have flown DC-8s for United, but could not
>provide a copy of his card for the Airline Pilots Association
>though he claimed membership. They didn't have him listed under
>any of the 3 names he has used. I checked the FAA for his pilot
>credentials. He was cleared for single engine aircraft. The DC8
>has 4 big ones. He claimed to have graduated from Cheshire
>Academy. I checked with them, he had only attended for a few
>months and no graduation. There was also a letter from the Air
>Force denying that anybody by any of his names had been an Air
>Force pilot. His story about what happened (being threatened by
>a supposed CIA agent brother of the host, Bob Dornan,) on a TV
>show when he was exposed, was a flat out lie. I would suggest he
>is a consummate con-man. That is a left handed compliment."

>On June 04, 2002 another user, GT McCoy wrote;

>"Ok, What unit, regular, air guard, and for how long? Irritates
>me with these weasels who claim military service, It is easy to
>check them out (If you know what you are doing). Like what model
>of F-86? How do you start it? what was the armament? (this one
>separates the A's (machine guns, 50cal. to be exact) from the
>D's (Rockets)..or the all flying tail what do you know about
>that?"

>The point being that if Kirkwood/Noel had actual background as a
>military pilot he could answer these questions, show documents
>and prove his status. This is not to mention that I gave
>Kirkwood/ Noel a year to provide documents which he never
>did...not even to this day.

>Bill Hamilton promised to get the information as shown here.

Don,

It is not my place to come up with the proof. It is Guy's place
and he chooses not to.

You were inaccurate in your article in that Guy's 2 middle names
are Mel Noel - he has three middle names between Guy and
Kirkwood.

I saw his documents as have others. However, he does not make
copies of them so I have dropped this altogether as now he has
not satisfied my criteria for investigation.

G.T. McCoy did submit questions to ask of Kirkwood. On the F-86
questions, he scored a 100% as McCoy acknowledged. He did not do
the same on the DC-8 question of "suitcase handles". I asked the
same question of John Lear as a test and John did not hesitate
to come up with the right answer.

For this reason, I now longer involve myself in the Guy Kirkwood
case.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy -

From: Dave Thomas <nmsrdave@swcp.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 18:44:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 14:17:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy -

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@earthlink.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 09:19:25 -0700
>>Subject: Investigator's Right & Debunking Hypocrisy

<snip>

>>I recently became aware of the article and am drafting a letter
>>of response to the Inquirer right now. Thomas did exactly the
>>same thing as Printy, claiming that since he could reproduce
>>Moore's (bogus) calculation, Moore was right and I was
>>mathematically "incompetent." The problem was, Moore's
>>calculation was full of "mistakes" and the mathematical
>>equivalent of $2 + 2 = 3$. All the fatal math mistakes were
>>pointed out on my website, but Thomas, naturally, doesn't
>>mention a single one of them, calling them only "quibbles" and
>>"shrill accusations."

I have reviewed Rudiak's website again, and my own copy of the
math calculations for Charles Moore's trajectory calculation,
and have come to this conclusion:

David Rudiak has disagreements with C. B. Moore over how to
model the Flight #4 trajectory. Some of these disagreements
might even have some merit - say, using the same wind speed for
a given altitude interval on the way up as on the way down.
However, all of these disagreements amount to simply "Well, if I
was modeling this trajectory, I would have used THIS approach,
and THESE assumptions."

However, I can find NO justification whatsoever for Rudiak's
persistent accusations of fraud and hoaxing against Dr. Moore
(Moore received an honorary doctorate from New Mexico Tech
earlier this year). Instead, the "Fuzzy Math" Rudiak complains
about stems from Rudiak's approach to how HE (Rudiak) would have
done the calculations, and NOT what Moore published or said he
did.

Using Moore's own data, and following the directions in his
table, I was able to easily reproduce Moore's chart. I did not
have to "push back 5 points" as Rudiak claims. I did not have to
"push back all data points" as Rudiak claims. I simply typed in
the givens, applied Moore's stated formulas, and plotted the
trajectory, which agreed extremely well with Moore's own
calculations.

I've included a chart of same on my web page about Rudiak and
the Sci Fi Channel's "Roswell- Smoking Gun" show; this is at:

<http://www.nmsr.org/sf-gun.htm>

(The link didn't come through on the original message).

Here's an example from my calculation:
The 15th line of Moore's table (reproduced on Rudiak's site here:

<http://roswellproof.homestead.com/Flight4 Table5.html>

The first 5 entries are givens - assumed values developed by Moore in his analysis.

The first entry is altitude in feet: 42651.
The 2nd entry is rate of rise in feet per minute: 600.
The 3rd entry is time into the flight, in minutes (67.0)
The 4th entry is wind speed in miles per hour (83 mph).
The 5th entry is the angle the wind is coming from (242 degrees)

The remaining entries are all calculated from the givens. The 6th entry is for u, east-west wind speed in mph: this is calculated as $=D16 * \sin((E16-180) * \pi() / 180)$ in my spreadsheet, where cell D16 is 83 mph, and cell E16 is 242 degrees. This formula results in a value of u for this row that is 73.3 mph (towards the East). Moore's table shows his calculation to have the same result: 73.3 mph.

The 7th entry is for v, north-south wind speed in mph: this is calculated as $=D16 * \cos((E16-180) * \pi() / 180)$ in my spreadsheet, where cell D16 is still 83 mph, and cell E16 is still 242 degrees. This formula results in a value of v for this row that is 39.0 mph (towards the North), again agreeing exactly with Moore's calculation in his table.

The 8th and 9th entries are the actual trajectory values (x and y), the subject of this discussion.

In my spreadsheet, I calculated east-west distance x as the value of the preceding line's x-position (which was 33.9 miles in my spreadsheet), PLUS the product of the east-west wind speed for the interval (73.3 mph) and the time interval. The latter I obtained by subtracting the previous time value (61.6 minutes) from the current time value (67.0 minutes), obtaining $67.0 - 61.6 = 5.4$ minutes. This equates to 0.09 hours; multiplying wind speed (73.3 mph) with this time (0.09 hours) yields an x-increment of 6.6 miles (6.597 if you wish to assume more accuracy than is warranted). Adding the increment of 6.6 miles to the previous x-value of 33.9 miles yields the NEW value for the 15th line, $x = 33.9 + 6.6 = 40.5$ miles.

The same goes for the y-value; here, the time interval (still 0.09 hours) times the North-South wind speed (39.0 mph) yields 3.51 miles; adding this to the previous line's y-value of 25.25 miles (in MY spreadsheet, of course) yields a new y-coordinate of $25.25 + 3.51 = 28.76$ miles, which rounds off to 28.8 miles for the accuracy shown.

Where I got a (u,v) coordinate pair at (40.5mi, 28.8mi), Moore's own calculation yielded (40.4mi, 28.7mi). That is, my numbers are not EXACTLY what Moore published - they are a whopping 1/10 of a mile off. I suspect that all that happened here is that Moore's table used his original data from start to finish; the "givens" may or may not have been rounded off. For example, where I typed in the value of 67.0 for time in minutes, perhaps Moore was using a slightly different value (say, 66.967 min), which rounded off to 67.0 when displayed with one digit.

The differences between Moore's calculation and mine can be attributed to round-off, pure and simple. I've seen the very same thing when converting FORTRAN codes to C++, for example. The WORST my model did in comparison to Moore's was a 1/4-mile difference at one data point.

I used exactly what Moore said he used - in his own words from the afore-mentioned Table 5, "x = balloon displacement toward the east (sum of products of the mean eastward wind component in the altitude interval with the time interval required for the balloon train to rise through the specified layer)," and similarly for y-values.

Where is the math "mistake"? Does David Rudiak really claim that $33.9 + 6.6$ does NOT equal 40.5????

The "fuzzy math" Rudiak decries exists in his own mind, not in the real world.

Now, if he wants to argue about HOW to model such a balloon flight, that's no problem. Rudiak is certainly entitled to argue the merits of how HE would do such a calculation, why he disagrees with Moore's assumptions re symmetry, and so forth.

However, I see NO evidence of a "hoax" or a "blatant math error." If Rudiak wishes to continue these accusations, then he is attempting to discredit Roswell skeptics by character assassination, pure and simple.

All this model was intended for was to see if it RULED OUT Flight #4 landing near the Foster Ranch. It did not. If the model showed the balloon heading to El Paso, now THAT would have been a problem for the Mogul hypothesis.

I thank David Rudiak for pointing out, through his numerous attempts to re-model the trajectory, that MANY different approaches still show the balloon train landing near the Foster Ranch. The 17-mile "discrepancy" is simply the uncertainty of simple models based in incomplete data.

I also call on him to cease with his unwarranted attempts at character assassination. Rudiak wants to marginalize Moore (and Mogul by extension), but his unreasonable personal attacks reveal the depths he will sink to to bolster up the leaky Roswell ship.

Sincerely,

Dave Thomas

<http://www.nmsr.org>

"Life is too short to occupy oneself with the slaying of the slain more than once." - Thomas Huxley

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Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003 - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 23:25:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 14:22:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003 - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 20:52:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003

>>From: John Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 20:10:37 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Gordon Creighton (FSR) - 1908 - 2003

Listfolk:

>>Gordon was a friend, he was colourful, helpful, thoughtful and
>>an interesting human, who devoted endless energy to the subject.
>>FSR was a benchmark and a stable platform for ufology to hang
>>it's hat when others fell by the 'UFO trail', that stability and
>>print record will be Gordon's legacy.

>We all regret the passing of Gordon Creighton, and look with
>amazement and admiration at the scope of his life and learning,
>and particularly his mastery of languages as esoteric as
>Mongolian and Tibetan, as well as Chinese and a number of
>European tongues. All our sympathy goes to his family and
>friends.

>However, our respect must not blind us to the fact that far from
>being "a benchmark and a stable platform" for ufology, Flying
>Saucer Review became during his stewardship a mouthpiece for his
>own bizarre and eccentric views, which included a fair amount of
>extreme right-wing politics.

I've snipped most of John Rimmer's message simply because the whole of it is there in his original posting. I just want to say that though John and I often disagree, on his assessment of Gordon Creighton's career and role in ufology we are in full concurrence. John explicates the decidedly mixed Creighton record with insight, eloquence, and compassion. I couldn't have expressed it better myself.

Creighton certainly deserves credit for the translating work he did, making non-English-language materials available to us monolingual types. Beyond that, he was - I'm afraid I'm going to have to speak frankly - a crank and a paranoid. FSR fell from respectability, coherence, and intellectual seriousness under his stewardship, and became almost entirely irrelevant to whatever productive paths modern ufology pursues.

I have no doubt that Gordon Creighton the human being, whom I did not know, had his virtues, but Gordon Creighton the ufologist, whom I did, left much to be desired. Those seeking a quick lesson in the extraordinarily eccentric views Creighton espoused are referred to pages 414-15 of my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed. In that entry I cite an earlier assessment by John Rimmer, who observed as long ago as 1984 that under Creighton FSR was no longer a "serious UFO journal.... From now on ... it will be of interest largely to paranoid cultists, conspiracy-mongers, and students of fringe literature." Sad to say, the

nearly two decades of FSR that followed proved John exactly right.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@interlynx.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 23:35:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 14:49:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

>>From: Joachim Koch <shar@kochkyborg.de>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:29:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@interlynx.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 02:43:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>Personally... when the first plain circles were found in the
>>early 1990s, I thought they might have been landing traces...
>>but soon after... and since then, I've learned pretty quickly
>>that they're separate phenomena or aspects connected to... or
>>part of... the ET factor.

>>I don't think the circle creators are craft either, but
>>definitely something unearthy, for sure!

>Hi Michel,

>Being a witness of this Phenomenon since 1991 on the spot
>in England I can agree with what you wrote above.

>As far as I know there exists no report of a European
>researcher who claimed to have seen a 'craft' leaving a
>crop circle behind. The 'Oliver Castle Video' hoax is
>researched and exposed as such.

>The Crop Circle Phenomenon up to the early 1990s created
>genuine formations which is now completely taken over by
>human teams. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of all times
>inbetween appeared as Balls of Light (See L.M.Howe's
>book)and created unhoaxable energy patterns inside and
>around fields. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of nowadays is
>only to be found by dowsing (which is a very powerful and
>cosmic and spritual and mental human activity)in certain
>activated fields.

>Neither a 'craft' nor a meteorite has ever reportedly
>created a crop circle in Europe.

>Sorry to say, but if what I saw is the Californian 'crop
>circle' which everybody and even scientists do speak of -
>this thing is so ugly (from the picture - I wasn't
>there)that it wouldn't pass established standards of crop
>circle research.

>And if a certain ET agenda (same valid for human
>agenda)has tried to jump on the band waggon in California-
>then they should practise a bit. :-))

>All the best,

Just curious...

But the video you mentioned wouldn't be the one where a
snowflake pattern appears within seconds as two separate pairs
of small "balls of light" swoop over the area?

I've seen UFOs on several occasions, and they sometimes move in a graceful manner as we see on that video.

Sorry to say this but I believe that footage to be genuine... the gentle swooping movement of the "objects" coincides with typical maneuverability of UFOs of certain type. I'd like to see conclusive proof that this has been proven to be a hoax.

The funny thing is...even Nancy Talbott of the BLT team admits that the evidence seem to indicate that these crop patterns are formed within seconds...and yet, someone has managed to inadvertently get footage of this, and everyone seems to have jumped to the conclusion that he must have faked it because "It Just Can't Be!"

Well, here's one case where the evidence is biting folks in the ass, and still, they refute it!?

I want to see the data that proves that footage was hoaxed!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 23:21:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 14:54:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Hatch

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>Hello Listers,

>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>Todd Lemire

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Hello Todd:

I could only find two H-shaped UFOs, and one of those morphed into a saucer shape and back again!

#13039: 1978/05/15 02:00h d=5m 03:13E 46:38N WEU FRN ALR
MONTILLY><BAGNEUX,FR:8M H-SHAPED OBJ FOLOS CAR:
WHT BEAM shines up from DOME on TOP:see drawing
/r194 LUMIERES dans la NUIT.(LDLN France) Issue No. 184

#16455: 1993/10/06 21:10h d=5m 01:46W 53:02N WEU GBI ENG
A52/ASHBOURNE,DERBYs:2/CAR:H-SHAPE BECOMES SCR then H AGAIN:
FOLOS CAR:FLASHES
Ref# 97 MISCELLANEOUS JOURNALS. Footnote 12

That last reference: Misc. Journals #12 traces back to: UFO
MAGAZINE (UK). Quest International. Graham Birdall, ed. P.O. Box
2, Grassington, Skipton, N.Yorks BD23 5UY. Bimonthly.

I only had 1 or 2 issues here, it was probably from one of
those, and little hope of finding it. I do not have Volume and
Issue # nor date of publication, probably the mid 1990s.

While scanning my database for "H-shaped" objects, I found a lot
of fish and dish-shaped ones. I will spare you those!

In spite of the 15 years between the two sightings above, and
the venues in two separate European countries, the synopses of
events sound strangely alike, nearly identical.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 02:31:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 14:55:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Groff

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:08:28 -0400
>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>Hello Listers,

>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>Todd Lemire

I've never encountered a sighting of an object shaped like an
"H" but I remember seeing a photo many years ago of a discoid
craft with a symbol on it similar to the letter "H".

Terry Groff

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Chupacabras in La Palmill Chile

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 08:04:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 14:59:49 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras in La Palmill Chile

SOURCE: Diario La Cuarta
DATE: July 17, 2003

CHUPACABRAS IN LA PALMILLA?

Terror spreads among farmers of La Palmilla, 6th Region.
Guard dogs did not bar

Chupacabras Stomachs 29 Chickens

Sedate residents of the La Palmilla sector of the peaceful commune of Rauco in the 6th Region were startled to find 29 hens with their legs in the air, completely exsanguinated and with twin holes on their necks. The peasantry was shocked at the find and without thinking twice, assigned blame to the now-legendary "Chupacabras" who had attacked again.

They had no doubts in their minds, because aside from the holes, the hens - which were all egg layers - were completely dry, as though some unknown beast had sucked their last drop of blood.

Still trembling from their fear of the "Chupacabras" and concerned by the loss of the birds, the residents noted that the deaths had occurred simultaneously in two neighboring houses on Tuesday morning.

What is strange about the matter and causes the belief in a supernatural animal partial to vampirism is that no resident heard noises, which is very strange given the fact that hens tend to be very vocal if attacked. Even the guard dogs in both houses never realized what was going on, and never made a fuss.

The first attack affected the home of Maria Carolina Bravo, who lost 24 hens. According to this woman, upon inspecting the henhouse she found a hole through which some animal or the "Chupacabras" could have gotten through. The woman did not hear any sounds eather. Martha Varas was left speechless when she found five dead hens, slain in the same mysterious fashion, in her backyard.

Carabineros (state police) of the Rauco Barracks appeared immediately and witnessed the inexplicable hen slaying for themselves.

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Gordon Creighton Biography

From: **Graham W. Birdsall- UFO Magazine [UK]** <gwb@ufomag.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 15:50:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:01:29 -0400
Subject: Gordon Creighton Biography

Here is a brief biography of the late Gordon Creighton written and forwarded to me by Paul Whitehead, FSR Director, July 16th 2003. It was approved by Philip Creighton, Gordon's son.

Best regards,

Graham W. Birdsall, (Editor)
UFO Magazine [UK]

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Gordon Creighton, who died peacefully with his family at his bedside on July 16th, was born in 1908. His first years were spent on a farm, in Hertfordshire (near where he will be buried, just outside Rickmansworth, in the cemetery where his wife, Joan, is buried).

He ran around bare foot for a few years, on the farm - with his grandfather standing in for his parents. He used to drink milk straight from cows - which is how he contracted tuberculosis.

His friend died from the disease, but Gordon survived after an operation.

When he did eventually go to school (age 11?), it was discovered that he had a bent for being multilingual and academic. This combination led him to a career in the diplomatic service, with elements of the secret service thrown in.

He never learned to drive a car, as his job - which took him to Brazil and China and the US - came with chauffeur driven cars.

He had some lucky turns. He survived the very heavy shelling/bombing of Shanghai by the Japanese in the 1930s. He had to leave China, and went to Sydney. A ship that he was due to leave on for England (but didn't) sank en route - sunk by the Germans, after WWII had started. He instead caught a boat that sailed east from Sydney, to South America. This sailed up the east coast of South America; Gordon had to disembark (in Brazil, I think) and was airlifted to the US because he was very ill. In a storm, the ship that he had been on broke up, with large or total loss of life; not surprising, the ship was in fact the front and rear sections of two other ships that had been welded together and was thus inherently weak, structurally.

Gordon worked in the UK for the UK government for some years.

His interest in UFOs had been aroused in China in the 1930s, if my memory serves me, and he eventually joined Flying Saucer Review (FSR), where his multilinguism and very sharp memory were to prove very useful for many years.

I first met Gordon (and his wife) in 1984. I remember on several occasions - during (very stimulating) discussions on religion, the meaning of life, philosophies and ufology - when he would say Oand this is mentioned on page xxx in xxx book=B9 - and he would go to hIs vast array of books and take down a book and show me the page he was referring to. Or he would refer to an obscure back issue of FSR, and show it to me.

Gordon will be remembered for his vast knowledge of philosophies and religions, and of the ufo/'flying saucer'/'alien' subject, and his sense of humour. He will be remembered by many people for his interests outside of Ufology - religion and politics, for example, and his continued interest in China - her culture, religions and politics. And he will have been pleased to know that his resting place will be so close to his beloved adopted home town of Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire.

Gordon leaves twin children - Philip and Roz. Philip will be known to readers of FSR for the work he has undertaken - and continues to undertake - for the magazine.

Gordon's funeral is at St Mary's Church, Church St, Rickmansworth, 12.30pm, Tuesday 5th August.

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Aldrich

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Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:24:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Aldrich

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:28:01 -0700
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<snip>

>Don Ecker
>Research Director
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>www.ufomag.com

Bravo! I gald you didn't let this die. You certainly allowed more than enough time for a rebuttal!

I first read about Mel Noel in Max Miller's flying saucer book. Even as a teenage his story was not credible to me, however, over the years he has taken in hundreds of people, some of whom I know are critical thinkers and do have high standards for evidence.

This guy is an excellent con-man, he could probably sell ice to Eskimos. I am not surprised that people still back him up after decades of his bunk. He did brag about his exploits with women, I think these stories are probably true as he has such convincing lines.

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CI: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

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Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:29:27 -0400
Subject: CI: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

Cydonian Imperative
7-18-03

Close Analysis of "Underground City" Images Fails to
Convince
by Mac Tonnies

Lots of links. See:
<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 40)

In 2002, Mars anomalists heatedly debated the authenticity of an infra-red image which supposedly depicted grid-like structures below the surface of Cydonia. No clear-cut answer to the controversy ever surfaced, but the majority of commentators, myself included, found the "underground city" presented by Richard Hoagland and Mike Bara (of the Enterprise Mission) less-than-compelling. (For my editorial on the alleged "city," see page 34.)

[image]

Portion of alleged infrared (IR) photo showing rectilinear "underground structures."

While most exo-archaeologists have considered the issue buried (pun intended), Mike Bara has peered long and hard at the potentially incriminating image and claims to have located areas where the presumed "invisible" features (seen only in the infrared spectrum) concur with features evident on visible-wavelength imagery. This is a rousing claim, to be sure, and Bara opens his new article with a scalding attack on his critics:

"Last year, when the Enterprise Mission released indisputable proof of massive-city like ruins buried underneath the ice at Cydonia ("Ghost Town ... And The Darkness" 9/5/2002), we were almost universally attacked by various harping critics in the so-called 'anomalist community.' These critics, many of whom operate at the fringes of the Cydonia question and fancy themselves as self appointed arbiters of what constitutes 'valid' lines of Cydonia research, seemed unable to cope with the reality of what they were Facing [sic]."

Bara's new article, posted on the stimulating Lunar Anomalies website, goes on to challenge the above "harping critics" to explain what he suggests is irrefutable evidence that the controversial IR image is a valid representation of the Cydonia region. One wonders why the renewed assault; after all, the Enterprise Mission pronounced "case closed" last year. Regardless, I eagerly downloaded Bara's new graphics, wondering if I was in for a surprise.

Bara's "evidence" is a severe disappointment. His three explanatory graphics add nothing to the assertion that Cydonia is home to subterranean ruins. The first image attempts to isolate an intriguing square-shaped anomaly near the D&M Pyramid (easily seen in visible light) and show its "mirror" in the contested IR image. The square in question is, indeed,

interesting. But its proposed IR "twin" is much less so. For starters, it's not square, but a distinctly elongated rectangle. And, embarrassingly, it doesn't even share the square's axis. Hardly the "match" it's presented as.

As I wrote last year regarding the rather psychedelic "underground ruins," encountering isolated moments of superficial agreement between the dubious IR image and visible-light photos is probably inevitable; the images in question cover a lot of terrain, and both are littered with interesting shapes. In this sense, it's remarkable that the best the "pro" side of the argument can come up with is a relatively tiny feature that fails to match what we see in Cydonia images of known provenance.

Bara next treats us to a mosaic of "extreme close-ups" familiar to readers of the Enterprise Mission. When I first examined this image I actually thought it had downloaded only partially: there is no visible-light counterpart! One can pontificate endlessly about what the suspect image shows, but Bara's argument -- demonstrated by his opening paragraph - is that features in the IR enhancement should be visible in "normal" images as well. So without a "normal" image with which to show any proposed matches, Bara's second image is effectively worthless. It fails as evidence by functioning under the assumption that the case for subterranean architecture is closed. Bara's personal bias comes as no particular surprise, and there's nothing intrinsically wrong with it. But it dodges the very challenge Bara pretends to set up for his "harping critics." (What, one wonders, is Bara's definition of "harping"? Pointing out blatant logical inconsistencies?)

There's one more graphic that purports to prove the reality of a sprawling, mostly buried city. This time we're treated to an actual visible-light counterpart, so it's not quite the exercise in time-wasting as the former graphic. But it's a close call. So far as I can determine, the parallel Bara wants us to be able to see is an "underground" continuation of a ridge formation near the Cydonia City complex. I'm not going to comment. Look at the graphic yourself. Take a good, long look at the other two while you're at it, if you haven't already. Is this the undeniable evidence Bara thinks it is? Or is this a desperate attempt to breathe new life into a false unknown?

Lastly, I don't think Bara is being disingenuous. I think he has made an unconscious ideological commitment to the spurious buried city and, consequently, is afraid to see it evaporate. It's an easy position to sympathize with. And while I have, indeed, attacked Bara's evidence, I have not - and will not -- attack Bara himself. I like his Lunar Anomalies site and agree with him that probable artificial structures await us on both the Moon and Mars.

Let's get on with it.

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Gates

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Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Gates

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This was a case I followed with interest when it was on UpDates.
Bottom line to all of this is the following.

1) Even if Kirkwood/Noel provides a copy of his DD 214, it is meaningless until somebody can independently verify via request through the national records center that this in fact is correct. Think of the various "document" problems in the UFO community during the last 30 years.

2) As I recall at the time (13 months ago) I volunteered to make the records request if somebody would provide all the necessary information about Kirkwood/Noel.

That way if folks were too busy, I was more than happy to fill in.

Nobody bothered to provide any information and the entire matter has been ignored until Don has mentioned it again...which I am glad he did.

I eagerly wait to see if anything floats up.

Cheers,

Robert

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UFO Sighting OZ Files 07-19-03

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Fwd Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 15:47:36 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting OZ Files 07-19-03

UFO Sighting OZ Files 19.07.03

Source: 1800 UFO Hotline call 2999 12.06.03 NSW

Date of Sighting (s): 8th June and the 12th June, 03
Time: 19:45hrs (8th) 19:55hrs and 21:15hrs(12th)
Location: Adamstown, Newcastle NSW
Duration of Sighting (s): One hour (8th) 10-15 min. x 2 (12th)
Size of all Objects: One quarter size of 5 cent piece
Colour of Objects: Orange/amber (orb)
Noise: Nil
Shape: Star (orb) Bright: faded in and out
Objects observed: 8th June (3) 12th June (2)
Other Witnesses: 8th June (husband) 12th June
(Husband and friend)
Name of Reportee: Sue

Report:

Sue and her husband were in their lounge room on Sunday the 8th June when they noticed an amber coloured light through their window. It was moving from North to South and apparently was lower than the usual planes that fly from South to North on a regular basis. They noted it was around 19:45hrs and when they went out to get a better view they noticed there was no noise and the amber/orange colour of the object seemed to fade in and out and looked as if the size was fluctuating as well.

They also spotted another two moving down the coast within an hour of the last sighting. They were all the same colour and size and were also heading in the same direction.

On Thursday the 12th of June, they observed the same objects, one at 19:55hrs and another at 21:15hrs. Sue contacted Williamstown Air Force base who stated they did not have any planes out that night. Sue then contacted us.

END OF REPORT

Regards Karen Burden UFOR NSW/AUFORN Investigator

Source: 1800 UFO Hotline call 2998 12.06.03 NSW

Date of Sighting (s): 11th June, 03
Time: 17:30hrs
Location: Sydney NSW
Duration of Sighting: 15 - 20 minutes
Size of all Objects: One 16th the size of a five cent piece at arms length Colour of Objects: White
Noise: Nil
Shape: Star like
Objects observed: Two (2)
Other Witnesses: Nil
Name of Reportee: Pam

Report:

Pam was on her coffee break at TAFE CBD and was standing outside

on the balcony when she noticed a bright star in the sky. She stated that she was watching it when an object came along side it? and remained stationary. She then noted another one approaching that also pulled up to the right of the object but some distance from it. She thought it strange. She watched them for over ten minutes when the one who had arrived last, moved off.

Just then she noted that the one she had noticed in the first place was moving towards her direction. Pam stated it was heading East, towards the Ocean.

END OF REPORT

Regards Karen Burden UFOR NSW/AUFORN Investigator

Source: 1800 UFO Hotline call 3014 25.06.03 NSW

Date of Sighting: 25.6.03
Time: 18:00hrs
Location: Great Western Highway in Lithgow NSW
Duration of Sighting: 2 - 3 minutes
Size of all Objects: Basketball held at arms length
Objects: White/green
Noise:?
Shape: Round
Objects observed: Three (3)
Other Witnesses: Nil
Name of Reportee: Graham M

Report:

Graham M, was driving home from work on Wednesday 25th June, it was around 6pm. He pulled up at an intersection on the Great Western Highway in Lithgow and noticed 3 bright white lights in the western sky, about 20 degrees above the horizon. As his eyes adjusted to what he was looking at he could make out a round object with a white light in the front, one either side and a green flashing light emanating from the back section. It was just sitting there as if it was looking around. Graham M, thought it must be a helicopter, so he wound down his window to get a better view.

He was amazed that there was no sound coming from the object and it was so close, as big as a basketball held at arms length. Graham M, had stopped at the intersection and thought other cars must also have stopped to look, but when he looked around him there were no other cars on the road. After 2 or 3 minutes he got a strange feeling that they could see him and were watching him so he started to drive on. When next he looked the object was gone, just vanished.

While I was interviewing Graham M, during his recollection he realised that it was strange there were no other cars on the road during his sighting. 6pm Great Western Highway is usually busy. The next day he told his workmates about his sighting and they all said he was crazy, but Graham M, said I know what I saw.

Investigator Lorraine Cilia
U.F.O.society Western Sydney: Affiliated AUFORN

Source: 1800 UFO Hotline call 3008 20.06.03 NSW

Date of Sighting: 20:6:03
Time: 19:45hrs to 19:50hrs
Location: Moss Vale NSW
Duration of Sighting: 2 - 3 minutes
Size of all Objects: Star
Objects: Yellow
Noise: Nil
Shape: Star like
Objects observed: Two (2)
Other Witnesses: Wife
Name of Reportee: James

Report:

On Friday evening 20th June at 7.45pm to 7.50pm James observed

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Re: Richard Gere: Future Victim Of 'Mothman' -

From: Loren Coleman <lcolema1@maine.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2003 22:19:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2003 16:53:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Gere: Future Victim Of 'Mothman' -

Just ran across this... written by Ian Rogers on June 10th...

>From: Ian Rogers <onemoreshadow@rogers.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2003 08:00:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Richard Gere: Future Victim Of 'Mothman'

>Gere could break his leg ten years from now and Coleman will
>probably be saying, See, told ya.

>So very sad.

Actually, of course, the Richard Gere angle is something the media reporter put on it. I was not responsible for the headline or spin of that Wireless News story, of course. Sometimes it is okay to kill the messenger, I guess.

Anyway, I merely was engaging in an intellectual exercise, to make a point. Such a big deal is made out of the "Poltergeist" movie curse (even a "true" on snopes' Urban Legends page) but only 4 deaths are connected to that movie's "curse." However, for Mothman, as of today, July 20th, there are 75 deaths that can be loosely linked to Mothman:

http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman_death_list.html

Take it or leave it. I'm not evangelical about it, folks. I'm still alive and so is Keel, right? :-)

Loren

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Abduction In Finland?

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Subject: Abduction In Finland?

I am looking for information about a possible abduction in Finland in July 31, 1981 investigated by "the famous astronomers Juhani Kyrolair and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University" according to the APRO Bulletin note I have.

If anybody can help, please contact me off-list:

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Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Secrecy News -- 07/21/03

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SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 61
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** WHITE HOUSE DEFENDS STANCE ON IRAQ WMD
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WHITE HOUSE DEFENDS STANCE ON IRAQ WMD

"The President of the United States is not a fact-checker."

That is how a senior Administration official explained the fact that President Bush was oblivious to disputes within the executive branch over the status of Iraq's nuclear weapons program.

At a July 18 briefing, the official sought to defend the view that Saddam Hussein's Iraq was engaged in the reconstitution of its nuclear program, citing newly declassified portions of an October 2002 National Intelligence Estimate. The transcript of that background briefing is here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/wh071803.html>

Much of the controversy on this point has revolved around a set of forged documents purporting to show that Iraq sought to purchase uranium from Niger. Images of the forgeries, as published by the Italian paper La Repubblica, were posted by Cryptome.org here:

<http://cryptome.org/niger-docs.htm>

Administration officials stressed, however, that the allegation that Iraq sought uranium from Africa has never depended solely on the forged Niger documents.

CUBA SAID TO JAM US BROADCASTS TO IRAN

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), an independent U.S. government agency, last week bluntly accused Cuba of jamming newly inaugurated U.S. television broadcasts to Iran.

"Cuba's jamming of satellite transmissions is illegal and interferes with the free and open flow of international communications," said Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, the chairman of the BBG, on July 15. "This action is illegal, represents a major threat to satellite communication and must be stopped." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/bbg071503.html>

The State Department stopped short of endorsing the accusation

against Cuba, but asked the Cuban government to investigate the matter.

"The interference with ... commercial satellite transmissions appears to be emanating from the vicinity of Cuba," said State Dept. spokesman Richard Boucher on July 18. "It does appear to be intentional. So yesterday, we called in Cuban Government representatives in Washington and we formally requested the Cuban Government to look into the matter."

In response to press reports, the Cuban government said that the allegation was false.

"The enemies of the Revolution are desperate to invent justifications for their aggression," said Ricardo Alarcon, president of the Cuban National Assembly, on July 17.

Iran has no information about this issue and has held no talks with Cuba in this regard, said Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid-Reza Assefi, according to Deutsche Presse-Agentur.

NEW FRUS VOLUME ON VIETNAM

U.S. policy towards Vietnam during the last several months of the Johnson Administration is documented in Foreign Relations, 1964-1968, volume VII, Vietnam, September 1968-January 1969, published on July 16. The full text of the new volume is available online here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/johnsonlb/vii/>

NIXON NSC FILES OPENED

The National Archives announced last week the opening of 180,000 pages of Nixon Administration National Security Council files. See:

http://www.archives.gov/media_desk/press_releases/nr03-55.html

JUSTICE DEPT IG REPORT ON PATRIOT ACT

In the latest semi-annual report on implementation of the USA Patriot Act, the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General reported receiving 34 "credible complaints" of abuse by law enforcement personnel, including allegations of excessive use of force, illegal search, and verbal abuse.

See the Third Report to Congress on Implementation of Section 1001 of the USA PATRIOT Act, July 17, 2003, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/oig/patriot071703.html>

See also "Report on USA Patriot Act Alleges Civil Rights Violations" by Philip Shenon, New York Times, July 21:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/21/politics/21JUST.html>

HISTORICAL INTEL BUDGET DATA SOUGHT

The Central Intelligence Agency will not oppose a legal motion to expand the scope of an FAS Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking historical intelligence budget data, Justice Department attorneys told a court last week.

After CIA said that it was "unable to locate" aggregate intelligence budget data from 1947 and 1948, we proposed to amend our lawsuit to encompass aggregate as well as subsidiary agency total figures from 1947 through 1970.

Despite a strange misreading of the papers, government attorneys said they would not oppose the motion. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/1947/cia071603.html>

We have proposed a settlement agreement that could bring the case to an expedited conclusion.

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Chupacabras Prints To Be Studied By GEO Group

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DATE: July 21, 2003

CHUPACABRAS PRINTS TO BE STUDIED BY GEO GROUP

CURICO. The prestigious GEO Group, devoted to the study of UFO phenomena, is studying the prints left by the alleged "Chupacabras" which apparently attacked thirty chickens during early morning hours last Tuesday in La Palmilla, Rauco commune.

A total of 24 birds were found exsanguinated within a henhouse belonging to Mar=EDA Carolina Bravo. In another nearby henhouse, five more hens experienced a similar attack; no explanation is forthcoming regarding the animal [whose fangs] pierced their neck and drew their blood.

Alfredo Nilo, a Curico-based researcher of UFO phenomena, visited the site of the incident and made casts of the prints which could belong to the legendary "Chupacabras". He was also able to secure samples of hair, whose origin shall be investigated. In this regard, and in order to perform more detailed studies, Alfredo Nilo took the samples to Santiago, specifically to the GEO Group, which specializes in UFO and paranormal phenomena. There he met with Alberto Urquiza, the group's president, who also participates in the "La Ley de la Selva" television show, in order to deliver the casts and perform an analysis.

"We were able to compare some of the prints of the most recent attack of this being, which occurred in Vi=Fla del Mar, and which have some similar characteristics with the Rauco evidence in the type of claw. However, the prints were left with GEO for a more thorough analysis, since they have the necessary materials and instruments," said Nilo.

In this meeting, Urquiza made known his intention to visit the area in order to see the site where the "Chupacabras" attack allegedly occurred. Even when no specific date was given, it could take place within a few weeks. Alfredo Nilo said that for the time being they await the analyses to be performed by GEO in order to ascertain the type of animal or strange being that exsanguinated the hens from Rauco. He also noted that they are waiting for the report to be drafted by the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) based on the hens that were removed from the site. The prints taken by Nilo from the site where the birds died correspond to one of the animal's legs, which is characterized by not being "retractable" (sic) like those of a dog. Furthermore, reddish hair was located which could eventually shed more light on the matter.

"We were also interested in the fact that the birds' feathers appeared to have been chopped off as if by a knife. When a dog tears at something, it pulls out the feathers and they come out by the root. We are faced with the fact that a sharp object was responsible, and the prints show that the attacker had claws as thin and sharp as a knife," he said.

Nilo also recalled that a resident of La Palmilla is devoted to

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>>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:46:44 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
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>Nick said:

>>>Fellow ufologist Grant Cameron possesses a very revealing audio
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>>>'metals man' about the much larger quantities of UFO hardware
>>>that is not in the public domain which has been positively
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>>>involved with other equally controversial stuff in the past,
>>>including UFO physical evidence studies.

>Steve replied:

>>I have always found Wilbert Smith's involvement in this genre to
>>be very interesting. I'm not familiar with the tape you mention,
>>but if there is evidence to back up these claims then we have
>>the "smoking gun" that we've all been looking for. If no
>>independent evidence exists, then we're left with another
>>anecdotal claim with nothing to back it up.

>Hello all,

>Bruce, I'll bet you've been wondering what would pull me out of
>the closet. This kind of claim is exactly what yanks my chain.
>Obviously, Steve's wondering the same thing. Nick, I'll bet
>there's others on the List whose ears and eyes popped out a few
>inches after reading your above-cited post.

>Nick, if you can, please provide the List with some sort of
>ability to listen to the tape, which may be a piece of the huge
>puzzle and a bit of "the smoking gun" we've been seeking for so
>long. This is not a small issue. Your claim is relevant and
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UFOs Are Real In Russia

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The Installation

An Interview with Valery Uvarov.

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The following extracts were transcribed from a filmed interview with Valery Uvarov, of Russia's National Security Academy, conducted by Graham W. Birdsall, Editor of the UK-based UFO Magazine. The interview took place at the 12th International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival, held February 2-8, 2003, in Laughlin, Nevada, USA.

Graham Birdsall (GB): What is your official title?

Valery Uvarov (VU): I am head of the Department of UFO Research, Science and Technical, National Security Academy, based in St Petersburg, Russia.

GB: This, then, is an official Russian government agency?

VU: Absolutely. I am answerable to two people above me. They are answerable to the next person above them, who is our President [Putin].

GB: What exactly is your remit?

VU: Our research efforts are divided into two parts. Firstly, we are constantly analysing data coming in from all over the world. We then extract what we consider to be the most interesting information through our database-which is yellow, which is red. This, then, is released to various departments throughout Russia. The other aspect of our research stemmed from asking the question: do UFOs exist or not? For sure, we know they exist, but what is behind their activity, their interest? This is the most important issue for us, and what we mostly focus our investigations on.

GB: There is active co-operation between NASA and Russian aerospace officials at a technical, scientific and maybe even military level. Do you liaise or have ties with organisations similar to your own overseas?

VU: I can tell you, truthfully, that just a couple of days before I flew to the United States I had a meeting with my ... let's say, my bosses. And they said they are very interested in co-operating with other organisations ... let's say, our friends in the West. So, I can tell you that this particular mission is at the starting point. I am charged with finding the right people. When this is done, and the next stage is activated, we can make some concrete steps.

GB: Earlier, off camera, you alluded to some important developments concerning the Tunguska explosion of 1908. For the record, can you tell us why you now believe you know the cause?

VU: It is not so much a case of belief; we know what caused it. It was a meteor, but a meteor that was destroyed by ... let's say, a missile. The missile was generated by a material installation. We don't know who constructed it, but it was built long, long ago and is situated in Siberia, several hundred kilometres north of Tunguska. I can tell you that our investigation has revealed more than one explosion at Tunguska. Let me share something with you. The last time that this installation shot down a meteor was on 24/25 September last year. The Americans ... they have three bases ... they, too, noticed this explosion. [Editor's Ref: See New Scientist vol 178 issue 2399 - 14 June 2003]

GB: Forgive me, but some will say this sounds like science fiction.

VU: Graham, you know that when we talk about the truths that lie behind this subject, we only do so with those who have an understanding of the responsibility that goes with it. And you know that we are dealing with a technology much further ahead of our own-one capable of doing things that we cannot.

GB: Can you be more specific about the location of this installation?

VU: Look for the site of the Tunguska explosion. To the southeast is the very large and famous Lake Baikal. Beyond that, to the north, is a huge and barren territory covering 100,000 kilometres. Hardly anyone lives there. There are no towns or cities. Here is where we located the installation ...

GB: Are you aware of strange stories or rumours concerning the so-called "Planet X"? If some new and heavenly body had entered our solar system, astronomers would surely detect it and declare its presence.

VU: I cannot speak for astronomers in the West, but astronomers within our Academy tell us we have nothing to fear. I have heard people talk about a rotation figure of 3,600 years for this planet, which is in a similar orbit to that of the Earth but behind the Sun. We know that this planet and the installation in Siberia are closely connected. Let me say that we believe that this installation is keeping that planet in a stable orbit. If that planet were to move, to shift orbit, the entire solar system would become unstable. Those of us in the Academy are sure that this planet is inhabited, and that this installation is designed to protect them and us. We are sure that nothing dangerous will happen. Everything is under control.

Our investigations have shown that the Earth has a pulse-a finely tuned frequency that affects everything, every living thing. Some 12,500 years ago, this pulse corresponded to 360 days of the year-study the old Egyptian calendar-but then an asteroid struck the Earth. We believe the orbit of the Earth was altered, artificially, to compensate for this. Our planet moved further away from the Sun, to a frequency pulse of 365.

This has taught us to believe that we have friends-friends who watch over us, silently. They did not allow then, nor will they allow now, any planet, comet or asteroid to strike and destroy the Earth. This, for us, is now absolutely clear.

Those who wish to weaponise space ... to tell you the truth, all of us involved in this project feel a pain in our hearts. Here we all are, investigating this installation and some other stuff, material stuff, none of which was constructed by Russians or Americans but by someone else, someone from outer space. It saddens us when we think what could happen if weapons are put

into space.

Let me speak frankly. This installation has a power system, an energy source. We have located this. It was during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia that we first noticed an increase in the output of that energy. For us, it was incredible, but we now know that this installation reacts to social upheaval and conflict. Part of our investigation involved searching through ancient records and archives, and then we came across the Echutin Apposs Alanhor [sic] texts. We call them the Alanhor, and they are at least 4,000 years old. They describe the installation, in scientific terms, as to what was taking place there. It's amazing.

I have visited the area twice. The first time our equipment detected strong levels of radiation. I have to tell you, it was pretty dangerous; we couldn't hide from it. The few local inhabitants of the area knew of the installation, of course, and they described it to us. They describe metal-like structures and drew them for us. We plotted everything on a map. But these people, their families, the animals, they were suffering from radiation sickness.

The radiation levels have been continuously monitored for the past six years, and now everyone-including the animals-has left the forest. Let me tell you something about the Tunguska explosion-something that has never been spoken of before. Two months before the explosion, every living animal fled the region. It was as if the installation had powered up to deal with the asteroid. With that came an increase in radiation. The same thing is happening now, today.

GB: Are there any plans to mount another expedition to the area and to visit the installation?

VU: The radiation is a factor but, yes, another expedition is planned for later this year. Look, we want to be open and honest about this. We welcome international participation, but the people we invite must be responsible in the eyes of the world. We want people who are honest, open-minded and transparent, who are eager and willing to co-operate and exchange and then disseminate the scientific data. I invite you, Graham, to come to Russia and visit the installation as an observer.

GB: I would be honoured. Thank you.

VU: You can tell people that we, Russia, have decided that it is time that other people should know about this, and not just a few.

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more than a simple story. We're talking about a paradigm shift
in beliefs, and that requires more than a tale told by someone
who doesn't want to be identified. Yes, I also work with many
who don't want their names used, but that doesn't prevent the
groundwork that goes along with it to verify their tales.

I'll have to admit that I don't listen to radio programs due to
time constraints (even though I worked in radio news for a
decade), so I hope that someone will post any highlights from
Errol's show on UpDates.

Steve

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The two-hour tape from the "metals man" is on my Smith CD.

Anyone who knows the names of the inner circle members will know
who he is. As I think he is still alive I do not wish to have
people bother him as I was supposed to have destroyed the tape
20 years ago. Twice on the tape he clearly says the information
is not for public consumption.

After finding it in the garage, I realized that it was very
important history related to what happened in Canada in the
1950s, and that it had to survive.

I have made it a policy to withhold nothing in my research. In
this case the entire tape is now public and the name is of no
use to anyone except someone who wishes to reinterview this man.
The man says clearly on the tape that involvement in UFOs ruined
his career. The only reason he talked to me is that Mrs. Smith
asked him to back in the 1970s. When I talked to him not even
his wife and kids were allowed in the room. He was a man who had
become paranoid over his years as a military scientist. I will
leave him his peace in his last years.

Grant

In late December 2001, chief presidential speechwriter Mike
Gerson "was parcelling out the components of the forthcoming
State of the Union speech. His request to me," recalls David
Frum in his new book *The White House in The Right Time: The
Surprise Presidency of George W. Bush*, "could not have been
simpler: I was to provide a justification for a war." And so was
born the phrase "the axis of evil."

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CHUPACABRAS GO ON A
RAMPAGE IN CHILE

"A couple from Vina del Mar," just north of Valparaiso, Chile, "went through a horrifying experience after becoming aware that a strange animal, allegedly the Chupacabra, had entered into their backyard where it attacked the family's ducks."

"One of the ducks suffered a perfect perforation in its spine. The remaining three disappeared."

"Most stunning for the protagonists of the event was that they managed to see the animal face-to-face and even strike it repeatedly with a metal cart. But the intruder managed to escape. Its escape path was not ascertained."

"This strange event was recorded early Wednesday morning," July 9, 2003. "The witnesses were Juan Silva and Veronica Vildasola, residents of the Calle Las Maravillas (street) in the town of Santa Julia. Both were hesitant about disclosing their experience, since they feared they would not be believed."

"Veronica Vildasola states that on the day in question, around 5 a.m., she heard strange noises. 'First I heard blows (thumps) on neighboring rooftops. It was like something jumping from one rooftop to another.'"

"She added, 'I suddenly heard something like a very heavy bird that landed on our roof. It immediately started to scratch the rooftop with its claws.'"

"Faced with the fear that the animal or bird would attack the ducks kept in the backyard or the hens in their coops, she woke up her husband (Silva) so he could go out and take a look."

"Juan Silva says, 'Upon going outside, I saw an animal that wasn't a dog in spite of looking like a dog. It was in a corner, hunched over the spine of one of the ducks it had caught.'"

"I got closer, hurling the wrench I held in my hand. But since it didn't move, I began to strike it with the handle of a metal hand-cart that was in the yard. The animal made some strange sounds, like moans of pain. Had it been a dog, it would have barked and yelped. But that wasn't the case.'"

"Silva added that the creature 'had very shiny eyes.'"

"His wife continued the story: 'I was holding a stick with which to strike what I thought was a dog. That's

when I saw the creature trying to escape. It did so in a semi-erect position, as though walking hunched over on two legs. It looked at me, and I also saw its shiny eyes. I don't know if I was paralyzed with fear or for another reason.'" "

"The couple indicated that the neighbors' dogs began to bark like never before."

"The mysterious creature's escape was also a subject of high strangeness for the protagonists of the event. 'Later on, we tried to see clearly which way the animal could have escaped, but we couldn't find any point through which it could have crossed. We think it could have only flown away,' said the woman."

"They noted that the animal only left some claw marks in the dirt. 'These don't match dogs' paws, either,' stated Juan Silva."

"Valparaiso, Vina del Mar and Quillota have been the scenes of similar episodes in recent years. No logical explanation has hitherto been found for any of them. For this reason, those affected by poultry deaths have ascribed the attack to the alleged Chupacabras."

"Furthermore, the case recorded in Santa Julia coincides in several aspects with the two latest cases known in Quillota. One of these is that the creature appears during the early-morning hours, jumping from rooftop to rooftop. The other is that, when faced by humans, these people notice a strange eye glow that leaves them paralyzed."

Elsewhere in Chile, "sedate residents of the La Palmilla sector of the peaceful commune of Rauco in the Sixth Region were startled to find 29 hens with their legs in the air, completely exsanguinated (drained of blood--J.T.), and with twin bites on their necks. The peasantry were shocked at the find and, without thinking, assigned blame to the now-legendary Chupacabra, which had attacked again."

"They had no doubts in their views, because, aside from the birds, the hens--which were all egg-layers--were completely dry, as though some unknown beast had sucked their last drop of blood."

"Still trembling from their fear of the Chupacabras, and concerned by the loss of their birds, the residents noted that the deaths had occurred simultaneously in two neighboring homes on Tuesday morning," July 15, 2003.

"What is strange about the matter and causes belief in a supernatural animal prone to vampirism is that no resident heard noises, which is very strange given the fact that hens tend to be very vocal if attacked. Even the guard dogs in both houses never realized what was going on, and never made a fuss."

"The first attack affected the house of Maria Carolina Bravo, who lost 24 hens."

"According to this woman, upon inspecting the henhouse, she found the hole through which some animal of the Chupacabras could have gotten through. The woman did not hear any sounds, either."

"Martha Varas was speechless when she found five dead hens, slain in the same mysterious fashion, in her backyard."

"Carabineros (Chilean national police--J.T.) of the Rauco cuartel (barracks) appeared immediately and witnessed" the crime scene and its "inexplicable hen slaying for themselves." (See the Chilean newspapers La Estrella de Valparaiso for July 12, 2003, "Chupacabra gets a beating," and La Cuarta of Temuco for July 17, 2003, "Terror spreads among farmers of La Palmilla." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esos articulos de diario.)

MYSTERY FIREBALL SIGHTED IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA

"The St. Louis County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Department says a large fiery object--seen by residents of Aurora, Babbitt and Ely at 5:24 p.m. Thursday," July 17, 2003--was most likely a meteor."

"The Sheriff's Department took several calls late Thursday afternoon from eyewitnesses who reported seeing the object and hearing loud noise."

"After checking with Duluth International Airport and

determining that no planes were missing, the Sheriff's Department concluded that it was a meteor entering the atmosphere, and the noise was a sonic boom."

Aurora (population 1,850), Babbitt (population 1,670) and Ely (population 3,724) are located in the Vermilion Iron Range about 210 miles (336 kilometers) north of Minneapolis. (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for July 18, 2003, "Object said to be meteor," page 2B.)

DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED IN STURBRIDGE, MASS.

On Sunday, July 13, 2003, at 7:15 p.m., Bob Zalewski reported, "My wife Vicky and myself spotted a silver craft for maybe two to three seconds. It was a teardrop shape. When we tried to see it again, it was gone."

"It was sunny and no clouds in sight. We were heading east on (Interstate Highway) I-84 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, about four miles (7 kilometers) north of Mashapaug Pond in Union, Connecticut.

"There was no place in the sky where it could hide. There was only open space. At arm's length, it appeared to be the size of a quarter-carat diamond. I'd say it was about 28,000 feet (8,400 meters) up. We swear that it was no plane."

Sturbridge, Mass. (population 2,047) is on Routes 20 and 131, located about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southwest of Boston. (Email Form Report)

NIGHT SAUCER SIGHTED IN BOULDER, COLORADO

On Saturday, July 5, 2003, at 12:10 a.m., five witnesses saw a UFO "come over the northwestern horizon over mountains" in Boulder, Colorado (population 94,673). It headed northeast after dancing in the sky for a few hours" until 5:20 a.m. "There were five of us who saw it, and we were facing northwest."

"It was a disc-shaped object with many different colored lights. Moved like nothing I've ever seen," the witness reported.

At first, "we noticed a bright light up behind the tree line. The light changed to many different colors but flashed a brilliant red the most. It rose to the top of the tree and hovered and flashed for about ten minutes or so."

"Then it started making erratic movements up, down, left and right very fast."

"There was a second object that rose from the same area but was closer and more to the south of the other object. It rose and flew to the right of the other object, flashed a bright white light and then vanished."

"The other object disappeared for about ten seconds, then reappeared over the top of us at a very high altitude. It danced from right to left in very fast movements. It then disappeared again and then reappeared back over the tree line. It flashed a very bright greenish-blue light at the ground. It did this in various spots over the tree line. It then started to rise back into the sky and disappeared."

Boulder, Colo. is on Highways 36 and 19, located approximately 26 miles (42 kilometers) northwest of Denver. (Email Form Report)

SILVER SPHERE UFO SEEN IN LINCOLNSHIRE, UK

On Friday, July 18, 2003, at 4 p.m., Kevin M. reported, "My father saw a bright silver round object, travelling from the northeast to the southwest" over Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, UK. "The object was very high in a clear blue sky, small amount of cloud, no engine noise. Real bright silver, very high, no contrails, a lot faster than a military fighter, almost instant speed." (Email Form Report)

JAPANESE MOUNTAINEER

TO HUNT FOR YETI

"A 60-year-old Japanese mountaineer will form a seven-member party to leave for a two-month Himalayan mission" in August 2003 "in a quest for the legendary Yeti, according to his family."

"Yoshiteru Takahashi, 60, will leave Japan for Nepal on August 10 (2003) with five other men. A seventh is to join the party in the (Nepalese) capital Kathmandu, Takahashi's wife, Masako, said."

"He has been convinced of the Yeti's existence for three decades and believes searching for it is the last romantic mission left in the Himalayas," she said."

"Few have even claimed to have seen the Yeti, but tracks in the snow, rare photos--often fuzzy--excretions, hairs and disputed testimonies are some of the elements that continue to fuel the debate on the Abominable Snowman."

(Editor's Note: Some researchers think the word Yeti is a corruption of the Sherpa phrase meteh kangmi, which means snow creature.)

"Half man, half monkey, it is said to live high up in the thick forests of Nepal and Tibet, where it is known locally by the name of Migou."

"Takahashi's party, ranging in age from 31 to 60, is to stay on the Dhaulagiri (Translated: White Mountain) massif, whose main peak is 8,167 metres (26,950 feet) high."

"They hope to track the Yeti down by setting up at least four infra-red cameras."

"Takahashi climbed the Dhaulagiri peaks twice in the 1970s and once in 1982. He returned there in 1994 for the sole purpose of finding the Yeti--in vain."

"He failed to find the Yeti although he smelled a strong animal scent and found barefoot footprints that resembled a small human child and measured between 10 and 20 centimetres (4 and 8 inches), his 56-year-old wife said."

"I know I cannot stop him as we have been married for 27 years, and I want people to understand that he is serious about this mission," she said."

"The party is being provided with logistic support from" the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun. (See the Australian Broadcasting Corp. news report of July 15, 2003. Many thanks to Loren Coleman for this transcript.)

GORDON CREIGHTON DIES
IN ENGLAND AT AGE 95

On Wednesday morning, July 16, 2003, author, ufologist and magazine editor Gordon Creighton died at the age of 95.

"Up until his death, the former British diplomat was the editor of Flying Saucer Review," one of the world's best known UFO magazines.

"Graham W. Birdsall, editor of the UK's UFO Magazine, said, 'Gordon Creighton was arguably one of Ufology's greatest-ever proponents. For the best part of 50 years, he sought out information on the phenomenon from around the world, and his lasting legacy will be that which he came to publish in Flying Saucer Review. He was a remarkable man in every respect, and the world of Ufology will mourn his passing.'" (Many thanks to Loren Coleman and Graham W. Birdsall for this report.)

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 week.

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UFOs Demon-Piloted Craft From Hell?

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UFOs: Demon-Piloted Crafts From Hell?
Baraboo Woman's New Sci-Fi Novel Connects UFOs to the Spiritual

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BARABOO, Wis. -- Could UFOs be demon-piloted crafts from hell?
Beverly Fox's Earth: The Forbidden Planet is a sci-fi novel that depicts extraterrestrials as demons plotting world chaos.

In Earth: The Forbidden Planet, demons plan to use UFOs and a devastating weapon to vanish a massive portion of the earth's population, making it appear like a biblical rapture.

The event would trigger world hysteria and shatter the Christian faith. The story's heroes are a group of college friends who stumble onto a time tunnel near Roswell, N.M., which takes them through a history of fallen angels and ancient civilizations. With evil hounding them, the students take on the dangerous quest of stopping the demons and saving mankind.

Beverly Fox was born in San Diego in 1938 and earned an associate degree in theology at Victory Bible School in Albuquerque in 1993.

She was a former resident in Roswell, N.M., and the state section director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) while living there. She now lives in Baraboo near her five children.

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Socorro's UFO Incident Still Unexplained

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El Defensor Chieftain - Socorro, NM

July 23, 2003

Socorro's UFO incident still unexplained

By Valerie Kimble

For El Defensor Chieftain

Little did Socorro patrolman Lonnie Zamora know that a single incident recorded almost 40 years ago would change his life, and the city's, forever.

Around 5:45 p.m. on April 24, 1964, Zamora was in his patrol vehicle in hot pursuit of a speeder when he heard something that sounded like an explosion.

The five-year veteran patrolman stopped chasing the fleeing vehicle to investigate what he thought might have been the detonation of a shack of dynamite.

Zamora followed a narrow, gravel road beside a small arroyo, and radioed in that he was going to check on what looked like it might have been an overturned vehicle.

He drove further on the gravel road and then exited his patrol vehicle to get a better look.

What Zamora described next has been chronicled and analyzed by UFO experts around the world. Most reports refer to an egg-shaped object supported by legs, and the presence of two beings described as children or small adults.

A loud roar and the flash of a bluish flame sent Zamora to the ground for cover before he jumped up and ran to the other side of the gravel road.

Zamora heard a whirring sound and watched the object rise out of the arroyo; the "legs" he had seen earlier were no longer in view.

Not long after the object's disappearance, he was joined by State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez who had overheard Zamora's radio dispatch. The two officers began to scour the area for clues.

And thus began an investigation into one of the most widely circulated UFO stories ever, one that propelled tiny Socorro into the center of the unidentified flying object universe.

Dave Treseder, a teen-age disk jockey at local station KSRC-AM, found himself answering telephone queries from people with prestigious-sounding titles.

The city itself was inundated with visitors from the military to the merely curious.

Zamora, meanwhile, was at the center of the maelstrom. It would be difficult to find a UFO aficionado who has not heard of him, or tried to get in touch with him, to hear from the eyewitness himself just what he saw in the desert south of Socorro on that April afternoon.

Lonnie Zamora, now long retired from the city, declined an interview with El Defensor Chieftain regarding this article. "I just don't talk about it any more," he said.

That was not the case initially. An article in the Feb. 9, 1965, issue of El Defensor Chieftain reported that "the Socorro part" of a documentary on Unidentified Flying Objects had been completed" with Zamora as one of the principals.

The Chieftain quoted the executive producer of the project as saying that "Zamora's unchanged and straightforward account was similar to 16 other verified UFO sightings in various parts of the world."

The newspaper reported that several other residents had been interviewed for the documentary including Mayor Holm O. Bursum Jr., State Police Sgt. Chavez, City Clerk Raymond L. Senn, Steve Torres Jr., Mrs. Howard Terry and Mrs. Vince Cardinali. Walter Shrode, then owner of KSRC radio, conducted the interviews.

In its June 29, 1965, issue, the Chieftain ran an article and editorial announcing the publication of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon: Unidentified Objects in Space -- A Scientific Appraisal" by Jacques Valle.

The article included the following quote: "On April 24, 1964, Officer L. Zamora saw a bright object which landed on four legs two miles out of Socorro, New Mexico. It has been argued, and even 'categorically stated' that the Socorro object was not interplanetary, but very probably one of the experimental devices recently developed by the U.S. for the exploration of the moon and planets."

However, Valle went on to say that "a good report is 100 percent unexplained."

The fascination with the unexplained, and the inexplicable, continues, as evidenced by the number of web sites detailing the Socorro UFO landing of 1964; one, by Chris Lambright, that bears the words, "Socorro the Zamora Sighting" and a black-and-white image of Zamora in a police officer's uniform.

"Of all the evidence that could be presented to support the contention that what Lonnie Zamora saw was something totally unexplained, perhaps nothing is more compelling than (an article written by Hector Quintanilla Jr., former head of the Air Force's Project Bluebook)."

Lambright quoted from Quintanilla's article, written for a formerly classified CIA publication called "Studies in Intelligence" from the fall of 1966:

"There is no doubt that Lonnie Zamora saw an object which left quite an impression on him. There is also no question about Zamora's reliability. He is a serious police officer, a pillar of his church, and a man well versed in recognizing airborne vehicles in his area.

"He is puzzled by what he saw, and frankly, so are we. This is the best-documented case on record, and still we have been unable, in spite of thorough investigation, to find the vehicle or other stimulus that scared Zamora to the point of panic."

Not all saucers have caused such controversy. Witness this news account in the Nov. 16, 1980, issue of the Chieftain:

"The U.S. Air Force has a Flying Saucer operating from this base, the public relations office recently revealed. Johnson Base personnel are quite proud of their Flying Saucer. He is T/Sgt. Abner Saucer Jr. of the 13th Bomb Squadron."

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For more on the Zamora Incident, see:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1931044279/mothmanbooks-20>

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1578590299/mothmanbooks-20>

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Flaming Ball Spotted In Northern Greece A Meteor?

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'Kathimerini' English Edition - Greece

Second Flaming Ball Spotted In Northern Greece 'Likely A Meteor'

A large flaming ball seen flying through the sky by residents in Halkidiki, Drama and Serres on Sunday night was probably a meteorite, experts said yesterday.

Many witnesses, who reported the sighting to local police, said they saw the object fall into the sea.

Earlier this month a similar "fireball" had been reported by residents of Elefsina, Kavala, Corfu and Ioannina.

There were claims it had fallen to earth in the northwestern region of Zagori, near Ioannina, but fire service workers failed to find any evidence of a fire or debris.

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July 21, 2003

By Nhia C. Yang
Sheboygan Press staff

DUNDEE _ They didn't come.

The hundreds who anxiously awaited the mysterious lights that periodically appear near Dundee were left only with disappointment Saturday night during the 14th annual "UFO Daze" at Benson's HideAway.

UFO Daze, an all-day event filled with speakers, testimonials and sky-watching that host Bill Benson calls "a place where like minds can go without getting laughed and scoffed at," attracts hundreds of people annually during the third Saturday in July.

During last year's event, mysterious lights appeared in the sky.

Those in attendance this year included people who claim to have had experiences with alien beings or aircrafts, as well as curious spectators.

Bob Kuehn of Fond du Lac, founder of UFO Daze and one of those who claims personal experiences with aliens, had an explanation for the absence of mysterious lights this year.

"I was given the impression that they were going to be coming later tonight," Kuehn, 72, said at 10:30 p.m. Kuehn said he has communicated telepathically with aliens since he was taken aboard an aircraft when he was 3 years old. "They said they had other commitments first."

Benson admitted he was a little disappointed at the lack of lights, but was also quick to note that the lights are occasionally spotted in the area outside of UFO Daze.

"If they wanted to show up, they would," he said.

Earlier in the evening, while still hopeful the lights would appear, spectators willingly shared their views about other life forms.

Freedom Baumann of Greendale, who has attended every UFO Daze, said he believes humans were created by aliens and that humans "are in the dark ages compared to them." Humans were put here to learn about love and spirituality, Baumann said.

Andrew Kovaleski of Milwaukee held a similar view. Kovaleski, who had videotaped last year's lights, came back equipped to videotape them again after having more questions than answers after last year's event.

"I'm not quite sure what to make of (the lights)," Kovaleski said.

But even had the lights made an appearance, it would have taken more to convince Dave and Karen Sparks of West Bend, two of the more skeptical in attendance.

"I'm not saying there's not anything out there," Dave Sparks said. "You just have to be careful, because this is a topic that opens itself up for hoaxes."

But Kuehn firmly maintains that these are no hoaxes.

"I know what I've seen," said Kuehn, who also said he is a pilot. "They are real. It's important that people know about this."

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SIGHTINGS CONTINUE WITH DISC OVER NEW YORK

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. Tony Blair -survival of world, Mars - Evidence for life was found in 1976, Connecticut - flashing light with incredible speed and maneuverability, New York - four witnesses see disc with thirty windows, New Jersey - numerous unknown objects moving at fast rates circling, Pennsylvania - UFO surrounded by silver spheres moving south, North Carolina - daylight disc and fighter dogfight, Ohio - brilliant light illuminates everything, Michigan - flying triangle above campers, Wisconsin - daylight cylinder spotted, California - flying triangle lands near highway, Canada - British soldier has sighting, England - chevron makes right angle turns, Greece - giant meteor or UFO falls into the sea, Zimbabwe - a flying diamond circled the area, Secret papers tell how RAF hunted aliens. Hopi Indian Chief claims flying saucers and space travel exist.

WAR CONTINUES -- SURVIVAL OF US AND WORLD AT STAKE

British Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke to the US Congress on Thursday, after receiving a Congressional Gold Medal saying he had come with an "urgent sense of mission," America, Britain, the free world face destruction. "September 11th was not an isolated event, but a tragic prologue, Iraq another act, and many further struggles will be set upon this stage before its over." "There has never been a time when the power of America was so necessary or so misunderstood. The survival of the United States and our way of life is at stake. Blair said, "The risk is that terrorism and states developing weapons of mass destruction come together. And when people say that is fanciful, I say I know the Taliban supported al-Qaida. We know that Saddam gave haven to and supported terrorists. We know there are states in the Middle East now actively funding and helping people who regard it as God's will in the act of suicide to take as many innocent lives with them on the way to God's judgment."

Blair said, "We're not fighting for domination. We're not fighting for an American world, though we want a world in which America is at ease. We're not fighting for Christianity, but against religious fanaticism of all kinds. And this is not a war of civilizations, because each civilization has a unique capacity to enrich the stock of human heritage. We are fighting for the inalienable right of humankind--black or white, Christian or not, left, right or a million different--to be free, free to raise a family in love and hope, free to earn a living and be rewarded by your efforts, free not to bend your knee to any man in fear, free to be you so long as being you does not impair the freedom of others. That's what we're fighting for. And it's a battle worth fighting. You are not

going to be alone. We will be with you in this fight for liberty. We will be with you in this fight for liberty. And if our spirit is right and our courage firm, the world will be with us. Thanks to Tony Blair See transcript at:

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/07/17/blair.transcript/>

MARS - EVIDENCE FOR LIFE WAS FOUND IN 1976

The Australian reports, "NASA found evidence of life on Mars in 1976, but dismissed the findings as impossible, two British astronomers claim." Now, evidence from missions such as the Mars Global Surveyor suggests that the early observation was correct after all. For instance, newly released high-resolution images of the planet's surface show a valley, which might have been originally formed by liquid water, the stuff of life. According to Nigel Henbest and Heather Couper, independent astronomy writers one of three biology experiments conducted on Mars by the two Viking Landers obtained clear evidence that there were living microbes on the red planet.

The experimental instrument, designed by engineer Gilbert Levin, head of the Biospherics company in the US, exposed samples of the Martian soil to an Earth-like solution of water and nutrients known to exist in meteorites and interstellar clouds. "It was the kind of solution that bacteria on Earth would love to slurp," Mr. Henbest, in Sydney for the International Astronomical Union's 24th general assembly, said. "It was cleverly designed so that if there was no life, then nothing would happen, but if there were microbes, they would take in the solution and produce gas." He said the gas was tagged with a radioactive label that could be detected by the experiment's built-in Geiger detector. Also speaking, astronomer Seth Shostak predicted that scientists would find ET within 25 years. Dr Shostak, with the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI), claimed that a \$15 billion array of 350 specially designed radio telescopes under construction in California will crank up the search for ET radio signals. "It's like going from walking to jet speed. In their new book Mars: the inside story of the red planet Mr. Henbest and Dr Couper reveal that Dr Levin's instrument tested three soil samples at differing temperatures. When tested at 46C, the sample emitted gas, indicating the presence of bacteria-like organisms. "Independent people say that if this were the only experiment on Viking the (scientists) would have been persuaded that there is evidence for life on Mars," Mr. Henbest said. The problem was that neither of the other two experiments found telltale signs of life. NASA dismissed Dr Levin's findings. By Leigh Dayton and Steven Swinford write in The Australian 7/15/03
http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,6753999%255E13762,00.html

Editor's Note: Mars is becoming larger in the night sky as we speed towards it at 25,000 mph. Its the deep orange bright star in the sky near the Moon. Get out your telescope and look for the green vegetation on Mars yourself.

CONNECTICUT FLASHING LIGHT WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED

NIANTIC - On July 6, 2003, two fishermen were anchored in their boat four miles offshore, and about 500 yards from Bartlets Light, at about 1:00 AM. They were planning on fishing all night so it didn't matter that there was a heavy fog. One fisherman laid down to take a nap, and the other was still fishing. The witness states, "I happened to look up towards the sky and saw a green flashing light." My first thought was the fog was just thick at low-level and I could see up some, and I could see an airplane so I began to look for stars or clouds, but could see nothing else but this green flashing light. After about ten seconds this flashing light began to zigzag back and forth. I've never seen anything move like that or so fast and I called my partner who got up immediately. He saw it head straight down towards the water, again, very fast. I thought it was going into the water, but it stopped at water level and the light was stationary as to be in a hover. After a few seconds it began to move slowly by us, still at water level. Then it flew straight up, in only 3 blinks of the light, then it was gone. He said, "What the hell was that?" I have no explanation as the way and the speed at which it darted, it had to be within 100 yards of us, and neither of us heard a sound. I am now a believer. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

NEW YORK - FOUR WITNESSES SEE DISC WITH THIRTY WINDOWS.

JFK AIRPORT - At 11:30 PM, four witnesses were going into the Howard Beach Subway Station on June 28, 2003, when they saw a saucer flying overhead. There was a saucer shaped object with the usual half sphere middle part with three rows of 8 to 10 windows. It was emitting a gloomy white light/haze all over it and a blinking sharp white light from the bottom. It was hovering low in the horizon near the airport. It stayed in one position about 300 meters high then moved slowly to the right while lowering itself. Then it came back to its original position, but much closer to the ground and got out of sight, because it was lower than a building. It might have landed. Other people also saw it, but did not pay attention. It was not an airplane. Several airplanes flew by paying no attention to the UFO. I followed its movements and saw it from time to time covered by the trees. We all knew we had never seen anything like that before and somehow I had a very nice relaxing feeling over the excitement of the unusual sight. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

MANLIUS -- On July 3, 2003, at 8:40 PM, a soundless, vapor less silver cylinder object flew east to west over the suburbs of Syracuse. The witness states, "I was facing south and spotted an unusual flying object that looked like a silver cigar tube." I was trying to find the wings or a tail section and neither was visible, if they existed. The object was in site for about ten seconds and it did not make a sound and made no vapor trail. It was traveling west about 15 degrees off its right side. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

STATEN ISLAND - Seven people swimming saw a strange object in the sky. The witness states, I was in the pool with my dad and my uncle when I saw a dot far away in the sky on July 13, 2003, at 7:30 PM. As we got out of the pool we saw four dots that stayed in the same position. By that time all seven of us began to look and saw seven dots. We also saw two dots revolving around each other and flashing brightly. At that time, as we were looking at the dots, two commercial airliner almost collided! It was very bizarre and all seven of us agreed that this sighting was something from a different planet. What made it even more bizarre was the amount of military aircraft that followed. I've never seen so many jets in my life! There was something in the air tonight and I really do believe that it was a UFO. We all do. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW JERSEY - NUMEROUS UNKNOWN OBJECTS CIRCLING

ATLANTIC CITY -- I was on a tour bus on June 30, 2003, at 9 PM, heading out of Atlantic City to New York, when I looked up at the sky and saw numerous unknown objects circling the sky. They were emitting some form of light and circling each other. There were about 20 to 30 of these unknown objects and they were spread out. Some just stood there emitting light but others were moving at fast rates. We suspect that the lights might have been projected from an advertising device. PD)) . Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CHERRY HILL -- This was the witnesses first sighting and it took place about 3:47 AM, on July 17, 2003, over Route 70 above 3 Executive Campus. He states, " I work the night shift and had just finished eating and was admiring the stars on a fairly clear night and thinking of how massive and amazing the universe really is." Immediately after thinking that, I had a sudden instinct to look directly at a northeast area of the sky and noticed what looked like a dim bluish star, moving across the sky at a slow speed. There were no flashing lights and this object had a steady blue glow, was very high up, silent. It was quite small in size, so I estimated it to be between 11-30 feet, possibly larger and many miles into the atmosphere. It looked like a star. It moved across the sky about a hundred feet at a slow steady speed. I thought to myself is this really a UFO I'm seeing? At that very moment the object stopped, then instantly pulsed expanded into a spherical ball of pure brilliant white light roughly 20 times the size it was before. It held that form for about one second and then returned to its previous color and shape, a small bluish star. It continued to travel along at the same rate as before for about three seconds more, then accelerated to incredible speed and vanished into space. Thanks to Bruce Cornet, bcornet@monmouth.com and NEW-WUFOD-I. 2-707-NJ

PENNSYLVANIA - SURROUNDED BY SILVER SPHERES MOVING SOUTH

PITTSBURGH -- While looking at the night sky with his telescope on June 27, 2003, at 11 PM, the witness with a considerable degree of technical training noticed that one of the "stars" was moving around. He states, "I watched the star move vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and in squiggle's at very high rates of speed." I broke out my telescope, and was shocked to see that it wasn't a star, but a glowing, neon-green cylindrical shape. It was almost worm-like. My wife, my son and I observed the object both with the naked eye and using the telescope as it continued to move in this manner for over an hour and a half, so far...it's still out there. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

NEW BRIGHTON - The witnesses were taking an evening walk on June 30, 2003, and noticed someone in a car near by point up to the sky at 9 PM. The witness reports, "I saw a black triangle that was standing upright at an altitude of 10 to 12,000 feet." This black triangle in the western sky puzzled me for several reasons. As it was in the direction of a setting sun on a clear evening it did not reflect any sunlight as I have seen airliners do thousands of times. The strangest thing about the whole event was that other objects were flying with the black triangle. On each side of this triangle appeared 3 or 4 silvery spheres lined up at 45-degree angles for about 5 to 10 minutes. My girlfriend also saw the triangle, but not the smaller spheres. They flew south following the Beaver River towards Pittsburgh. I grabbed my binoculars, but could not find the object again. I'm an airplane enthusiast and I can identify almost any civilian/military craft with just a glance and it was neither a civilian nor military craft. They emitted no sound, lights, or trail. CNN the following night at around 1 AM reported that strange lights were seen over the city of Pittsburgh. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

OHIO - BRILLIANT LIGHT ILLUMINATES EVERYTHING

LAFFERTY -- Yesterday, a coworker related to me a strange experience that took place when John, was 14, back in early June of 1983. About 10:15 PM. he was with three others in a car when a brilliant light illuminated everything, bright or brighter than daylight. It scared the daylights out of them. The light was so bright the driver had to stop the car... they couldn't see to drive. I asked John the size of the "light", and he said they didn't look out of the vehicle... too scared. They saw nothing, except this brilliant light. John said, " He shut his eyes and would occasionally peek, but the light hurt his eyes." Duration of this incident was approximately 15 minutes! If anyone has knowledge of the incident please contact me. Thanks to Roger Bartholomew

MICHIGAN - FLYING TRIANGLE ABOVE CAMPERS

ST. IGNACE - Two campers were coming back from the showers at midnight on July 2, 2003, at 12 AM, and happened to look up and noticed a V shaped object with lights all along both edges. The witness states, "My sister and I saw the round and luminous lights, and it there was no sound and it seemed to be descending at an angle." The shape looked like a stealth plane and in two minutes it vanished. We both could not believe it and a woman near us said she wondered what that was as well. The next day our husbands talked to other people in the campground and told them what we saw and some other people reported seeing the same thing as well. This object was fairly large and the night was very clear and the stars were visible. We never saw it again. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

WISCONSIN - DAYLIGHT CYLINDER SPOTTED

EAGLE RIVER -- On Saturday, July 5, 2003, the witness was putting the cover on his boat and noticed an extremely shiny (metallic/silver) cigar-shaped object traveling in an east to west direction. The object traveled at a very slow rate of speed" over the evergreen forests of Vilas County. The witness said, "There was no contrail, no wings, no windows, no lights or anything of a discernible nature." "The object seemed to reflect the bright sun off its surface, but then I noticed that a vertical band of light started to appear from the front of the object and traveled slowly to the back of the object. This band of light appeared every 15 seconds or so and traveled over the

surface of the object from front to rear. The object did not change speed or direction for two minutes, and was the size of a small plane, at about a 1,000 feet. "I am truly blown away." Thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin.com/

MAYVILLE - A farmer Arthur Rantala claims to have witnessed the formation of a crop circle in a barley field. From the safety of his work shed during a violent morning storm on July 4th, he saw crop circles form. "It looked like a lake. The waves, the wind blowing, and then all of the sudden this dark hole appears, like a black hole. And then immediately, one to the right then another to the center of it," Rantala said. Thanks to Channel3000 <http://www.channel3000.com/news/2342811/detail.html>

CALIFORNIA - FLYING TRIANGLE SEEN LANDING

KETTLEMAN CITY -- It was a pitch-black night at 1 AM, as they drove along Highway I-5 on June 30, 2003. Suddenly, three bright equidistant white discs of light turned on heading toward them flying lower than 1,000 feet altitude at their 10 o'clock position. As they got closer they could see a slow moving triangular craft traveling northwest across the highway. The flying triangle made an aircraft like landing 2,000 feet west and parallel to the highway. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

SAN FRANCISCO -- My husband and I were sitting on a bench at a marina in Berkeley CA looking across the Bay at the skyline of San Francisco on about June 30, 2003, at 2 PM. There was some generalized fog and there was a cover of clouds above the city. We observed a very dark cigar shaped object move repetitively back and forth from one end of the city to the other, occasionally dipping into the clouds but never descending below the cloud cover. The object did not appear to be moving fast but it was covering considerable distances in a short amount of time. It flew back and forth across the city in 45 seconds. The object was significantly larger than a plane and was longer than the width of two buildings. The movement, shape and speed were not consistent with any modes of aircraft with which I am familiar. We observed the object for ten minutes during which we noted an interesting cognitive phenomenon in which as we ruled out aircraft's that were consistent with our contextual schemata. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

CANADA -- BRITISH SOLDIER SIGHTING

MEDICINE HAT - A British soldier, "As a serving member of the British army we are often in the prairie, and on one such occasion in 1994, I was on stag (patrol) alone with a person on the other end of the radio in case of any problems. I remember seeing a really bright light heading towards me extremely fast but there was no noise with it, as you would expect from a vehicle. I shouted, "HALT advance one and be recognized," but the lights kept coming. So I shouted, "HALT British Army advance one and be recognized or I will fire!" But still it came. Then it stopped about 100 meters in front of me. By this time I was shaking since I had no live bullets in my gun and not knowing what was going on. We are kept well informed about what to expect, and there was still no sound around me. Suddenly the lights turned to my right and I saw about 5 or 6 lights along the side and then it turned away from me and shot into the distance faster than I can imagine and then nothing. I radioed in my report, and the guy came over and asked me to tell him again. He said that I probably fell asleep and dreamed it, but honestly does anybody really stand up shouting and putting a round (blank) into the chamber of a gun, sit down and realize what they think they have just seen and then wake up not feeling the least bit sleepy. Thanks to Cpl K Cooper Scots DG

TERRACE, BC -- Brian Vike reports, A witness reported seeing a strange object sitting stationary over the mountains to the north on July 12, 2003. He was traveling on Highway #16, just crossing the bridge over the Kalum River at 1:15 AM. He pulled over to the side of the highway to get a better look at it. He said the object moved from side to side, and up and down ever so slightly. He watched the object stay in a stationary position for 5 minutes before it exploded/or flashed brightly. At this point it started to move downwards and he ended up losing sight of it when it dropped behind one of the local mountains. He described the color of it as being neon green, with a whitish aura surrounding the object. He saw neon green and blue twinkling lights at the bottom of the object and white flashing

lights that were more to the center of the object.

TERRACE -- On July 17, 2003, a witness reported seeing a silver, round shaped object traveling at an extremely high rate of speed coming from the west heading east at 8:00 PM. The sighting took about four seconds in clear skies before it disappeared from his line of sight. He also mentioned that it took him totally by surprise to see something move so quickly. No sound was heard due to the distance from the object. He said it was no "darn" aircraft we have, as to the speed the object was traveling.

TRAIL -- In the early hours of the morning on July 17, 2003, two witnesses watched as two low flying objects passed over the top of the Trail Smelter. The objects slowed at one point, and then sped back up heading in a southerly direction. The objects were very bright orange with a halo around each of them and made no sound. Both men thought the objects were the size of a car. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research 1 866 262-1989 Editor: Canadian Communicator - Magazine Website:
http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

HOPI INDIANS CLAIM FLYING SAUCERS AND SPACE TRAVEL EXIST

PRESCOTT -- Daily Courier article by Richard W. Kimball, "An old American Indian rock carving near Mishongnovi, Arizona accurately describes the existence of "flying saucers" and space travel, according to a Hopi Indian leader. In the summer of 1970, the late Chief Dan Katchongva, in the company of his counselor Ralph Tawangyawma and interpreter Caroline Tawangyawma, went to the city of Prescott to learn more about the rash of UFOs recently seen in that area. The residents of that central Arizona community said they saw hundreds of flying saucers in the night sky over the city for more than two weeks prior to the Hopi leader's arrival. Katchongva, who died in 1972, said he believed the sightings were intimately connected to Hopi prophecy. The traditional Hopi chieftain had long been interested in UFOs because he believed they were a part of Hopi religious beliefs. UFO researcher and former Prescott resident Paul Solem said the existence of the saucers justified an old Hopi prophecy that a "Day of Purification" was soon to arrive.

It would be a day when all wicked people and wrongdoers would be punished or destroyed. Contact with flying saucers would signal the first step of a massive migration northward by Indians from Central and South America, Solem said. Chief Katchongva told reporters that the petroglyph on the Hopi Reservation shows a definite connection between the Indians and visitors from space. "We believe other planets are inhabited and that our prayers are heard there," he said. "The arrow on which the dome-shaped object rests, stands for travel through space," Katchongva said in explaining the rock carving. "The Hopi maiden on the dome-shape (drawing) represents purity. Those Hopi who survive Purification Day will travel to other planets. We, the faithful Hopi, have seen the ships and know they are true," he said. "We have watched nearly all of our brethren lose faith in the original Hopi teachings and go off on their own course. Near Oraibi the Plan of Life was clearly shown and we know that those who have forsaken the original teachings will pay with their lives when the True White Brother comes," he went on. The Hopi prophecies say they will be divided three times. The first division occurred in 1906 when Chief You-kew-ma [Yukiuma] and his followers were forced out of the ancient Indian town of Oraibi to begin a new community in Hotevilla, he said.

"The second division took place in 1969 when Paul Solem came and contacted the flying saucers and they flew over and whispered their message. Shortly before Mr. Solem came, Titus Quomayumtewa saw a flying saucer and the Kachina that piloted it. "Paul Sewaemanewa saw the saucer years before when he had made his prayer rites," Katchongva said. "These two men are of the faithful. We know we are to be divided once more and few will be left just before our True White Brother arrives with the matching pieces of stone tablet. Many Hopi men wear their bang haircut that represents a window from which they continue to look for the True White Brother," he added.

[Editor's Note: When Dan Katchongva "died" his body was never found. He was last seen walking up into a small valley where a UFO had just been seen.] Thanks to the Prescott Daily Courier, 12/24/95 and Bill Hamilton Skywatch International, Inc
<http://www.skywatch-research.org>

ENGLAND - CHEVRON MAKES RIGHT ANGLE TURNS

LONDON -- The object was traveling southeast on July 7, 2003, at 1 AM, at the speed of a fast fighter jet, but was displaying no flashing lights. It would then at an instant veer off at right angles or near right angles for some distance and considerably increase its speed before resuming a smooth flight. The color was a soft white light that seemed to fluctuate in luminance. The night was fully clear and moon lit. The shape was a chevron formed by two sides of a slightly convex cigar shape. NUFORC

GREECE - GIANT METEOR OR UFO FALLS INTO THE SEA

MOUNT ATHOS - In Northern Greece television news reported that a UFO or meteor had fallen to Earth on July 21, 2003, 7:38 PM, in the Chalkidiki Region near Mount ATHOS. A giant light had fallen near the coast in the sea at a height 500 meters. Thanks to kmos@otenet.gr

ZIMBABWE - A FLYING DIAMOND CIRCLED THE AREA

HARARE -- My dad and I had just finished eating supper on June 30, 2003, at 7:17 PM, and I had decided to go out and get some drinking water when I happened to glance in the sky just in time to see two meteorites crossing over the sky. I kept looking hoping to see more but not what I expected. We are poor and do not possess a camera so I could not take any photos. It was changing colors and as I realized it was the shape of a diamond. I froze and it went straight up into the sky circled the area for a couple of seconds came down and shot up again and vanished. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

SECRET PAPERS TELL HOW RAF HUNTED ALIENS

The Observer's Paul Harris writes, "They have been the subject of derision for claiming aliens have visited Earth from outer space, but believers in the existence of UFOs were this weekend excitedly poring over newly released military documents that show how fighter aircraft were scrambled to intercept strange shapes in Britain's skies. The secret papers obtained from the US military give an insight into an astonishing chain of events sparked by UFO sightings over East Anglia in 1956. After receiving numerous calls reporting bright lights darting across the sky, fighters from RAF Lakenheath spent more than seven hours trying to shoot down the objects, which were picked up on army radar screens. Dave Clarke, an author researching the subject, secured the classified documents under the US Freedom of Information Act.

One US Air Force intelligence report described how '12 to 15' objects were picked up on radar screens on 13 August 1956. They were tracked for more than 50 miles. One object was logged traveling at 4,000 mph. 'Operators making these radar sightings are of the opinion that malfunctions of equipment did not cause these radar sightings,' the document said. The radar logs describe white lights darting across the skies. At times, the objects traveled in formation and performed sharp turns. One document describes how an object was tracked by radar for 26 miles, before it hovered for five minutes then flew away again. A cable was sent from US Air Force Headquarters in Washington warning of the 'considerable interest and concern' at the sightings and demanding an immediate inquiry. The cable asked if they were linked to a similar scare reported by a British radar station on the Danish Island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea a week later. Snip Thanks to paul.harris@observer.co.uk

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Washington-Baltimore Workshop

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For anyone in the Washington-Baltimore area:

On Friday evening, Aug. 22, in Laurel, Maryland (roughly half-way between D.C & Baltimore), Rob & Sue Swiatek from FUFOR will be speaking at a "mini-workshop" called "Mysteries Of The Skies"

Additionally, Anna Jamerson, co-author of Connections: Solving Our Alien Abduction Mystery will be speaking.

Cost would run about \$35-40 (depending on residence).

For information: SPR 100 @aol.com or 1-866-228-6110 for registration information.

Thank you

Peter Resta

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'UFO' Lights Caught On Film

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23 July, 2003

Strange flashing lights above the sky in Worcestershire has caused speculation the county was visited by aliens.

A BBC cameraman spotted three bright lights in the sky over the Malverns near the village of Hanbury on Tuesday and filmed them with a video camera.

Some thought it could have been flares.

But cameraman Tom Hines, who works on the BBC drama series Doctors, said he is convinced it was a UFO.

'Disappearing lights'

"I kind of saw two bright lights and thought they were stars at first," he said.

"I pointed out where they were and started filming. They started disappearing and reappearing and at one point there was three bright lights.

"They kept appearing very randomly in different areas of the sky."

John Dawson, who lives in Hanbury, also saw the lights.

"We went through all kinds of evaluations, like could they be fireworks, could they be flares and to be honest with you we couldn't come to any decision as to what they were."

BBC Midlands Today's science correspondent David Gregory has examined the tape and has spoken to local UFO experts.

He said: "It could have been the Hanbury Orbs, which are a series of lights which are known to hover above the landscape in this area.

"But nobody knows for sure."

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CLASSIFICATION UP IN 2002, DECLASS DOWN, ISOO SAYS

The annual number of classification decisions made by classifiers in the executive branch increased by 14 percent in fiscal year 2002 to more than 23 million individual classification actions while declassification activity declined to the lowest level in seven years, according to a new report to the President.

The report was issued by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), the executive branch agency housed at the National Archives that oversees the implementation of the national security classification system.

Among other statistics of interest, ISOO reported that classification-related expenditures, which include the costs of personnel security, physical security and associated infrastructure, rose to \$6.5 billion in government and industry.

In an introductory essay entitled "A Look to the Future of the Security Classification System in a Post 9/11 Environment," ISOO director J. William Leonard placed the new data in the context of the war on terrorism, and sounded a note of caution.

"Much the same way the indiscriminate use of antibiotics reduces their effectiveness in combating infections, classifying either too much information or for too long can reduce the effectiveness of the classification system, which, more than anything else, is dependent upon the confidence of the people touched by it."

"While there is always a temptation to err on the side of caution, especially in times of war, the challenge for agencies is to similarly avoid damaging the nation's security by hoarding information," Mr. Leonard wrote.

A copy of the 2002 ISOO Report to the President, released July 23, may be found here (2.1 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/isoo/2002rpt.pdf>

ISOO'S LEONARD ON CLASSIFICATION POLICY

Information Security Oversight Office director William Leonard

further expounded his views on the state of the national security classification system and the need for a fundamental reassessment of classification policy in a June 12 presentation to the National Classification Management Society.

His remarks included a number of specific proposals that represent, and help to advance, an emerging consensus on directions for reform of the classification system. Anyone with an interest in the nuts and bolts of classification policy will want to review it. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/isoo/ncms061203.html>

DECLASSIFIED EXCERPTS OF 2002 IRAQ NIE

Formal classification is not the only, and perhaps not even the most important, barrier to public access to government information.

On June 18, the White House declassified selected excerpts from a classified October 2002 National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq's Weapons on Mass Destruction Program and presented them at a background briefing for the press.

But for some reason, the White House did not make those excerpts readily available to the public. Nor were they published in full by the major media outlets that were represented at the press briefing. Interested members of the public were left to scramble, or grovel, for a copy, which may now be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/iraq-wmd.html>

HOUSE VOTES TO ELIMINATE "SNEAK AND PEEK" SEARCHES

The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly this week to nullify the authority that was granted to law enforcement agencies in the USA Patriot Act to conduct searches without notification in criminal investigations.

"These 'sneak and peek' searches give the government the power to repeatedly search a private residence without informing the resident that he or she is the target of an investigation," said Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-ID), who introduced the amendment that would effectively prohibit such searches.

"Not only does this [Patriot Act] provision allow the seizure of personal property and business records without notification, but it also opens the door to nationwide search warrants and allows the CIA and the NSA to operate domestically," Rep. Otter said. "American citizens, whom the government has pledged to protect from terrorist activities, now find themselves the victims of the very weapon designed to uproot their enemies."

The House approved the amendment on July 22 by a vote of 309-118. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/h072203.html

The House action, which has not yet been addressed by the Senate, took the Justice Department by surprise. The Otter amendment would have a devastating effect on the United States' ongoing efforts to detect and prevent terrorism, as well as to combat other serious crimes," said Department spokesman Mark Corallo, as reported by the Associated Press.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON INTEL, SECURITY

Senators Charles Grassley and Patrick Leahy introduced the "Federal Bureau of Investigation Reform Act of 2003" that would increase protections for FBI whistleblowers, establish an FBI counterintelligence polygraph program, and impose certain new reporting requirements. See their July 22 introductory statements here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s1440.html

The Senate rejected an amendment offered by Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) to require a Pentagon report on the status of those

individuals who are being detained as "enemy combatants." The amendment was an attempt to come to terms with the extraordinary constriction of due process available to anyone the executive branch terms an "enemy combatant." On a party line vote July 16, the Senate rejected the attempt. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s071603.html

The Senate also rejected an amendment offered by Sen. Jon Corzine (D-NJ) to establish a National Commission on the Development and Use of Intelligence Related to Iraq. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s071603b.html

And the Senate rejected an amendment offered by Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) to withhold \$50 million from the intelligence budget until Congress receives a report "on the development and use of intelligence relating to Iraq and Operation Iraqi Freedom." See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s071703b.html

INTELLIGENCE AND THE POLITICS OF DISCLOSURE

"How can this administration declassify things, drop certain items into the press that are complimentary and positive from their point of view and get away with it?" asked Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL).

Sen. Durbin accused the White House of selectively declassifying information that served its interests while attacking him for purportedly releasing classified information. He defended himself against such accusations in a floor statement on July 22:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s072203.html

Administration officials reportedly leaked the name of a CIA clandestine services officer as an act of intimidation directed at her husband, Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who has been a leading critic of White House statements on Iraq. If true, this could be a violation of the law, including the Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1982. The story is laid out by David Corn of The Nation in "A White House Smear":

<http://www.thenation.com/capitalgames/index.mhtml?bid=3&pid=823>

The White House denied responsibility. "That is not the way this President or this White House operates," said spokesman Scott McClellan. "And there is absolutely no information that has come to my attention or that I have seen that suggests that there is any truth to that suggestion."

Questions regarding the politics of secrecy and disclosure may arise again in connection with the report of the Congressional Joint Inquiry, which is being released today in selectively redacted form.

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2003 07:13:54 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: What Is Real In Ufology

><snip>

Hi All,

Amy wrote:

>First, let me make it clear that the use of the term
>'uncritical' is your choice, not mine. It's not even a word
>according to Webster's Dictionary.

And again:

>As for me being "uncritical", that is your made-up word for
>your opinion of me - not necessarily my opinion or everyone
>else's opinion. I do not have to include myself in your made-up
>categories if I don't agree...and I don't.

Thought I'd share this. Merriam-Webster Dictionary provides the following definition for the word, 'uncritical'.

Main Entry: un=B7crit=B7i=B7cal
Pronunciation: "&n-'kri-ti-k&l
Function: adjective
Date: 1659
1 : not critical : lacking in discrimination
2 : showing lack or improper use of critical standards or procedures

I was verbally swiped at (twice) for having 'made up' the word, 'uncritical.' I guess all that was needed to clear things up was just a little 'unbiased' research into the matter.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:05:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:35:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Velez

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 15:12:41 EDT
>Subject: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
>George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>July 23, 2003, Majorstar@aol.com Webmaster: Chuck
>Warren -- My website is at: www.GeorgeFiler.com/
>Sponsored by: OPC-3

>SIGHTINGS CONTINUE WITH DISC OVER NEW YORK

Thanks to George Filer and Peter Davenport for the following:

>NEW YORK - FOUR WITNESSES SEE DISC WITH THIRTY WINDOWS.

>JFK AIRPORT - At 11:30 PM, four witnesses were going into the
>Howard Beach Subway Station on June 28, 2003, when they saw a
>saucer flying overhead. There was a saucer shaped object with
>the usual half sphere middle part with three rows of 8 to 10
>windows. It was emitting a gloomy white light/haze all over it
>and a blinking sharp white light from the bottom. It was
>hovering low in the horizon near the airport. It stayed in one
>position about 300 meters high then moved slowly to the right
>while lowering itself. Then it came back to its original
>position, but much closer to the ground and got out of sight,
>because it was lower than a building. It might have landed.
>Other people also saw it, but did not pay attention. It was not
>an airplane. Several airplanes flew by paying no attention to
>the UFO. I followed its movements and saw it from time to time
>covered by the trees. We all knew we had never seen anything
>like that before and somehow I had a very nice relaxing feeling
>over the excitement of the unusual sight. Thanks to Peter
>Davenport NUFORC

For many years I have been reporting discs and spheres that
circumnavigate the same areas of the sky/corridors that
commercial jets use when coming or going from JFK International.
Several years ago I expressed concern over this fact. Here again
is a report of a 'UFO' observed by multiple witnesses at close
range right by the Howard Beach subway station. That station is
directly alongside the parking lot followed by the north end of
one of the busiest landing strips at JFK.

I find it alarming that an unknown object/craft is being
reported in this particular area. The possibility of a major
collision is particularly high in just that place. The
airplanes are low (and I mean, 'throw a pebble and hit em'
low) when they fly over the Howard Beach subway station.

More New York city commercial airliner stuff:

>STATEN ISLAND - Seven people swimming saw a strange object in
>the sky. The witness states, I was in the pool with my dad and
>my uncle when I saw a dot far away in the sky on July 13, 2003,
>at 7:30 PM. As we got out of the pool we saw four dots that

>stayed in the same position. By that time all seven of us began
>to look and saw seven dots. We also saw two dots revolving
>around each other and flashing brightly. At that time, as we
>were looking at the dots, two commercial airliner almost
>collided! It was very bizarre and all seven of us agreed that
>this sighting was something from a different planet. What made
>it even more bizarre was the amount of military aircraft that
>followed. I've never seen so many jets in my life! There was
>something in the air tonight and I really do believe that it was
>a UFO. We all do. Thanks to Peter Davenport <www.nuforc.org>
>NUFORC

Again, 'UFOs' appear to pose a real threat to commercial
aircraft. I have been videotaping these white discs and little
spheres in the vicinity of JFK since 1996. I hope a loss of life
doesn't ever happen as a result of a collision with one of these
'unidentified' aerial objects. There have already been run-ins
with these 'things' at the Mexico City airport. Such aerial
collisions are not as far-fetched as some may think.

Regards,

John Velez
1 mile from Howard Beach station and JFK

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Secrecy News -- 07/24/03 (EXTRA)

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:08:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:38:25 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/24/03 (EXTRA)

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 63
July 24, 2003 (EXTRA)

** JOINT INQUIRY REPORT ON 9/11

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A declassified version of the congressional joint inquiry report on the September 11 terrorist attacks was released this afternoon following an arduous seven-month declassification process.

A copy of the 858 page document (in a large 6.5 MB PDF file) is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_rpt/911rept.pdf

Of particular interest to Secrecy News readers may be the final Appendix on "Access Limitations Encountered by the Joint Inquiry."

It describes a number of documents or topical areas to which congressional investigators were denied access. These included the President's Daily Brief, reports on foreign liaison relationships, information on intelligence budget requests, and more. On other crucial topics, congressional access was limited or delayed. This Appendix appears at pages 834-858 of the report.

Another item of special interest is a newly released General Accounting Office (GAO) analysis of the October 2001 anthrax attacks. The December 2002 GAO assessment had been restricted as "Limited Official Use Only." It is now published at pages 808-822 of the report.

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

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More Mutilated Cattle In La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 08:14:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:02:11 -0400
Subject: More Mutilated Cattle In La Pampa Argentina

SOURCE: El Diario de la Pampa
DATE: Thursday, July 24, 2003

MORE MUTILATED CATTLE IN LA PAMPA

General Acha (Agencia) - On Wednesday, July 16, three calves and a cow were found mutilated in fields adjacent to this city. "Until one sees it, or it happens to [ones animals], one doesn't believe it," said a cattleman whose property is located some 30 kilometers from Genera Acha and who asked El Diario to keep his identity confidential.

The cattleman said than on July 16, "two calves and a 'masked' calf, weighing some 200 kg. each, were found mutilated some 500 meters away from his house in a flat open field. The males were missing an eye, an ear and their tongues, while the female was had its nipples sheared off with surgical precision," he noted, betraying his surprise when he said "when we found them, they were still issuing some sort of smoke or vapor from their carcasses, as though recently dead."

"All of the animals had their heads pointed southward," he pointed out, noting that "he was certain that the animals had been alive the previous evening." "We did not dare get close to them or touch them, but on the fourth day, no animal, predator, fox or chimango (vulture) came close," he said. Finally, the confused cattleman said: "We plucked up our courage, got them together and burned them."

Another cattleman who told a similar story explained that that very same Wednesday, "a very docile cow that was near the house vanished, and was later found two seicions away from where it normally grazed."

The livestock farmer explained that "these are 200 hectare pastures" and that the mutilations on the cow were similar to those which have been reported on so many occasions. He added that in this case, "the cow was very docile and would have never jumped over the barbed wire fences that divide the three sections, because the gates were properly closed and no fence was broken." In both cases, livestock farmers indicated that they did not file reports with the police or with the courts, since they understood that such complaints would not be taken seriously.

For more information:
<http://www.eldiariodelapampa.com.ar/provinciales.htm>

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Watford UK UFO Sightings

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 15:38:27 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:07:12 -0400
Subject: Watford UK UFO Sightings

Source: Watford Observer - UK

http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/localnews/display.var.397262.0.ufo_sightings_reported.php

25th July 2003

Residents in Croxley reported sightings of a UFO which circled above them for ten minutes before vanishing without trace.

Mervin Harris, from Forbuoys Newsagents on Baldwins Lane, Croxley, witnessed it yesterday (Thursday) at 4pm.

He said: "It went across in front of me."

Five locals are reported to have seen the strange craft.

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Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 11:54:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:10:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 21:54:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:01:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@interlynx.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 02:43:03 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>>>Personally... when the first plain circles were found in the
>>>early 1990s, I thought they might have been landing traces...
>>>but soon after... and since then, I've learned pretty quickly
>>>that they're separate phenomena or aspects connected to... or
>>>part of... the ET factor.

>>I don't understand this statement. Crop circles have been
>>recorded for over one hundred years. The earliest were simple
>>circles in hay and corn fields. It's only lately that they've
>>become so elaborate.

>Sorry, but this is not the case. Where is the evidence for these
>century old crop-circles? There is the famous "Mowing Devil"
>broadsheet from the 18th century, the relevance of which to
>crop-circles is marginal, to say the least. There are a few
>anamalous marking and swirls in crops recorded from the 1970s
>(like the infamous "Tully Saucer Nests" in Queensland) which are
>more analogous to wind damage than the neat circles of the '80s
>and '90s.

>The origin of the crop circle phenomenon was Southern England in
>the 1980s. There was nothing before then even remotely similar.

I've seen drawings (not photos) of simple circular crop
formations from the early 1900's, but can't seem to find the
link. I did find this link which also indicates that crop
circles have a long history.

<http://members.xoom.virgilio.it/mmmgroup/e-ancrops.html>

>Consider this: right at the heart of English crop circle country
>lies the town of Warminster. In the 1960s and 1970s this town
>was absolutley awash with ufologists from all around the world
>looking for 'The Thing'. Every weekend ufologists climbed every
>hill in the vicinity looking for UFOs - in the sky and possibly
>landed as well - and there was only one report which, in
>retrospect, could have been interpreted as a crop circle.

>So if they've been around for years - centuries even - why were
>they not an integral part of the UFO story during this period?
>Almost everything else which happened in Warminster has been
>recorded in a UFO context in the writings of Arthur Shuttlewood
>and dozens of others who were there at the time.

Interesting question. I don't have an answer.

Ed

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CCCRN News: First 2003 Canadian Crop Formation

From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:02:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:14:03 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: First 2003 Canadian Crop Formation

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

July 25, 2003

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

First Canadian Crop Formation of 2003

The first known formation for this year was found July 23, near Stewarttown, Ontario.

Preliminary ground photos are of a large ringed circle with two other circles attached, in wheat. Centre circle is approximately 16.5 metres (54 feet) diameter, with a surrounding ring approximately 32 metres (106 feet) diameter and the two attached circles are approximately 16 metres (52 feet) and 13.5 metres (44 feet) diameter. Near location of formations at Georgetown and Limehouse in 2002.

Some preliminary details noted already from an initial inspection by CCCRN Ontario coordinator Joanna Emery include swollen / stretched stalk nodes, a small fly or fly-like insect seemingly "stuck" to a cloverleaf plant by it's head and odd "splays" of "randomly downed appearing crop" in all the circles as well as a small "grapeshot" splay nearby, suggesting again there may be a connection in some cases between circular or geometric formations and random ones. Apparent lodging can also be seen in some nearby fields. Lay in all circles and ring is counterclockwise.

Initial CCCRN field report and photos are now posted on the CCCRN web site, with more images to be added soon.

Also...

Another interesting formation was reported by Matt Rock of CCCRN Ontario on July 22. Another field in the nearby region which he had seen as empty the evening before, was covered with randomly downed areas by the next morning. In among these areas is another long "snake-like" pathway of flattened crop running through the field, in which the plants are flattened both radially outward from the centre part of the pathway and in large swirls, following the valley contours of the field and up (or down?) a hill along the edge of a nearby road. Further details pending on this report also.

Some other additional recently obtained ground photos have also been added to the Crop Circles in Canada Archives for a couple older reports, the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (1993) and Midale, Saskatchewan #5 (1999) formations.

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

The Prairie Circular

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Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

From: Paul Anderson <psa@cccrn.ca>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:42:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:16:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 21:54:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

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Hi John and List,

There is evidence for older cases. I would recommend Terry
Wilson's book The Secret History of Crop Circles as a good
starting point.

In addition however, I recently posted to this List verification
of a case from 1880 in England. I had seen references to this
case before, which had been discussed. This was the description
of simple circles in a wheat field in Surrey, England, described
as circular in shape with standing centres of stalks, very
similar to many still seen today. This account is from a known
scientist of the time, J. Rand Capron, in a letter to the editor
of Nature magazine. I recently found a print copy of the letter.
This is taken from the original magazine, from microfilm here in
the Vancouver library, not just the reprint in the Journal of
Meteorology in 2000 which people were discussing previously.

Granted, there are no photographs as is the case with most of
these old reports, but the descriptions are virtually identical
to what is found today. What makes these more compelling to me,
and worthy of attention, are the numerous accounts from farmers
and landowners going back at least several decades of similar
formations, including here in Canada and other countries. We
have uncovered some previously unknown cases in this country,
which are accounts directly from such people, the oldest known
currently being 1925 in Alberta. We also have numerous cases

from the 1950s to 1970s in Canada which are in the archives. A few photos are available from the 1970s. I don't think we should just ignore such testimony.

Andreas Mueller in Germany recently learned of a case there from during World War II, in which a group of soldiers saw multiple circles in a crop field.

Crop circles did not start in the 1980s in England, that is a myth.

This evidence also suggests that perhaps England has not always been the "hub" of the phenomenon the way it is now. Just because there may be few cases from Warminster in that time period does not mean there weren't others being found in other locations. The phenomenon is global, the problem is some people still have the impression (a lot of the public anyway and the media), that it is something which has only been in England since the 1980s or so. Wrong! There are many recorded cases from multiple countries going back well before anybody ever even first heard of them there (and other accounts from other areas in England as well going back just as far).

I'm not saying this is proof of anything, but many of the accounts we have are similar enough to certainly warrant further inquiry.

Just food for thought.....

Paul Anderson

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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Issues Swamp Gas Journal Now Available Online

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@Ms.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 16:23:40 CST
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:57:58 -0400
Subject: Issues Swamp Gas Journal Now Available Online

After receiving numerous requests, I have located all the files in their various directories and have made back issues of The Swamp Gas Journal available online at:

www.geocities.com/thecynicalview

For those who may not remember, The Swamp Gas Journal was a ufozine published in hard copy beginning in 1978 and continued until the late 1990s. Predating word processors in common use today, most issues were not in electronic format. However, a dozen or so were rescued from floppy discs and have been uploaded to my website.

In addition, a brand-new Special Issue No. 6 of the Swamp Gas Journal (Summer 2003) has been produced, and is available with all the rest in this directory.

And you thought you didn't have anything else to read this summer!

- Chris Rutkowski

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Re: 'Other commitments' Kept Aliens From UFO Daze?

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 18:04:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:06:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Other commitments' Kept Aliens From UFO Daze?

>From: Eustquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 09:16:37 -0300
>Subject: 'Other commitments' May Have Kept Aliens From UFO Daze

>Source: The Sheboygan Press - Illinois

Sheboygan is in Wisconsin, not in Illinois.

Jerry Clark

>http://www.wisinfo.com/sheboyganpress/news/archive/local_11353418.shtml

>July 21, 2003

>By Nhia C. Yang
>Sheboygan Press staff

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Re: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

From: Diane Harrison - AUFORN <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:54:33 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:11:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 17:25:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: CI: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

>Cydonian Imperative
>7-18-03

>Close Analysis of "Underground City" Images Fails to
>Convince
>by Mac Tonnies

>Lots of links. See:
><http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 40)

>In 2002, Mars anomalists heatedly debated the authenticity of an
>infra-red image which supposedly depicted grid-like structures
>below the surface of Cydonia. No clear-cut answer to the
>controversy ever surfaced, but the majority of commentators,
>myself included, found the "underground city" presented by
>Richard Hoagland and Mike Bara (of the Enterprise Mission) less-
>than-compelling. (For my editorial on the alleged "city," see
>page 34.)

<snip>

>-end-

Hi Mac list

A friend of mine went to an astronomy lecture at the Queensland University in Brisbane this week. QU presented some of the worlds top astronomers and Scientists lecturing on Science and Astronomy research and development.

One of the topics they covered in detail was Mars and a manned mission to Mars.

They said if the Australian Government and US Government gave priority funding for the Mars project then they could have a man on Mars within 5 years.

My friend said: one scientist stated that research development funding is a lot less now and they can only attribute this to the funds funding the war on terror.

Mac it is a shame that a project as great as this has to rely on government funding and... as we are all know Gov funding never seems to get to where its supposed to go.

The lecture covered the face on Mars they showed pictures of it a close range. My astronomer friend George said it didn't look like a face at all and scientist said it was not a face but an optical illusion?

Another Mars structure covered was the Mars pyramids and when questioned scientists would not or could not confirm or deny that these structures were not real. Yet they clearly stated the face was not??.

So Mac, are the Mars pyramids real and were they made by an ancient civilisation or are they too an optical illusion. I guess a manned mission to Mars will be able to confirm these facts for sure.

Errol, Mac, List, I wonder if there is anyone on this List with contacts or enough money to fund a great project such as this a \$200 billion dollar donation would be a good ball park figure to start with 'right folks'.

I know some of you might think I'm little off my trolley with this kind of thinking, but hey, I see this kind of research as a great investment for the human race especially when when some Governments are only thinking of nuclear war and blowing up the planet.

I personally would feel a hell of a lot more comfortable knowing I had somewhere else to go.

Regards,

Diane Harrison

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The Sky's The Limit

By Jennifer Lang

Terrace's reputation as B.C.'s UFO capital is creating a new kind of tourism boom in the region.

Curious travellers from across North America are inquiring about the tourism facilities in communities across Highway 16, including Terrace, says a UFO researcher based in Houston, B.C.

"You would be surprised just how many emails I get over the months requesting information for our areas," says Brian Vike, editor of Canadian Communicator, a magazine specializing in the paranormal, and director of HBCC-UFO Research.

Earlier this year, Terrace cracked the top 10 in a national UFO survey, earning third place, just ahead of Houston, where Vike operates a toll-free UFO hotline so he can collect and investigate eye-witness reports.

Terrace recorded the third highest number of UFO sightings in the country last year, bringing national and international attention to the region, Vike says.

The resulting publicity means the northwest is rapidly emerging as one of the best places to see UFOs in Canada.

Savvy tourists know they're more likely to see a flying saucer than the elusive Kermode bear, the white form of a black bear that is the city's official symbol.

Vike says he's often contacted by UFO buffs and the just plain curious who want to know about the region's tourist attractions and accommodations.

"Many have never been up this way," Vike says. "So I give them the lowdown on what our communities have."

He tells them about camp sites in the area, the excellent hiking, fishing and boating opportunities here, the beautiful scenery and the range of wildlife.

"As a matter of fact, I receive so many emails, I was going to put up a page on my website which would give information to tourists on what we have."

Vike says 2003 is shaping up to be another record year for UFO sightings in the skies over Terrace, where 25 sightings were recorded last year, suggesting more national and international

attention could be on its way.

"Right now Terrace has darn near caught up to last year's total count for sightings," he says.

UFO-related tourism is a growing market in the rest of the world.

Vulcan, a town of 1,700 in southern Alberta that's home to a replica starship and a tourist information centre built to look like a space station, isn't the only place cashing in on its Sci Fi cachet.

St. Paul, Alberta was out of the gate back in 1967, when it built the world's first UFO landing pad, ensuring that future space travel would be safe for all intergalactic beings.

"All visitors from earth or otherwise are welcome to this territory and to the Town of St. Paul," reads an inscription beside the 12-metre-diameter concrete pad.

The tiny U.S. town of Rachel, Nevada, meanwhile, has capitalized on its proximity to the mysterious Area 51, thought to be a secret U.S. military base.

Rachel's tourism industry began to take off in the late 1980s, thanks to its reputation as a reliable location for sightings, drawing ever larger numbers of "UFO tourists".

Nearby Nevada State Highway 375 was officially renamed the "Extraterrestrial Highway" to reflect the large number of sightings along this stretch of road.

Enterprising community leaders in other countries have boarded the UFO tourism spaceship, too.

Last year, a Chilean mayor took the bold move of designating the region near his town as an official UFO tourism zone because so many sightings have taken place in the Andes mountains there.

That's the kind of notoriety places like Terrace, Houston, and other Highway 16 towns could easily take advantage of.

While Terrace may presently lack an officially-sanctioned UFO tourism strategy, Vike is functioning as an unofficial intergalactic ambassador, sharing the region's latest eye-witness reports and his own pet theories with a curious world.

From Houston headquarters, he keeps busy doing interviews with newspapers, TV shows and radio talk shows all over North America.

Canada's Life network shot 18 hours of footage with Vike in Houston, Smithers and Telkwa in February. A documentary will air this fall season or early in the new year.

"All of this is great for tourism," he says, reminding northwest residents to keep their eyes to the skies this summer.

Vike has noticed a new pattern in the most recent reports: more eyewitnesses in the northwest are reporting objects in the sky, instead of just unexplained, or oddly-moving lights.

One sighting reported by multiple witnesses across a wide geographic area involved gigantic triangles.

Others have reported seeing crescent or ring-shaped objects in the sky.

Vike adds a number of eyewitnesses reported seeing a large, saucer-shaped disk travelling from Mill Bay on Vancouver Island to Kitimat past the Alcan Smelter and on towards Prince Rupert and Terrace.

Vike, a former forestry industry worker, tries to uncover likely explanations for what eyewitnesses have seen.

The planet Venus is sometimes mistaken for a UFO. Other sightings are later found to be aircraft, meteors, satellites, stars or even blimps, says Vike, who once belonged to the Royal Astronomical Society and volunteered at the planetarium in

Vancouver.]

Vike's got a toll-free number: 1-866-262-1989, and a website:
www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/hbcc_ufo_research.htm

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UFO Festival Should Have Been Abducted
Wyatt Buchanan

Herald Staff Writer
07-19-03

If I were an alien, I would not return to Roswell, N.M.

That was my concluding thought as I drove out of that town on the Fourth of July weekend, headed south to Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Imagine that the Roswell landing story is true (and I'm in no position to say it is or is not). What that means is living, thinking beings from another world made contact with Earth. The implications are profound and the science astounding.

So, how do those true believers in Roswell and around the country commemorate? With a UFO festival that is one of the lamest city celebrations I've ever suffered through.

My hometown festival -- the Meridian (Idaho) Dairy Days -- is far superior (dairymen hand out free chocolate milk and Fudgesicles to the crowd during the big parade). The olfactory wonders of the Gilroy (Calif.) Garlic Festival beat the pants off Roswell, too.

Folks, this shouldn't be.

Roswell is one of those mythical American cities that most curious people would visit if they were ever close by.

Take me, for example. I'm a short-timer in West Texas (six weeks to go, and I still haven't sampled enough barbecue) and I decided to drive six hours round trip, by myself, over a holiday weekend, to see this place.

Most everyone has heard of Roswell (how many cities with a population of 45,000 can you say that about?) and most people have at least some interest in aliens.

If those factors were celebrated to their fullest potential, one could imagine a Burning Man-type festival of the Southwest, with Black Rock City as the supposed crash site.

If those factors were exploited to their fullest potential, the festival would raise a lot of money for the town and festival promoters.

Sadly, neither is happening.

Here's what I found on my visit:

One has to drive through the whole town to find the festival and there are no signs pointing the way. I asked a clerk at a gas station for directions. He grimaced and told me to "just keep driving that way," pointing south.

The road eventually splits, sending drivers in sharply different directions. One goes to the festival. The other into the heart of darkness that is Eastern New Mexico. Guess what: there is no sign telling drivers which way to go.

The festival itself consists of a couple of kiddie toys, some food booths and two exhibit halls. There might have been 150 people there and the booths were mediocre.

A few bands played outside, which was the highlight of the event. One act, The Dibs, drove 24 hours from Long Beach, Calif., to play to what they were told would be a crowd of 15,000-20,000. There were maybe 15 people watching, each fighting for the shade.

At the end of their set, the band begged people to buy their CD so they would have enough gas money to get home. (I bought one. It's good, really good.)

After seeing all there was to see in about 20 minutes (not including watching the bands) I visited the alien museum downtown.

It was hopping and the Roswell incident information is interesting, though the exhibits on UFOs in other parts of the world could use a lot more work.

I stayed and watched the city fireworks, but I didn't stay for the second day, or for the Merle Haggard concert, which I bet attracted quite a crowd.

Driving to Carlsbad, I was disappointed that the UFO hype (my own and the promoters) fell short of reality.

This week, we got a fax at the paper promoting the Third Annual Dragonfly Festival Aug. 23-24 in Roswell.

Unlike the UFO festival, organizers of this event promise that the main attraction - the 98 different species of dragonflies - will show up.

The co-chairman of the event, Larry Knadle, promised me a weekend of cool nature watching, if I went.

"The UFO festival appeals to a totally different type of crowd than we do... Ours is more of a learning experience, but we have fun, too," he said.

Perhaps the lesson for the UFO organizers is just that: they need to make the event more fun.

If that happened, I might return someday and I would encourage others to come with me.

And, even better for Roswell, the aliens might come back, too.

(Wyatt Buchanan, a Hearst Fellow, is spending four months on the news staff of The Herald.)

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'UFO' Lights Caught On Tape

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'UFO' Lights Caught On Tape

Strange flashing lights above the sky in Worcestershire has caused speculation the county was visited by aliens.

A BBC cameraman spotted three bright lights in the sky over the Malverns near the village of Hanbury on Tuesday and filmed them with a video camera.

Some thought it could have been flares.

But cameraman Tom Hines, who works on the BBC drama series Doctors, said he is convinced it was a UFO.

'Disappearing lights'

"I kind of saw two bright lights and thought they were stars at first," he said.

"I pointed out where they were and started filming. They started disappearing and reappearing and at one point there was three bright lights.

"They kept appearing very randomly in different areas of the sky."

John Dawson, who lives in Hanbury, also saw the lights.

"We went through all kinds of evaluations, like could they be fireworks, could they be flares and to be honest with you we couldn't come to any decision as to what they were."

BBC Midlands Today's science correspondent David Gregory has examined the tape and has spoken to local UFO experts.

He said: "It could have been the Hanbury Orbs, which are a series of lights which are known to hover above the landscape in this area.

"But nobody knows for sure."

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Sinkey

From: **Betsy Sinkey** <westoo@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:14:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 06:20:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Sinkey

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:05:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>Again, 'UFOs' appear to pose a real threat to commercial
>aircraft. I have been videotaping these white discs and little
>spheres in the vicinity of JFK since 1996. I hope a loss of life
>doesn't ever happen as a result of a collision with one of these
>'unidentified' aerial objects. There have already been run-ins
>with these 'things' at the Mexico City airport. Such aerial
>collisions are not as far-fetched as some may think.

John Velez,

Can you give me a specific incident where an "apparent UFO"
collided with a commercial aircraft in Mexico City or anywhere
else?

I suppose such a mishap is possible but very unlikely.

I have witnessed a few UFOs myself and am in complete awe of
their ability to maneuver in a split second.

Yes, JFK is very busy!

I'd really be interested in the work you've been doing in the
JFK Int'l. Airport area.

Thanks,

Betsy
A native NY'er

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P-47: Sad Day At The Archives

From: **Chester** <projectbluebook@EROLS.COM>
Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 13:07:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:01:53 -0400
Subject: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives

Hello Jan and List,

In June of 2000 I submitted a FOIA for Air Intelligence files during World War II. These records are part of Record Group 341(Air Staff), Deputy Director for the Collection and Dissemination: Intelligence Documents Branch: Air Intelligence Reports 1942-1954. About three months ago I was able to review the first 92 boxes. Much to my surprise I soon realized I was reviewing documents, I'd say 50 to 60%, that I had seen through the years in other record groups. There were a few interesting things, but nothing too exciting.

Today I was there and decided to call Mr. Herb Milton, the FOIA specialist I've been working with, and asked him for an update. He said that it just so happens they had more records ready for me and were preparing to put labels on the boxes. He asked for me to call back in 20 minutes or so to get a box count. No problem, I had plenty to look at in the mean time.

I called back and asked him for the box numbers and he said, "Are you sitting down?" I said, "No, but should I?" I leaned against the wall for good measure anyway. Herb said that he walked back to the records and found out that the Air Force had been in over the last couple of days while he was off and reclassified everything. They reclassified what I had looked at previously and, in doing so, my FOIA for this entry was no longer valid.

Herb was absolutely shocked at the narrow-mindedness of the Air Force and for that matter most the other agencies for their antiquated approach to records. It was a massive shut-down of records. He said that 9-11 has given the agencies the needed backing to come in and raise havoc. An example was a bomb mission survey report of a Japanese harbor that was written by the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Service. They were the predecessor to the CIA so... CLASSIFIED!

I asked if my FOIA could be regenerated in a couple of months and he said no. This would be for years and the only way we could try to get around it would be to have an actual document number and submit a FOIA for that to be reviewed.

This is happening in all record groups. There are things being removed from public access that have been declassified for twenty years. It has the staff at the Archives furious and very concerned. Look out OSS records. The Atomic Energy Records are being pulled by the droves. Many of these records are in major universities, so are they next?

Anyway, there are 1812 boxes of Air Intelligence Records that won't see the light of day for who knows how long. I think there are some real gems in those records that will fill in the gap of the early Grudge days, but maybe not.

Oh well, I'll just have to travel down a different path.

Keith Chester

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - McCoy

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>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 11:3:6 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux

>>From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:28:01 -0700
>>Subject: UFO Frauds Redux

>>Greetings All on UpDates.

>>13 months ago a thread was launched on UpDates concerning
>>credibility in UFO research as conducted and relayed by
>>different names in the field. One name that surfaced was "Guy
>>Kirkwood" who is also known by another name "Mel Noel."
>>Kirkwood/Noel is well known to UFO Magazine. I conducted an
>>expose of Kirkwood/Noel's claims of being a F-86 Sabre Jet pilot
>>and commercial pilot in Vol. 7 Number 3 of UFO Magazine in May,
>>1992. I also uploaded that expose to Updates and if you are
>>interested here is a link.

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m29-017.shtml>

><snip>

>Bravo! I gald you didn't let this die. You certainly allowed
>more than enough time for a rebuttal!

<snip>

Hello all,

Let me say that Noel/Kirkwood did answer the F-86 questions that
I asked at 100% but, due to the information about the F-86 on
the web and in print, and if someone did indeed, work on the
'86, none of it would be ah, esoteric, in nature.

However, the issue of the "Suitcase Handles".

I haven't flown a DC-6/7 for the last six years. They are not
jets, and they do not have "Suitcase Handles". The Suitcase
Handles are the emergency trim system on all the Douglas jets
and Boeing MD's. They are handles that are on the isle between
the Pilot's seats. This would be known to a mere flight
engineer.

GT McCoy

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Moncla's Disappearance Still A Mystery After 50

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Avoyelles Parish Man's Disappearance Still A Mystery After 50 Years

Andrew Griffin - Staff Reporter

MOREAUVILLE -- It was a cold, cloudy night above Lake Superior nearly 50 years ago when 27-year old Avoyelles Parish native and Air Force pilot 1st Lt. Felix E. "Gene" Moncla Jr. and 2nd Lt. Robert Wilson met a mysterious fate, trying to intercept what some believe was a UFO.

Family, friends and investigators want to know what happened to this well-liked Moreauville man so many years ago.

One of those people is Canadian UFO investigator and computer systems analyst Gordon Heath, of Surrey, British Columbia.

Heath, 48, grew up in Thunder Bay, Ontario, along the north shore of Lake Superior, and said he has been interested in Great Lakes mysteries since he was a boy. He came across the Moncla story on the Internet after having heard about it years ago. He spent some time in Avoyelles Parish last fall, researching old copies of the Avoyelles Journal and interviewing friends and family of Moncla.

While researching in Avoyelles Parish, Heath found that Moncla had been based at Truax Field in Madison, Wis.

Moncla, with 1,000 hours of flight time, had been temporarily transferred to Kinross Air Force Base in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, shortly before he disappeared.

On the night of Nov. 23, 1953, Moncla and Wilson were instructed to fly their Northrup F-89C jet aircraft to identify a large unidentified craft flying over restricted airspace at the Soo Locks along the American-Canadian border. The duo, flying at approximately 500 mph, descended rapidly from 30,000 feet to 7,000 feet in order to seek out the unusual object. They were traveling at a slightly slower speed than normal, said Heath.

This incident occurred when the Cold War was beginning to heat up, so American jets often were ordered to investigate unknown craft on the assumption that enemy pilots could fly them. And just a year earlier, a flying saucer flap had gripped the United States, resulting in unknown objects flying over restricted airspace in Washington, D.C.

As Moncla's jet approached the craft, Heath said a radar operator at Houghton, Mich., noted that it was not long before the two blips on the radarscope had merged. Suddenly, Moncla and Wilson's jet had disappeared and the "bogey" (as UFO's and other

unknown craft are called in Air Force parlance) continued on a northward track over Canada and rapidly vanished off the radar screen.

A search team was immediately dispatched over Lake Superior, west-northwest of Michipicoten Island. Rescue craft scoured the American and Canadian coasts, but no remains of the jet or the bodies of the two pilots ever were found.

"Visibility was a variable that night," Heath said. "There had been plenty of clouds and light snow conditions reported."

However, all researchers agree that conditions were not inclement enough to imperil Moncla's top-notch jet.

At first, the Air Force said the F-89 and the bogey did merge on the radar scope and the Associated Press ran a story with that information. But then the Air Force backtracked and gave different stories about what happened that night, even saying that the object they had been chasing was a Canadian jet.

In fact, Air Force investigators would later report that Moncla may have experienced vertigo and crashed into the lake. The Air Force said Moncla was known to experience vertigo from time to time.

If Moncla was known to experience vertigo, Heath asked, why would the Air Force have him on active duty flying critical missions?

And the Royal Canadian Air Force disputed the Air Force theory that the object Moncla chased was an RCAF jet aircraft flying a night mission from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Sudbury, Ontario, Heath said.

Heath said the vertigo theory is weak since it was very likely Moncla was looking at instruments rather than visuals at the time.

Heath said a researcher in Royal Oak, Mich., John Tenney, found out through his own research that an Air Force communications officer claimed to have heard Moncla's Cajun drawl over the radio long after it had been reported that he had vanished. Heath said Air Force investigators discounted this because they were of the mind that the aircraft disappeared and crashed and the idea that Moncla was still flying around after he crashed into the lake didn't fit their idea of what happened.

Tenney could not be reached for comment for this article.

Heath compiled an interesting account of the Moncla mystery in the winter 2003 of the UFOBC Quarterly magazine.

Following the "accident," it would be a month before Moncla and Wilson were listed as officially dead by the U.S. Air Force. And surprisingly, the Air Force did not hold a memorial for the two crewmen as was customary for members who died in the line of duty.

Moncla's widow did, however, receive an American flag from the Air Force, Heath said. Heath wants to know why the Air Force did not conduct a memorial.

"Was it because they had reason to suspect that the two crewmen might still be alive?" Heath asked.

Fifteen years after the mysterious incident, in 1968, some prospectors near the Canadian city of Sault Ste. Marie, found wreckage from a jet along the rocky and remote Lake Superior shoreline. A newspaper account of the discovery mentions that the wreckage may have been from Moncla and Wilson's lost F-89. However, inquiries to the Canadian government and civilian agencies by Heath about the found wreckage, have proven fruitless. Heath said the F-89, developed in the late 1940s, had some design flaws but that those design flaws had been corrected before 1953 and that the jet had a very good safety record.

Coincidentally, an F-89 on a training mission from Truax Field crashed near Madison, Wis., the same night Moncla's F-89 disappeared.

Heath said that until his disappearance, Moncla had led a successful life. He was the son of Yvonne and Felix E. Moncla Sr. and had grown up in Moreauville. Heath said Moncla graduated from Moreauville (Avoyelles) High School in the 1940s and went on to attend Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette (ULL), where he received a bachelor's of science degree.

It was while Moncla was attending the LSU School of Medicine to become a doctor that he applied for a commission in the Air Force. He was called to active duty shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War and ended up at Truax Field.

Heath said he is of the opinion that Moncla and Wilson met an unusual fate and that they may have been spirited away by whatever force was behind the object seen on the radarscopes that night. Heath said some radar operators strongly believe that the plane was "swallowed up by the UFO."

At the time of the accident, Moncla had a wife and two young children, including his son, David Moncla, who lives in Alexandria. He declined to be interviewed for this story.

In the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Moreauville, a memorial was erected that reads: "(Moncla) Disappeared Nov. 23, 1953, intercepting a UFO over Canadian border as pilot of a Northrup F89 Jet Plane."

Heath said that the Avoyelles Commission of Tourism is planning on building a museum, which may feature a specific display relating to the Moncla disappearance.

Carlos Mayeux Jr., who grew up in the Moreauville area when Moncla was living, confirmed that there is such a project in the works. At the time, Mayeux was a teenager and recalled hearing the terrible news.

"It was a tragedy," Mayeux said.

Felix Moncla's wife, Bobbie Moncla Nabors, later remarried an Air Force officer in Alabama.

Buddy Moncla, 77, a cousin of the lieutenant who lives in the Avoyelles Parish community of Moncla, said he wants to know what happened to his cousin nearly 50 years ago. Buddy Moncla said he and his cousin Gene grew up together. He remembers Gene as good looking, popular and somewhat reserved.

Both attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute (ULL) in the early 1950s.

"We used to watch him play football," Buddy Moncla said.

After Buddy Moncla married Beryl, he saw less of his cousin because he was still single. Moncla and his wife were living in Cape Girardeau, Mo., when he said his mother called and informed him of Gene's disappearance.

"All we were told was that their plane went down and they never were found," Beryl Moncla said.

It wasn't until many years later that he began to hear more details about the case and the unusual circumstances surrounding his cousin's disappearance.

Buddy Moncla said he is open to the idea that a UFO snatched Gene and his co-pilot.

"I was told that the last transmission recorded was (Gene) saying, 'I'm going in for a closer look,' Buddy Moncla said. "That is the last they heard."

Buddy Moncla said that means his cousin saw something high over Lake Superior.

"He saw something and the radar saw something. The radar made the story more controversial because the image of Gene's plane and the unknown object converged into one blip and then it disappeared. What happened?" he asked. "They say he may have passed out at the high altitude, but what about his co-pilot?"

Asked whether he believes a UFO abducted his cousin, Wilson and

the jet that night, Buddy Moncla replies in all seriousness, "There's no questions. What else? No one can prove otherwise."

He said that UFO's are just that, unidentified flying objects.

"Whether it was an item Uncle Sam was experimenting with or something else, we'll probably never know," he said. "It's an interesting story."

He said he and his wife are glad there is some interest in the story. And having met with investigator Heath during his visit to Avoyelles Parish, Buddy Moncla said the Canadian UFO researcher "came across as a straight shooter."

He added that he would like the U.S. Air Force to reopen the case and offer some closure on the subject, considering all the unanswered questions surrounding the mysterious incident.

Leoni M. Shannon, Moncla's older sister who now lives in Loveland, Colo., said the incident deeply affected her family.

"My mother was never the same; he was her only son. He was sweet to her. She tried to put up a brave front but you knew it was devastating for her," Shannon said. "After that incident I was constantly looking in the sky every night. I never saw anything. It's a puzzle."

Shannon said the Air Force and other governmental agencies were not helpful in providing the family with straight answers.

"We still know nothing about it," Shannon said. "I don't think the government wants to let us know about what really happened to him."

When asked if she believes it is possible a UFO or some other unknown force could have been behind her brother's disappearance, Shannon doesn't hesitate, "I think that something like that could've happened."

Meanwhile, back in British Columbia, Heath continues to write the Canadian and American governments searching for answers as to what fate really befell Moncla and Wilson those many years ago. He is confident the American government engaged in a cover up that continues to this day.

"I have a strong inclination where this is all going," Heath said. "That Moncla and Wilson were captured by a UFO."

[UFO UpDates thanks Gordon Heath of UFOBC for the lead]

Also See:

<http://www.google.com/custom?q=Moncla&sa=Google+Search&cof=GIMP%3A%23ffffff%3BT%3A%23ffffff%3BLW%3A137%3BALC%3A%23ffffff%3BL%3Aht>

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:49:12 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Hatch

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:05:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 15:12:41 EDT
>>Subject: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>>SIGHTINGS CONTINUE WITH DISC OVER NEW YORK

>Thanks to George Filer and Peter Davenport for the following:

>>NEW YORK - FOUR WITNESSES SEE DISC WITH THIRTY WINDOWS.

>>JFK AIRPORT - At 11:30 PM, four witnesses were going into the
>>Howard Beach Subway Station on June 28, 2003, when they saw a
>>saucer flying overhead. There was a saucer shaped object with
>>the usual half sphere middle part with three rows of 8 to 10
>>windows. It was emitting a gloomy white light/haze all over it
>>and a blinking sharp white light from the bottom. It was
>>hovering low in the horizon near the airport. It stayed in one
>>position about 300 meters high then moved slowly to the right
>>while lowering itself. Then it came back to its original
>>position, but much closer to the ground and got out of sight,
>>because it was lower than a building. It might have landed.
>>Other people also saw it, but did not pay attention. [!]

<snip>

>>Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

>For many years I have been reporting discs and spheres that
>circumnavigate the same areas of the sky/corridors that
>commercial jets use when coming or going from JFK International.
>Several years ago I expressed concern over this fact. Here again
>is a report of a 'UFO' observed by multiple witnesses at close
>range right by the Howard Beach subway station. That station is
>directly alongside the parking lot followed by the north end of
>one of the busiest landing strips at JFK.

>I find it alarming that an unknown object/craft is being
>reported in this particular area. The possibility of a _major_
>collision is particularly high in just that place. The
>airplanes are _low_ (and I mean, 'throw a pebble and hit em'
>low) when they fly over the Howard Beach subway station.

>More New York city commercial airliner stuff:

>>STATEN ISLAND - Seven people swimming saw a strange object in
>>the sky. The witness states, I was in the pool with my dad and
>>my uncle when I saw a dot far away in the sky on July 13, 2003,
>>at 7:30 PM. As we got out of the pool we saw four dots that
>>stayed in the same position. By that time all seven of us began
>>to look and saw seven dots. We also saw two dots revolving
>>around each other and flashing brightly. At that time, as we
>>were looking at the dots, two commercial airliner almost

>>collided! It was very bizarre and all seven of us agreed that
>>this sighting was something from a different planet. What made
>>it even more bizarre was the amount of military aircraft that
>>followed. I've never seen so many jets in my life! There was
>>something in the air tonight and I really do believe that it was
>>a UFO. We all do. Thanks to Peter Davenport <www.nuforc.org>
>>NUFORC

>Again, 'UFOs' appear to pose a real threat to commercial
>aircraft. I have been videotaping these white discs and little
>spheres in the vicinity of JFK since 1996. I hope a loss of life
>doesn't ever happen as a result of a collision with one of these
>'unidentified' aerial objects. There have already been run-ins
>with these 'things' at the Mexico City airport. Such aerial
>collisions are not as far-fetched as some may think.

>Regards,

>John Velez
>1 mile from Howard Beach station and JFK

Hello John, all:

This is exactly the sort of thing that should be reported to
NARCAP. Pilot reports are especially sought after as they are
considered expert witnesses to air hazards of all types.

The first link on my "How to Report a UFO Sighting" page:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/UREPORT.html> is this one:

Pilots and other airborne observers are strongly encouraged to
contact the safety oriented NARCAP organization.....

<http://narcap.org>

Aviators and others will not be bullied or ridiculed. Dr.
Richard Haines and others will see to that. To make a report to
NARCAP, use this link:

<http://narcap.org/make%20a%20report/report.htm>

For an excellent catalog of historical airborne sightings,
please see Dominique Weinstein's catalog here

<http://www.project1947.com/acufoe.htm>

If you know any commercial pilots especially, please pass these
links on to them.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 23:00:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:33:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Hatch

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 02:31:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:08:28 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>Hello Listers,

>>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>>Todd Lemire

>I've never encountered a sighting of an object shaped like an
>"H" but I remember seeing a photo many years ago of a discoid
>craft with a symbol on it similar to the letter "H".

Hello Terry:

Possibly, you are thinking of the infamous UMMO symbol. Some
Russians latched onto that and somehow pasted that on one of
their pix, and the same sorry biz just cranked on and on.

UMMO itself was thoroughly trashed. Even a confession from the
author of this highly elaborate hoax (Pena?) was not enough to
dissuade some/many of its followers, active even now I
understand.

The H-like symbol was something like a wide capital letter H
with a third vertical bar running up the middle (if memory
serves) and very similar to a letter in the Cyrillic (Russian)
alphabet.

V-J Ballester Olmos in Spain has all the dirt on the UMMO case.
I see no relation to H-shaped craft.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 'Other commitments' Kept Aliens From UFO Daze?

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 23:16:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:45:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Other commitments' Kept Aliens From UFO Daze?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 18:04:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Other commitments' Kept Aliens From UFO Daze?

>>From: Eustquio Anddrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 09:16:37 -0300
>>Subject: 'Other commitments' May Have Kept Aliens From UFO Daze

>>Source: The Sheboygan Press - Illinois

>Sheboygan is in Wisconsin, not in Illinois.

>Jerry Clark

>http://www.wisinfo.com/sheboyganpress/news/archive/local_11353418.shtml

>>July 21, 2003

>>By Nhia C. Yang
>>Sheboygan Press staff

Hello Jerry:

Amazingly, there is a Sheboygan Mine in Illinois:

Feature Type: mine
State: Illinois
County: Jo Daviess
42:26:39N - 09:02:308W

I doubt they publish a newspaper there, too dark to read.

Best

- Larry

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Re: CI: Underground City Images Analysis

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 23:32:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:49:04 -0400
Subject: Re: CI: Underground City Images Analysis

>From: Diane Harrison - AUFORN <auforn@hypermax.net.au>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:54:33 +1000
>Subject: Re: CI: Underground City Images Analysis Un-Convincing

<snip>

>Hi Mac list

>A friend of mine went to an astronomy lecture at the Queensland
>University in Brisbane this week. QU presented some of the
>worlds top astronomers and Scientists lecturing on Science and
>Astronomy research and development.

>One of the topics they covered in detail was Mars
>and a manned
>mission to Mars.

>They said if the Australian Government and US Government gave
>priority funding for the Mars project then they could have a man
>on Mars within 5 years.

Five years would be "pushing it" perhaps, based on mission
scenarios that I'm familiar with, but we could definitely make
it to Mars in ten years. I recommend checking out the Mars
Society's site at:

<http://www.marssociety.com>

A manned mission to Mars is totally doable. It's not a matter of
developing the technology; it's a matter of NASA gaining a sense
of priority and purpose.

>Mac it is a shame that a project as great as this has to rely on
>government funding and... as we are all know Gov funding never
>seems to get to where its supposed to go.

I sincerely hope that the first manned Mars mission is at least
partly a private endeavor. There are ways this could be done,
one of which - proposed by Mars scientist Geoffery Landis - is a
lottery in which the winner, if physically capable, gets a free
seat aboard the first voyage to Mars. I know _I'd_ buy a ticket!

>The lecture covered the face on Mars they showed pictures of it
>a close range. My astronomer friend George said it didn't look
>like a face at all

I wonder which version was shown to him. NASA has an interesting
tendency to fall back on inferior images to help cement its
ostensibly unofficial position that the Face is merely a "hill."
I recommend checking out my Face gallery:

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

>So Mac, are the Mars pyramids real and were they made by an
>ancient civilisation or are they too an optical illusion.

I don't know. But I have a strong suspicion that there are
extraterrestrial artifacts in the Cydonia region, as documented

on my website:

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

Mac Tonnies

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CI: A 'Tholus' In California?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 00:20:13 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:51:25 -0400
Subject: CI: A 'Tholus' In California?

Cydonian Imperative
7-26-03

A "Tholus" in California?
by Mac Tonnies

For images and links, see:

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 40)

[image]

This conical structure at Edwards Air Force Base resembles the Tholus at Cydonia.

Edwards Air Force Base in California features a conical mound very much like the Tholus in Cydonia, complete with groove/ramp. While the Tholus appears to have a weathered triangular structure at its peak, the better-preserved (and much newer) formation at Edwards boasts a cylindrical metal tank. Details aside, the resemblance between the Tholus and the mound at Edwards is striking. While I'm in no way suggesting an exotic "common origin," perhaps the Tholus in Cydonia once served a similar purpose as its terrestrial cousin.

[image]

Image courtesy Mark Carlotto.

If artificial, the Tholus need not be "high-tech." Its overall resemblance to England's Silbury Hill has been noted by several researchers. It's conceivable the Tholus was built by a Bronze Age civilization for cultural/astronomical reasons. But the winding ramp, most evident in Mark Carlotto's shape-from-shading rendering (above), suggests a more sophisticated, utilitarian origin.

I've proposed that the Tholus might be an observatory from which hypothetical Martians could take in some of the exotic formations in the Cydonia region, such as the unexplained Cliff. The triangular peak is situated atop a shallow, abraded platform that, curiously enough, is aimed directly at the distant Face at app. 45 degrees. Such correspondences imply that the Tholus' placement is nonrandom.

Using terrestrial structures as analogies for possible Martian ruins is a potentially hazardous practice. The variations in scale and age are often mind-boggling, rendering superficial likenesses useless (the Enterprise Mission's delightfully absurd "Sumer/Iraq-Mars" connection being a case in point). Nevertheless, a systematic survey of known artificial structures employing "earthworks"-style engineering might help us understand the possible function and meaning of the anomalous morphologies at Cydonia.

(Special thanks to Zak.)

-end-

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A New Tungunaska Incident?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 15:54:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:57:57 -0400
Subject: A New Tungunaska Incident?

Source: AFP and El Universal Online

<http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?idc=76740>

Date: Friday, July 25, 2003

Did a Giant Meteor Destroy 100 Square Kilometers of Siberian
Taiga?

The collision of a giant meteor in Siberia's Irkutsk region in
September 2002 destroyed some 100 square kilometers of taiga
with an explosion whose power was equal to that of a medium-
sized atom bomb, according to the head of a scientific
expedition.

The expedition--consisting of ten scientists and physicians--had
to wait until May to locate the epicenter of the devastated area,
which is in a semi-mountainous and forested area near Bodaibo,
to the northeast of Irkutsk and Lake Baikal, according to Vadim
Tchernobrov, the expedition's leader, during a press conference.

"Trees have fallen in a way that occurs specifically in cases
involving very powerful expansive waves over a surface of some
one hundred square kilometers," he explained.

"To give you an idea, the explosion of the meteorite, which
desintegrated before it hit the surface and whose fragments have
only caused some 20 craters measuring up to twenty meters
across, has a power equal to that of a medium-sized nuclear
warhead."

During the press conference, scientists displayed images
recorded during the expedition, which show trees cut in half and
in some cases burned, since very high temperatures were recorded
during the explosion.

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Re: Aliens More Like Arnie Than ET - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys@rogers.com>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:50:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 11:02:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens More Like Arnie Than ET - Friedman

From: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
To: <- UFO UpDates List ->
Date: 24-Jul-03 23:31
Subject: Aliens More Like Arnie Than ET

>Source: The Australian

>http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,6801101%255E13762,00.html

>July 24, 2003

>Aliens More Like Arnie Than ET
>By Leigh Dayton, Science writer

>If extraterrestrials exist they look more like the steely
>Terminator than cuddly ET, say scientists on a cosmic quest for
>smart aliens.

>"The rise of the machines? There's a lot of Hollywood in there,
>a lot of crashing and smashing about, but it's possible,"
>astronomer and science historian Steve Dick said of the
>Terminator movies.

>According to his new view of ET, intelligent aliens long ago
>dispensed with weak flesh-and-blood bodies in favour of steel-
>hard sinews and silicon brains.

>Dr Dick, of the US Naval Observatory in Washington, based his
>argument on the "intelligence principle" - when a species can
>improve its intelligence it will do so.

>"If you don't get smarter you get left behind," Dr Dick said
>yesterday at the International Union of Astronomy conference,
>meeting in Sydney.

<snip>

For years I have been pointing out that the SETI cultists frequently sound off in areas about which they know nothing. These include the feasibility of interstellar travel, the possibility of new communications systems, the existence of flying saucers, and of course the behavior, motivation and development of alien beings. Just look at the data they don't reference.

Where would astronomers rank on a list of professionals competent to deal with behavior and motivation questions? I think near the bottom of the list when it comes to Earthlings, no less aliens. How about psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, doctors, nurses, even lawyers?

But astronomers?

Substitute egos for data and they, along with some of the science fiction writers, really take the cake.

I am certainly looking forward to the Final Transatlantic Cruise of the Queen Elizabeth 2 starting from Southampton on December

15 and arriving in New York 6 days later. Seth Shostak will give some lectures, I will give 3, and Graham Birdsall will also speak.

The theme of the cruise is Science Fiction and Science. The silly comments above illustrate some of the fiction.

As Jerry Clark used to quote Curt Fuller of Fate saying "not a fact in a carload" or some such.

Stan Friedman

www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html

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Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:52:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 11:07:19 -0400
Subject: Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - Maccabee

>From: Chester <projectbluebook@EROLS.COM>
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM
>Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2003 13:07:05 -0400
>Subject: Sad Day At The Archives

>Hello Jan and List,

<snip>

>Herb was absolutely shocked at the narrow-mindedness of the Air
>Force and for that matter most the other agencies for their
>antiquated approach to records. It was a massive shut-down of
>records. He said that 9-11 has given the agencies the needed
>backing to come in and raise havoc. An example was a bomb
>mission survey report of a Japanese harbor that was written by
>the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic
>Service. They were the predecessor to the CIA so... CLASSIFIED!

>I asked if my FOIA could be regenerated in a couple of months
>and he said no. This would be for years and the only way we
>could try to get around it would be to have an actual document
>number and submit a FOIA for that to be reviewed.

>This is happening in all record groups. There are things being
>removed from public access that have been declassified for
>twenty years. It has the staff at the Archives furious and very
>concerned. Look out OSS records. The Atomic Energy Records are
>being pulled by the droves. Many of these records are in major
>universities, so are they next?

>Anyway, there are 1812 boxes of Air Intelligence Records that
>won't see the light of day for who knows how long. I think there
>are some real gems in those records that will fill in the gap of
>the early Grudge days, but maybe not.

>Oh well, I'll just have to travel down a different path.

May have to appeal directly to the Air Force... via your local
Congressman or Senator.

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 06:11:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 11:10:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Hamilton

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@charter.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 20:42:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 11:3:6 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux

>>>From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:28:01 -0700
>>>Subject: UFO Frauds Redux

>>>Greetins All on UpDates.

>>>13 months ago a thread was launched on UpDates concerning
>>>credibility in UFO research as conducted and relayed by
>>>different names in the field. One name that surfaced was "Guy
>>>Kirkwood" who is also known by another name "Mel Noel."
>>>Kirkwood/Noel is well known to UFO Magazine. I conducted an
>>>expose of Kirkwood/Noel's claims of being a F-86 Sabre Jet pilot
>>>and commercial pilot in Vol. 7 Number 3 of UFO Magazine in May,
>>>1992. I also uploaded that expose to Updates and if you are
>>>interested here is a link.

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/aug/m29-017.shtml>

>><snip>

>>Bravo! I gald you didn't let this die. You certainly allowed
>>more than enough time for a rebuttal!

>><snip>

>Let me say that Noel/Kirkwood did answer the F-86 questions that
>I asked at 100% but, due to the information about the F-86 on
>the web and in print, and if someone did indeed, work on the
>'86, none of it would be ah, esoteric, in nature.

I am just as skeptical as anyone on this List and a stickler for facts so I will make this one reply so as not to beat a dead horse. If Guy obtained the data on the F-86, then it wasn't from the web as he doesn't use a computer and doesn't use email. If from published works, and you knew he could find answers there, then why use this as a test? In that case, you don't know for sure that I didn't look up the answers myself. You must have trusted me.

Guy did dig up his old documents and photos. One photo shows a much younger Guy in full flight gear sitting in the cockpit of an F-86, but he must have faked that too, a long time ago. As we know that almost anything can be faked given enough slight-of-hand, that leaves us with very little solid evidence as it is.

As Guy would not copy these documents and photos upon my request so that I could send them to Stan Friedman, I told him that I could no longer pursue his case and present it to the research

community and there it stands. Guy has never helped his own case anyway as he gets involved with dubious patriot groups.

After he answered your questions and, obviously, got the answer on suitcase handles marked wrong, I dropped it. There is nothing more to re-examine on this case and those who want to believe he is just a con are welcome to it as I will not be the one to persuade them otherwise. There are more worthwhile objectives to pursue.

-Bill Hamilton

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Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Groff

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Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 11:12:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Groff

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 23:00:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 02:31:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>>>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>>>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>>>I've never encountered a sighting of an object shaped like an
>>>"H" but I remember seeing a photo many years ago of a discoid
>>>craft with a symbol on it similar to the letter "H".

>>>Possibly, you are thinking of the infamous UMMO symbol. Some
>>>Russians latched onto that and somehow pasted that on one of
>>>their pix, and the same sorry biz just cranked on and on.

>>>UMMO itself was thoroughly trashed. Even a confession from the
>>>author of this highly elaborate hoax (Pena?) was not enough to
>>>dissuade some/many of its followers, active even now I
>>>understand.

Thanks Larry, I thought that one had been debunked although I
didn't have the particulars. That was the only "H" reference
that came to mind.

Terry

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NY Times: A Bad Trip Down Memory Lane

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A Bad Trip Down Memory Lane
By Bruce Grierson

It is not considered good judgment to wade into the issue of recovered memories without skin as thick as permafrost and caller ID on the phone. Rare is the academic field in which colleagues on opposite sides of a debate - people with international reputations - dismiss the very foundations of one another's work, sometimes not so privately, with common barnyard epithets; in which two of the most prominent reference books are almost Jesuitically contradictory; in which more than a decade of fairly sound research has done little to settle a debate that has raged ever since Freud popularized the term "repression."

Yet this is just where Susan Clancy found herself eight years ago when she joined the psychology department at Harvard University as a graduate student. At one end of the field of "trauma memory" were people like her new professors and future co-authors, the clinical psychologist Richard McNally and the cognitive psychologist Daniel Schacter, chairman of the Harvard psychology department and one of the world's leading experts on memory function. At the other end were Harvard-affiliated clinicians, including Judith Herman, Bessel van der Kolk and Daniel Brown, whose scholarly writing on the psychological effects of trauma remains highly influential.

What the two sides disagree on is whether painful memories of traumatic events can actually be repressed - completely forgotten - and then "recovered" years later in therapy. Many clinicians say yes: it is how we instinctively protect ourselves from childhood recollections that would otherwise be too dire to bear. Most cognitive psychologists say no: real trauma is almost never forgotten; full-blown, traumatic memories dredged up decades later through hypnosis are almost invariably false.

Clancy, now 33, wasn't fully alive to the schismatic politics back then. She simply saw a puzzling, inviting gap in the data. "You had two groups in opposite camps that were battling each other out" over the validity of recovered memories, Clancy says. "But nobody was doing research on the group that was at the center of the controversy - the people who were reporting recovered memories. Memory function in that group had never been examined in the laboratory."

So she decided to devote herself to that task, which would end up occupying her pretty much full time for the next seven years. Interview subjects, mostly women but some men, all with recovered memories of child sexual abuse, would come to her office in William James Hall - a 15-floor concrete cracker stack among the brick heritage buildings of Harvard. They would settle in and, shifting their gaze from Clancy's blue eyes to the John Hancock Tower in the distance, tell her their stories as the tape in her recorder unspooled.

The stories were troubling. Often she found herself, somewhat inappropriately, tearing up. Clancy's upbringing - feminist, lapsed Catholic - had prepared her to believe what she was hearing. But as her interviews went on, she came to the conclusion that many of the most elaborate, most terrifying tales she was hearing had an air of confabulation about them. "There was a moment where I said, 'Oh, my God, I'm not sure this really happened,'" she recalls.

Though the term "false memory" is slippery and inadequate, there is now little doubt that the phenomenon exists. A rash of satanic ritual abuse claims in the 1980's and 90's - claims that were never substantiated but destroyed families and ruined reputations - demonstrated fairly conclusively that both adults and children sometimes report things they think happened that didn't.

Still, genuine memories of real sexual abuse are often prosecutors' only tools to combat what remains a significant social problem. To distinguish, in some definitive way, then, true memories from false memories is a trick with enormous personal and political and public-policy implications.

Clancy guessed that there was a category of people who are prone to create false memories and who might demonstrate this tendency when given a standard memory test. Her strategy was to present a list of semantically related words, like "candy," "sour" and "sugar," to those who purported to have recovered memories. Then she would test their recall of those words. On the test, she would throw in words that weren't on the list but were like the words on the list - "sweet," for example. Her hypothesis was that these people would be especially inclined to "remember" seeing the word "sweet" - in effect creating a recollection out of a contextual inference, a fact from a feeling. In the end, the data strongly supported her thesis. She published her findings in 2000 in the scientific journal *Psychological Science*.

But her work was criticized by some, in large part because it contained a hidden snare: even if Clancy's "false memory" recoverers were prone to fictionalizing memories of abuse, that didn't necessarily mean that their specific memories of abuse were made up; there was no way to know whether these people were actually abused. Clancy had anticipated this cavil while still in the design stage of the study, and so she rounded up a second control group - people who had incontrovertibly been abused and had always remembered that abuse, in contrast to the "recovered memory" group. When people in this group took the word-recall test, they tended to "remember" words that weren't on the list with no greater frequency than the average person, and she was sure she had cracked the nut.

The critics, though, had another objection. What if the traumas that the recovered-memory group had experienced were horrific enough not only to repress the memory but also to cause cognitive impairment that showed up as memory distortion in the lab?

Meanwhile, hate mail started pouring in, in quantities Clancy would eventually measure "by the ton." The reaction was not altogether surprising. The moral dimension of research on child sexual abuse makes it uniquely explosive in psychology, and almost from Day 1 Clancy had, beyond the safe zone of her own department, taken heavy flak for even suggesting that memories of abuse can be faulty. The simple act of conducting research into the matter struck some as an enterprise "designed to cheer on child molesters," as one anonymous letter writer wrote, "and ridicules the suffering sustained by children who are abused as well as therapists who are knowledgeable about the effects of trauma on children's minds and bodies." Clancy was a "bad person," according to another letter writer, to question such reports. Yet another suggested that she was probably an abuser herself.

In 2000, when Clancy was invited to give a lecture at Cambridge Hospital, the chairman of the hospital at the time told her that several members of its psychiatric department had protested her appearance. Her colleagues told her that she had probably ruled herself out of future academic positions in any psychology department, Harvard pedigree or no.

Clancy says she thought she could fix the problem by fixing her word-recall test. She was close, she reckoned, but she needed to find a different, methodologically cleaner, subject group than victims of child sexual abuse - people whose memories virtually everyone could agree were false. But whom? She considered options: people who remembered their own deaths? People who recalled past lives? No, there was just enough doubt in those instances to taint the results. She would have to go further afield.

"Have you been contacted or abducted by space aliens?" read the ad that ran in a number of Boston-area newspapers. "You may be eligible to participate in a Harvard memory research study." Clancy's new plan - and it seemed unimpeachable - was to round up folks who thought they had been beamed aboard spaceships, or who actually recalled the experience, and give them the same memory test she had given the others. If they, too, got high scores, it would establish that there are indeed people who are prone to false memories - which might eventually help scientists better understand how false memories are created. Finally, she figured, she had the makings of a sound study. Out she went into the community to recruit.

For two years, Clancy advertised in bookstores, visited Internet chat rooms and haunted U.F.O. conferences, handing out fliers for her memory study. At one point, in pursuit of appropriate subjects, she spent three days at a meeting of a group of supposed alien abductees at an old seaside Victorian inn in Newport, R.I. She sat in the hot tub with them as they cheerfully told her their stories - an astonishingly consistent set of narratives involving bright light through bedroom windows, inexplicable time blackouts, encounters with bobble-headed small gray people with large black eyes and, often, invasive sexual medical experimentation. Among themselves, the experiencers talked business. There was a consensus about how stupid and misguided scientists were not to believe their accounts. Someone related a skeptic's theory that the explosion of U.F.O. sightings in New Jersey the previous year was caused by migrating birds, and the crowd exploded into guffaws. Clancy smiled through gritted teeth.

Finally, she scraped together 11 willing subjects, ran them and a control group through a battery of tests and collated the data, which demonstrated, in her view, that "individuals who are more prone to develop false memories in the lab are also more likely to develop false memories of experiences that were only suggested or imagined." She submitted her study to the notoriously stringent *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. It sped through the review process and, to her great relief, was published. Her problems looked to be solved.

"I thought, Thank God, man," she recalls. "With alien abductees, I'm never going to have to deal with the criticism that it might have actually happened."

In a mustard-colored suit - the only suit he owns - John Mack stands on the stage of the theater inside Boston's Museum of Fine Arts with a light shining on his face, like a museum exhibit of the moon. The documentary film "Touched," by Laurel Chiten, a Boston filmmaker, has just received its world premiere, and Chiten and Mack, her main subject, are up there to field questions. Through interviews, the film conveys what it's like to be coerced into sexual congress with alien beings - and, in at least one case, to become an unwitting participant, apparently, in a kind of intergalactic hybrid breeding program.

Mack, a quiet and erudite man, is a veteran of the Harvard medical faculty whose blue-chip career took something of a William Jamesian turn toward the mystical in the 70's. In 1994, he published the book "Abduction," which immediately piqued interest because Mack seemed to accept the abduction phenomenon as literal fact. The book was a huge best seller. Mack's Harvard imprimatur jacked the credibility of abduction accounts into another orbit. Chris Carter, creator of "The X-Files," used Mack's work to help sell his show to Fox.

Clancy's study was, of course, a clear rebuke of the abductee

experience - and it was met with derision at Mack's nonprofit organization, the Center for Psychology and Social Change. Clancy had drawn a number of her test subjects from the institute's ranks, and they may have felt poleaxed by the disarmingly genial researcher who seemed to listen so nonjudgmentally to their tales. The campaign to discredit Clancy began in earnest.

"Obviously there's a mammoth leap of faith involved in generalizing from a mistake on a word list to the assumption that whole memories for extended, anomalous events can be created more or less arbitrarily," wrote a doctoral student named Catherine Reason on an Internet discussion group. Just who was Susan Clancy, asked another, to challenge the work of people whose theories of memory and trauma were cited by the United Nations when discussing whether recovered memories of torture were admissible as testimony in an international war-crimes tribunal? Some simply viewed Clancy's 11 "abductees" as too small a sample size.

Mack and Clancy seem to have nothing against each other personally, though the gulf in their worldviews appears unbridgeable. Clancy describes Mack as "good-hearted," an "old-school gentleman" who was insufficiently aware of the memory-distorting effects of the hypnosis he used over the years to expand upon abduction memories in many of his more than 200 patients. Mack is sanguine about the Clancy study, but blunt. "I smell a rat," he says in his light-filled Cambridge home a short walk from Harvard Yard. "Not that Susan's the rat, but in that a small word-association test gets to be used, by whomever, to say, 'This is simply memory distortion.'"

The abductees, in some ways, posed a more bewildering challenge to Clancy than her previous memory-recoverers. "Very few of them endorsed the repression hypothesis," she says. They don't believe their conscious minds repressed the memories of abduction trauma out of self-protection. Rather, she says, "you'd get extraterrestrial interpretations." The reason they had no memories of those terrifying events until years or decades later, the abductees usually say, is that the aliens, for everybody's protection, erased or otherwise controlled them.

When I met with her in Cambridge, Clancy still seemed genuinely surprised, almost awed, at the breadth of controversy her work has caused. "Every academic talk I give," she told me as we made our way to lunch near Harvard Square, "someone raises their hand and says, 'Who the hell are you to say these stories aren't true?'"

Not long ago, Clancy appeared as a guest on a nationally syndicated radio show that takes a broad-minded view of the paranormal. For nearly 20 minutes, she was called on that very question. The host pressed: "Why do you think that the only life forms are on earth?" Clancy said she could feel her blood pressure rising.

"I don't necessarily believe that we're the only life form out there," she said. "I can entertain the possibility that there are other life forms out there without accepting your story that a spaceship picked you up!"

Many scientists have offered a simple explanation for the phenomenon: abduction experiences, they maintain, are all about the mind pumping for meaning after a bout of sleep paralysis -- a scary but fairly common experience in which the part of the brain that inhibits motor messages during REM sleep fails to disengage as the sleeper wakes up. The sensation is of being pinned to the bed, often accompanied by hallucinations of some spectral entity at the bedside.

Some three million Americans believe they have had some kind of encounter with space aliens. If everyone who experienced sleep paralysis came to that conclusion, the number would be a hundred or so times as high. What you have in an abductee, Clancy suspects, is someone who is predisposed to believe. "Here's someone who reads science fiction. They watch 'The X-Files.' Then one night they have a sleep-paralysis experience. It's weird and it's scary, and it becomes one of a multitude of events that create that wonder."

As the subject tries to remember what happened, "source" errors

creep in. "You think you're recovering your own memory, when in fact it's something you pulled out of a movie," Clancy said. "Memory's tendency to be reconstructive, combined with the desire to believe, combined with a culturally available script, leads to a false memory. The content of that memory is dictated by the society you live in." The warnings that experiencers report receiving from aliens, the Australian sociologist Robert Bartholomew has pointed out, have changed over time - from nuclear destruction during the cold war to, more recently, ecological doom. These are simply stories, he says, that give shape to our fears.

Ten years from now, Susan Clancy may remember 2003 as a year of agreeable spadework in the trenches of academic inquiry. But if she does, it will be a false memory. The truth is that Clancy's research, which she hoped might mend fences - at least partly vindicating both sides' positions - has managed to tick off just about everyone: sexual-abuse survivors, therapists, experiencers, even a creationist or two.

Daniel Brown, the trauma therapist, is convinced that there's a "political agenda" to Clancy's abduction study. As he told one reporter, "It's all about spin." Her own brother - a corporate lawyer for a top New York firm - has ripped into her about the abduction study for assuming outright that none of the abductions occurred.

From his vantage point a few dozen feet away in the Harvard psych department, Richard McNally has watched Clancy, his former grad student, face trial after trial. "She's very thick-skinned, certainly for someone at her stage of her career," McNally told me. But inside, it was getting to her.

When we first spoke, about six months ago, Clancy said she believed she could weather the storm. "I don't think so anymore," she said recently. "When I was on the phone with lawyers two weeks ago and had to be concerned that I was going to get brought up on ethics charges, it really caused me to rethink what I'm doing here."

She seemed immensely relieved, therefore, to be getting out. Clancy has accepted a visiting professorship at the Harvard-affiliated Central American Business Administration Institute in Managua, Nicaragua, and will leave later this summer. There she will continue to study how trauma affects people, but the trauma will be verifiable life-threatening events: diseases, hurricanes, land mines.

Oh. And she will do a little cross-cultural research on... abductees. It turns out, just as John Mack has said for years, that this is a truly universal phenomenon. "Supposedly it's extremely common through Central America," Clancy said.

When she returns, she will shop around her resume. She hopes people will still remember her.

Bruce Grierson last wrote for the magazine about nutrigenomics.

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Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank -

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>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 17:29:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Scientists Say Crop Circles Were No Prank

>Hi Michel,

>Being a witness of this Phenomenon since 1991 on the spot
>in England I can agree with what you wrote above.

>As far as I know there exists no report of a European
>researcher who claimed to have seen a 'craft' leaving a
>crop circle behind. The 'Oliver Castle Video' hoax is
>researched and exposed as such.

>The Crop Circle Phenomenon up to the early 1990s created
>genuine formations which is now completely taken over by
>human teams. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of all times
>inbetween appeared as Balls of Light (See L.M.Howe's
>book)and created unhoaxable energy patterns inside and
>around fields. The Crop Circle Phenomenon of nowadays is
>only to be found by dowsing (which is a very powerful and
>cosmic and spritual and mental human activity)in certain
>activated fields.

>Neither a 'craft'nor a meteorite has ever reportedly
>created a crop circle in Europe.

>Sorry to say, but if what I saw is the Californian 'crop
>circle' which everybody and even scientists do speak of -
>this thing is so ugly (from the picture - I wasn't
>there)that it wouldn't pass established standards of crop
>circle research.

>And if a certain ET agenda (same valid for human
>agenda)has tried to jump on the band waggon in California-
>then they should practise a bit. :-))

Hi Joachim,

I agree that many of the current formations in the UK are probably of human origin now, although I'm not convinced all are. However, one needs to view the phenomenon in context as a whole. Many of the formations here in Canada and in other countries as well, still show evidence of being anomalous, even if most of those are simpler in design (not all necessarily, but the majority I'd say). Basically, the phenomenon continues, it hasn't completely stopped since the early 1990s, but we need to look at it in a global context.

I think many of these findings have been overlooked to an extent by the crop circle community because many people are interested only in the largest and most complex formations, ie. in England primarily. While most of the Canadian ones here are still very modest (even boring to some) in comparison, studies by our teams and BLT, etc. have provided many interesting anomalies still to be explained, including the well-known ruptured stalk nodes, stretched nodes (up to 300% normal length in one case), twisted

seed heads, altered (heated) soil, camera and videocamera malfunctions and anomalies, synchronistic dreams / premonitions (sometimes with specific details), and so on. There are many questions still to be answered. Many of my own experiences suggest there is something going on besides just man-made formations / hoaxes (and we have had our share of those here also I can confirm). Also, many of the ones being found here today are consistent in form, size, time of year, locations, etc. as reports going back several decades in this country (at least to 1925 that we know of so far). There is a consistency, a repeating pattern overall, which to me is suggestive of a real, unexplained phenomenon which may have been occurring for decades, centuries or even longer, with some modifications / changes in more recent years in some cases for whatever reasons (apart from the added human element I mean).

Sometimes also formations which may not look as "pleasing" appearance-wise have produced some of these anomalies or good physical evidence, this coming from experience in the Canadian prairie fields. Authenticity or not of a formation can't be judged solely on it's outward appearance. The recent case in Wisconsin, USA from July 4 a case in point - the three circles, two with standing sections in them (a crescent in one) are a bit rough looking perhaps, but if the farmer (an older fellow who I just heard interviewed) is telling the truth, that he witnessed them form in about 12 seconds during a thunderstorm as "black holes" opening in the field, then that is serious evidence which deserves attention and investigation. Btw, I had a dream very similar to that on July 1... a kind of synchronistic experience I've had on several occasions now. The Wisconsin case wasn't even publicized until last week. Also a similar case from Grand River, Prince Edward Island last summer (also on July 4 as it happens), where rough circles were witnessed forming as dark-coloured "funnels" moved across the fields.

Best,

Paul Anderson

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Conference To Uncover Truth Of 'Secret Government'

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Reporter: David Weber

HAMISH ROBERTSON: Flying saucers, UFOs, extra-terrestrial life, well, most people think it's all fiction.

But for some it's all too real, and an international conference is being held in Perth this weekend to discuss the "hidden truths," information that a so-called secret government is withholding from the public.

David Weber reports.

David Weber: Conference Organiser, Mary Rodwell, has counselled 800 people in Perth who say they've been contacted by non-humans.

Ms Rodwell says most of these experiences seem to have occurred when the individual is relaxed, like when they're about to go to sleep.

Mary Rodwell: I mean beings from other planets, but I also say that we think some of the beings may be what's known as inter-dimensional as well. So, I mean it's a very hard one to explain but it's like not all of them come from this dimension.

David Weber: What kinds of experiences do people have with to these beings?

Mary Rodwell: The classic X-Files is the bright lights in the room, not being able to move, feeling a presence or presences around you, obviously feeling frightened and frozen in their beds, they feel like they're paralysed, often there's a sense of a buzzing sound around them, and sometimes they have a feeling of going through walls or, and having certain procedures done on them on the craft.

David Weber: Given that a lot of these experiences have happened in relaxed states; is it possible that these are manifestations of the mind?

Mary Rodwell: One could say that if they weren't left with marks on their body that they can't explain, including a shaved area on one gentlemen's leg, for example. And these marks actually fluoresce in black ultraviolet light, and they're scoop marks, they're rashes, they are like little dots that are very painful, and these always happen after these experiences.

David Weber: Do you believe all of the people that you've counselled have been contacted by non-humans?

Mary Rodwell: I would believe 99 per cent certainly. There is the odd view that I think actually need medical help.

David Weber: Ms Rodwell says people generally go to the doctor

first. But they usually believe the person has bumped into a piece of furniture or run into something.

The conference will focus on claims that non-humans have put objects inside people, such as metallic things that have their own nerve system. However, none of this material will be on show for physical examination because it's apparently in laboratories in the US.

David Weber: Ms Rodwell says people should be aware that a secret government is trying to keep certain information from getting into the public arena.

Mary Rodwell: The whole idea of this conference is to make this information available to the public.

David Weber: Is the media part of this conspiracy?

Mary Rodwell: I dont think the media per se is, I think some of the corporations that run the media have obviously got maybe a different agenda, and if they want something squashed, believe me, they'll squash it.

Hamish Robertson: That report compiled by, I think, a very sceptical David Weber.

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>Subject: Chupacabras Prints To Be Studied By GEO Group

>SOURCE: Diario "El Centro" (Talca, Chile)
>DATE: July 21, 2003

>CHUPACABRAS PRINTS TO BE STUDIED BY GEO GROUP

>CURICO. The prestigious GEO Group, devoted to the study of UFO
>phenomena, is studying the prints left by the alleged
>"Chupacabras" which apparently attacked thirty chickens during
>early morning hours last Tuesday in La Palmilla, Rauco commune.

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>"We believe it's an extraterrestrial pet, a programmed being, a
>hybrid or cloned species designed to extract bodily fluids or
>liquids from the birds in order to feed itself, or with another
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Re: Chupacabras Prints To Be Studied By GEO Group

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 16:33:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 11:41:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras Prints To Be Studied By GEO Group

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 21 Jul 2003 14:07:58 -0400
>Subject: Chupacabras Prints To Be Studied By GEO Group

>SOURCE: Diario "El Centro" (Talca, Chile)
>DATE: July 21, 2003

>CHUPACABRAS PRINTS TO BE STUDIED BY GEO GROUP

>CURICO. The prestigious GEO Group, devoted to the study of UFO
>phenomena, is studying the prints left by the alleged
>"Chupacabras" which apparently attacked thirty chickens during
>early morning hours last Tuesday in La Palmilla, Rauco commune.

><snip>

>"We believe it's an extraterrestrial pet, a programmed being, a
>hybrid or cloned species designed to extract bodily fluids or
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UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 16:55:57 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 11:49:57 -0400
Subject: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser

Source: The Solihull Times - Warwickshire, UK

http://icsolihull.icnetwork.co.uk/news/local/content_objectid=3D13216636_met=hod=3Dfull_siteid=3D91411_headline=3D-UFO%2Dexperience%2Dreal%2Dhair%2Draise-r-name_page.html

Jul 25 2003
By Roger Jones

A Solihull Times reader who saw what he believes was an unidentified flying object is wondering if others had the same hair-raising experience.

Office manager Ashley Barry, 20, of Grafton Road, Solihull, was travelling in a car with a friend after visiting the UCI Cinema at Touchwood between 12.10-12.30am on Sunday, July 13.

He said: "There were two massive red and purple bright lights about 15-20 metres apart above a house.

"They were both roughly in line with each other.

"My friend spotted the UFO first. It was moving, not hovering.

"I was so frightened, I could literally have jumped out of my skin. It was quite freakish.

"It was really frightening just because of the sheer size of the thing."

Mr Barry was a passenger in a car driven by his friend Mark Cotterill.

* Mr Barry, who is employed by a double glazing manufacturing firm, would like anyone who had a similar hair-raising experience that night to write to the editor giving details of what they saw.

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Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@comcast.net>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 16:02:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 11:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Lemire

>From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 23:21:19 -0700
>Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>Hello Listers,

>>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>>Todd Lemire

>Hello Todd:

>I could only find two H-shaped UFOs, and one of those morphed
>into a saucer shape and back again!

>#13039: 1978/05/15 02:00h d=5m 03:13E 46:38N WEU FRN ALR
>MONTILLY><BAGNEUX,FR:8M H-SHAPED OBJ FOLOS CAR:
>WHT BEAM shines up from DOME on TOP:see drawing
>/r194 LUMIERES dans la NUIT.(LDLN France) Issue No. 184

>#16455: 1993/10/06 21:10h d=5m 01:46W 53:02N WEU GBI ENG
>A52/ASHBOURNE,DERBYS:2/CAR:H-SHAPE BECOMES SCR then H AGAIN:
>FOLOS CAR:FLASHES
>Ref# 97 MISCELLANEOUS JOURNALS. Footnote 12

>That last reference: Misc. Journals #12 traces back to: UFO
>MAGAZINE (UK). Quest International. Graham Birdall, ed. P.O. Box
>2, Grassington, Skipton, N.Yorks BD23 5UY. Bimonthly.

>I only had 1 or 2 issues here, it was probably from one of
>those, and little hope of finding it. I do not have Volume and
>Issue # nor date of publication, probably the mid 1990s.

>While scanning my database for "H-shaped" objects, I found a lot
>of fish and dish-shaped ones. I will spare you those!

>

>In spite of the 15 years between the two sightings above, and
>the venues in two separate European countries, the synopses of
>events sound strangely alike, nearly identical.

Larry and Terry,

Thanks for the feedback and the database entries. I've also
received a reply from a person in Hawaii who states they have a
video of an H shaped object which they are going to send me. I
can't wait to see it.

Another researcher also brought to my attention the UMMO 'H'.

These 'H' shaped objects are quite rare it seems and the one
that was reported here in Michigan showed strong characteristics

Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Lemire

of being a 'superior mirage'.

Thanks again,

Todd

<http://www.michiganufos.com>

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'Secret' Apollo 11 Transmission?

From: Mori Kentaro <airsmith@ig.com.br>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 18:13:29 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:01:06 -0400
Subject: 'Secret' Apollo 11 Transmission?

Hi,

A couple of days ago, some major ufologists here in Brazil promoted on a TV show a supposed "secret" Apollo 11 transmission where (I presume) Aldrin and Armstrong talk with Houston, implying they saw UFOs or something as startling. I understand the audio is at least some years old, and have been circulating on the internet for ages. It can be downloaded here:

http://www.edicolaweb.net/nonsoloufo/voic_all.htm

The transcript of the audio is as follows:

Astronaut 1: Ha! What is it?

Astronaut 2: We have some explanation for that?

[Beep]

Houston: We have (not), don't worry, continue your program!

[Beep]

Astronaut 1: Oh boy it's a, it's, it, it is really something (similar to) fantastic here, you, you could never imagine this!

[Beep]

Houston: Roger, we know about that, could you go the other way, go back the other way!

[Beep]

Astronaut 1: Well it's kind of (rigged) ha, pretty spectacular god ... what is that there?

[Beep]

Astronaut 1: It's (hollow), what the hell is that?

Houston: Go Tango, Tango!

[Beep]

Astronaut 1: Ha! There's kind of light there now!

[Beep]

Houston: Roger, we got it, we (watched it), lose communication, Bravo Tango, Bravo Tango, select Jezebel, Jezebel!

[Beep]

Astronaut 1: ya, ha! but this is unbelievable!

Houston: (we call you up Bravo Tango, Bravo Tango)!

Now, I don't know if this fictitious conversation originally appeared on the A3 book and then someone made an audio based on

it, or rather Leslie Watkins incorporated part of this hoax audio in the book. I guess it's the former.

Do anyone know more about this? It was promoted as real on a national TV show, and the ufologists were outraged that NASA supposedly alleged transmission failure where some brave and attentive hams could record the amazing conversation in question.

Thanks in advance,

Mori

<http://www.str.com.br/ca/>

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 18:19:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Stanford

>From: Betsy Sinkey <westoo@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:14:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:05:01 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>>Again, 'UFOs' appear to pose a real threat to commercial
>>aircraft. I have been videotaping these white discs and little
>>spheres in the vicinity of JFK since 1996. I hope a loss of life
>>doesn't ever happen as a result of a collision with one of these
>>'unidentified' aerial objects. There have already been run-ins
>>with these 'things' at the Mexico City airport. Such aerial
>>collisions are not as far-fetched as some may think.

>John Velez,

>Can you give me a specific incident where an "apparent UFO"
>collided with a commercial aircraft in Mexico City or anywhere
>else?

<snip>

Hello Betsy and List,

RADAR and VISUAL case with DAMAGE TO AN AIRCRAFT by a UFO:

Although it involves reported UFO damage to a private aircraft
and not to a commercial one, the remarkable case of May 3, 1975,
when Mexican pilot Carlos Antonio de Los Santos Montiel, age 23,
flew from the airfield of Zihuatenejo, Mexico, to Mexico City,
piloting a Piper PA-24, might be of interest.

For some of the details click on:

<http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/montiel75.htm>

One of three domed-discs actually bumped the bottom under-side
of the aircraft, leaving a dent (the linked account misses that
important fact)!

We do not have to take Carlos' word for the incident because the
objects, along with the Piper PA-24 aircraft, were tracked on
radar. Copies of official documents confirming that are in my
files as a result of my investigation of this case, first-hand,
In Mexico City.

To my perception, Carlos Antonio de Los Santos Montiel was an
impressive and credible witness.

Jerry Clark, of this list, has interviewed the witness, also.
Perhaps he would share with us his impressions of the case and
the witness, despite the reported bizarre aftermath of a
reported attempt to silence the witness, including when he was
entering a hotel to be interviewed by J. Allen Hynek. (See the
link provided.)

For what it's worth, 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: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 00:32:51 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:14:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape - Olmos

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 02:31:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 16:52:54 -0400
>>Subject: Investigator Question on Object Shape

>>Hello Listers,

>>Has anyone in their travels come across a sighting report
>>describing an object shape similar to the alphabetic letter 'H'?

>I've never encountered a sighting of an object shaped like an
>"H" but I remember seeing a photo many years ago of a discoid
>craft with a symbol on it similar to the letter "H".

Terry, this was the infamous June 1, 1967 case in San Jose de Valderas, Madrid (Spain) where Jose Luis Jordan Pe=Fla (the inventor of the false UMMO papers) produced the series of hoaxed photos, as per his own confession. The)+(sign was in the saucer=B4s base, representing its alleged procedence from UMMO planet. Well, rubbish.

V-J

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Crop Circles UK 2003

From: Mark Doulton <doults@tiscali.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 01:25:06 +0100 (GMT Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:17:11 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles UK 2003

Having just returned from a visit to the Barge Inn pub in Wiltshire - centre of all things re crop circles I would recommend the site below for images of this years crop circles

www.temporarytemples.co.uk

If you want to know why I think the vast majority are hoaxes email me and I'll send some photo evidence. Without doubt - pleasing and clever art.

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Bonnybridge Photo Date?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos@yahoo.es>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 11:06:56 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:19:15 -0400
Subject: Bonnybridge Photo Date?

On April 12, 2003, Chris Burns was asking about a photo taken by a Phil Trevis near Bonnybridge, Scotland.

Can I have the date when this photograph was made, for cataloging purposes? Thanks.

Best regards,

V-J

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Address For John Tenney?

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 7:18:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:20:41 -0400
Subject: Address For John Tenney?

Does anyone have the E-mail or snail-mail address for John E. L. Tenney?

This address no longer works

johntenney@mail.com

Thanks.

Jan Aldrich
project1947@earthlink.net
Project 1947
<http://www.project1947.com/>
P. O. Box 391
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(860) 546-9135

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Undersea World Points To Possible Origin Of Life,

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 11:00:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 12:24:13 -0400
Subject: Undersea World Points To Possible Origin Of Life,

Source: Space.Com

<http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/lostcity030724.html>

24 July 2003

Undersea World Points to Possible Origin of Life, Maybe Even ET

By Robert Roy Britt - Senior Science Writer

In a new study, researchers speculate that a towering undersea hot-water chimney laden with microbes is just the sort of place that might have spawned life on Earth or even other planets.

The hydrothermal vent system discovered two years ago has now been found to have endured for 30,000 years. Researchers said similar setups -- on Earth and possibly on other worlds -- might last millions of years and could have been incubators for the first life.

The Lost City, as it has been named, is a craggy column of minerals and microbes sitting 2,500 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean. It is 180 feet (55 meters) tall, higher than any other known underwater vent system and more than twice as tall as most.

Unique system

Underneath the structure, seawater seeps down into the fractured crust of Earth. There, the decay of one mineral forms another, called serpentine, and releases heat in the process. This process of serpentinization lifts warm water laden with minerals back into the ocean, building the structure.

Because the precious light and nutrients needed to support life are scant on the seafloor, hydrothermal vents are typically hubs of microbial activity.

The Lost City is potentially significant because it is the only known hydrothermal vent system that relies on chemical reactions to warm the water, not volcanic activity. The structure sits near but not on an area of volcanism.

If hydrothermal venting can occur without volcanism, the scientists involved in the study say, it greatly increases the number of locations on the seafloor of early Earth where microbial life could have started.

"It's difficult to know if life might have started as a result of one or both kinds of venting," said Deborah Kelley, a University of Washington oceanographer who worked on the study. "But chances are good that these systems were involved in sustaining life on and within the seafloor very early in Earth's history."

Scientists do not know how or where life on Earth began, however.

Potentially common

Kelly said there may have been many vents built from serpentinization on the early Earth, because the planet's mantle, now an inner layer, had yet to be covered over with crust, putting it in contact with seawater and making the process possible. For serpentinization to occur today, there must be fractures in the crust.

The 18-story system, which is about 30 feet (9 meters) wide, is similar to other hydrothermal vents in other ways. Water circulates beneath the seafloor, picking up heat and organic compounds and rising buoyantly back into the ocean. Warm fluids mix with cold seawater, chemicals separate from the vent fluids and solidify, and mounds, spires and chimneys of minerals are created.

Microbes love this stuff. Unlike plants, they don't need sunlight. Instead, vent microbes use chemicals, such as hydrogen sulfide or methane, for energy. Around some vent systems, larger life forms congregate and feed off the microbes.

Other vents that operate just like Lost City may exist and await discovery, the scientists say.

Supporting ET?

The newfound venting process might have occurred on other planets, too.

The key material that interacts with seawater at Lost City is called peridotite, which is abundant on other planets in our solar system, said Jeff Karson, a geologist at Duke University.

"Peridotite can be exposed by tectonic processes or by major cratering events," he said. "This means that Lost City-type venting could occur, or has occurred, in oceans on other planets, and such venting would have the potential to support microbial systems."

While Mars and the other rocky planets are ocean free, moons of Jupiter are thought to harbor oceans beneath their frozen crusts. Other researchers have previously speculated that vent systems on the Jovian satellite Europa, for example, might support life.

The research was funded by the National Science Foundation and is detailed in the July 25 issue of the Journal [of] Science. The paper's lead author is Gretchen Fr=FCh-Green of Switzerland's Institute for Mineralogy.

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CI: Tholus-Like Formation In Arabia Terra

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 20:27:41 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 12:35:57 -0400
Subject: CI: Tholus-Like Formation In Arabia Terra

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Tholus-like Formation in Arabia Terra
by Mac Tonnies

For images and links:
<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 40)

Malin Space Science Systems has the following to say about the peculiar "bull's eye" formation shown below:

"This April 2003 Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) Mars Orbiter Camera (MOC) image shows a stair-stepped mound of sedimentary rock (right of center) on the floor of a large impact crater in western Arabia Terra near 11.0=B0N, 4.4=B0W. Sedimentary rock outcrops are common in the craters of this region. The repeated thickness and uniformity of the layers that make up this mound suggest that their depositional environment was one in which cyclic or episodic events occurred over some period of time. The sediments might have been deposited in a lake, or they may have settled directly out of the atmosphere. Most of the layered material was later eroded away, leaving this circular mound and the other nearby mesas and knobs. The image is illuminated by sunlight from the lower left."

[image]

The stair-stepped mound is interesting as it appears similar to the Tholus in Cydonia (see preceding article). But for all of its similarity, there are crucial differences. For example, the "steps" in the undoubtedly geological "stepped mound" are concentric, whereas the "ramp" that winds its way from the base of the Tholus appears to "corkscrew," much like the access ramp on the Edwards Air Force Base formation (see above). Sedimentary deposits can stack successive layers atop one another, like tiers in a wedding cake, but they can't account for the strange surface detail displayed by the Tholus. Nevertheless, the stepped mound is an exotic formation that conveys a spurious sense of artificiality; I won't be in the least surprised if it crops up on Mars anomaly websites as a "Martian palace."

More high-resolution images of the Tholus (with its oddly triangular peak) will greatly assist efforts to discern possible architecture on the Martian surface.

(With thanks to Prof. Stanley McDaniel.)

-end-

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Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 23:42:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 12:37:58 -0400
Subject: Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - Velez

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 08:52:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives

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>>Subject: Sad Day At The Archives

>>Hello Jan and List,

><snip>

>>Herb was absolutely shocked at the narrow-mindedness of the Air
>>Force and for that matter most the other agencies for their
>>antiquated approach to records. It was a massive shut-down of
>>records. He said that 9-11 has given the agencies the needed
>>backing to come in and raise havoc. An example was a bomb
>>mission survey report of a Japanese harbor that was written by
>>the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic
>>Service. They were the predecessor to the CIA so... CLASSIFIED!

>>I asked if my FOIA could be regenerated in a couple of months
>>and he said no. This would be for years and the only way we
>>could try to get around it would be to have an actual document
>>number and submit a FOIA for that to be reviewed.

>>This is happening in all record groups. There are things being
>>removed from public access that have been declassified for
>>twenty years. It has the staff at the Archives furious and very
>>concerned. Look out OSS records. The Atomic Energy Records are
>>being pulled by the droves. Many of these records are in major
>>universities, so are they next?

>>Anyway, there are 1812 boxes of Air Intelligence Records that
>>won't see the light of day for who knows how long. I think there
>>are some real gems in those records that will fill in the gap of
>>the early Grudge days, but maybe not.

>>Oh well, I'll just have to travel down a different path.

>May have to appeal directly to the Air Force... via your local
>Congressman or Senator.

Hi All,

A 'pitch' for the U.N. Petition!

This is symptomatic of a general trend in this country where
more and more, power becomes centralized. This latest is yet
another disturbing example of a situation where the American
government chooses to tighten, rather than loosen, its grip on
any and all information in its possession. Bush in particular has
been systematically restricting the flow of, and controlling,
information.

Historians have been complaining that they no longer have access
to enough raw data/information to maintain an accurate historical

record. That doesn't bode well for the state of the democracy or the future success of any efforts toward disclosure of UFO related information here in the USA.

Therefore, for practical reasons, our energy, resources and efforts toward securing UFO info disclosure needs to be focused where it'll do the most good. The international community.

There are eight nations that have opened up their UFO related files and made the information available to the press, general public and interested groups. (We) as a community of people who profess to care about getting at the truth regarding UFOs, need to concentrate on increasing the number of nations that have opened up their UFO files. As Americans we need to support an international effort simply because according to all the 'signs' (latest trends) it ain't gonna happen here at home in the USA - anytime soon.

By standing up to be counted we can collectively make a difference. It's going to take the force of thousands upon thousands of signatures to do it though. Have you read and signed the U.N. petition?

Please, for all our sakes/benefit... read and sign the International Petition to the Secretary General of the U.N. calling for UFO info disclosure.

The signature 'count' currently stands at 3232. Tell everyone you know to read and sign the petition. Demand answers from our representatives!

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

Regards to all,

John Velez

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Velez

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>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

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>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>>Again, 'UFOs' appear to pose a real threat to commercial
>>aircraft. I have been videotaping these white discs and little
>>spheres in the vicinity of JFK since 1996. I hope a loss of life
>>doesn't ever happen as a result of a collision with one of these
>>'unidentified' aerial objects. There have already been run-ins
>>with these 'things' at the Mexico City airport. Such aerial
>>collisions are not as far-fetched as some may think.

>John Velez,

Hi Betsy,

You asked:

>Can you give me a specific incident where an "apparent UFO"
>collided with a commercial aircraft in Mexico City or anywhere
>else?

Yes, I can!

In a 1995 documentary by Brit and Lee Elders (of the Mexico City UFO flap) they featured the interviews two of the airport's radar/tower personnel and the pilot of a commercial airliner that was involved in a mid-air collision with a white, disc shaped aerial object. (UFO) The collision with the unknown left a dent in the bottom of the jetliner. Maybe one of our Mexican members can elaborate on these reports.

It is clear from both interviews that airport personnel and pilots who have to fly into and out of the airport share deep concerns about the UFO 'safety' question/problem. There is nothing 'theoretical' about 'UFOs' for these people. They find that they have to deal with the safety issues raised by the presence of the UFOs in the course of their daily work.

That's no joke. And no joking matter for the tower personnel or the pilots and crews of these flights.

>I suppose such a mishap is possible but very unlikely.

Not at all. And not in the case of busy international airports. One or two of these 'unknowns' hovering around in airspace that falls within take-off or landing corridors can present an annoying logistics situation -at best- and a very real life threatening situation at worst. UFO + commercial airliner = possible calamity.

Bear in mind that it has been reported by pilots that coming into close proximity to one of these 'unknowns' can interfere/

wreak havoc, with the electrical, navigation and computer systems of an aircraft. Instantly creating a life threatening situation for the occupants of the airplane.

Maybe for the (assumed) crew of the UFO as well. The UFOs certainly seem to show a genuine curiosity about their earthly counterparts/airplanes.

>I have witnessed a few UFOs myself and am in complete awe of
>their ability to maneuver in a split second.

Yes. The whole experience gets burned into your brain. Something you never forget. It replays itself in your head from time to time as if the original experience created shockwaves that continue to reverberate within the internal ecosystem long after the incident.

>Yes, JFK is very busy!

As busy as airports get. It has to be one of the busiest in the world.

>I'd really be interested in the work you've been doing in the
>JFK Int'l. Airport area.

It isn't 'work' per se. I started to record my sightings because their startling frequency demanded it, and because I wanted to document/corroborate my reports with video and photos. To offer some kind of evidence. I don't expect anyone to simply take me at my word. It's my responsibility to offer whatever substantiation I can provide for the reports I make in public.

Watch the skies over New York Betsy. There are some really odd thing-a-ma-bobs flying around up there!

Nice to meet a fellow New Yorker here on the List.

Regards,

John Velez

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No MUFON Endorsement For Oliveira Case

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NO MUFON Endorsement

By John F. Schuessler
MUFON International Director

An alleged UFO abduction case took place in Corguinho, Brazil on Sept. 15, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. The person making the claim is Paulistan Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. Part of his claim involved alleged physical evidence left behind during the abduction event.

During the past three months this case has been bantered about on the Internet, and much heated language has been exchanged between the Internet participants. Some of these people even claim that MUFON has endorsed the case as being valid. This could not be further from the truth. MUFON doesn't endorse or reject a case based on claims and/or Internet rhetoric.

Instead, we want to see the results of a thorough investigation, hopefully by multiple investigators, and laboratory analysis results for any physical evidence involved in the case. Unfortunately, MUFON has not received an investigative report of this case. So we are left to read the Internet musings like everyone else.

This case was first brought to MUFON's attention by Linda Moulton Howe in March 2003. She is not a MUFON member and was not making a report to MUFON. Instead, she was inquiring about where MUFON stood on the case. The answer was that we couldn't take a stand because we had no investigator's report of the incident. We knew nothing about it.

Howe went on to say she had spent considerable time in Brazil investigating the alleged abduction. Her quest was to get the physical evidence into a laboratory and see what an analysis could reveal. That appears to be a good goal. She said we could find the results of her on-going investigation on her website at www.earthfiles.com. It appears that she is the only investigator to do an on-site investigation of Oliveira's September 2002 abduction claim.

Since that time we have heard from A. J. Gevaerd, Brazilian UFO Magazine editor and MUFON Representative for Brazil, and found that he has been after Urandir Oliveira for a number of years, believing him to be a hoaxer or worse. Because of this he didn't need to do an on-site investigation of the September 2002 abduction claim. He has strong feelings about the background of the witness and worries that Howe's investigation might tend to give credibility where it should not be given.

People on the Internet are busily taking sides and adding fiery rhetoric to the discussion, but none of them has done an actual on-site investigation. Many seem to have lost their objectivity and have stooped to name calling and character assassination.

They want MUFON to do the same, but it is not going to happen.

This, as in any other case, is not about taking sides. It is about the conduct of good investigations, the gathering of all types of documentation, the freedom to question all inputs from all individuals, having the physical evidence analyzed in multiple laboratories, and then openly presenting the results of the investigation for public inspection.

While UFO incidents with physical evidence present are not common, they offer the most promise of new discoveries. To be really exciting, these cases should exhibit the characteristics of high strangeness and high credibility. The Oliveira case certainly possesses characteristics of high strangeness. On the other hand, the characteristic of high credibility has been called into question by Gevaerd.

Once credibility has been questioned, we are left with two approaches. One is to ignore it and hope it goes away, and the other is to redouble the efforts in the investigation to find a solution. Ignoring a case seldom works. It usually results in the case taking on a life of its own and never dying.

That leaves us with intensifying the investigation - finding additional witnesses, conducting independent investigations, comparing investigators' notes, utilizing multiple laboratories for the analysis of all physical evidence, and analyzing the communications between all parties involved in the case.

Because all of this is costly in time and dollars, the chances of success are not real high. And in the Oliveira case, high emotions and Internet ranting seems to be adding an additional fog factor to the results.

Oliveira's claim that he was abducted from his bed after taking a shower, and then taken out through the ceiling of the room is not unlike the claims of other abductees. The main difference is with the remaining physical evidence. It is almost totally unlike any other abduction case.

The pillow and bed sheet were left with the shape of his body emblazoned in the cotton and polyester material. A similar pattern was left on the surface of the ceiling. A textile analysis could provide a lot of insight into the resulting conditions of the bed sheet and pillow. Using the techniques of an arson investigator could do the same for the materials found in the ceiling pattern.

An additional unique aspect of this case is the claim by people living nearby that strange stones fell from the sky at the same time. Any respected geology laboratory would be able to identify every element in the stones, compare them with other stones from Brazil or elsewhere, and an isotopic analysis might verify the earthly origin of the rocks or lack of it.

We expect that good laboratory analysis work will show whether or not the evidence was hoaxed, and if hoaxed, how it was done. That would close the case forever and provide the tools that could be used to analyze the data in future similar cases. However, if the results prove to be unique and mysterious, then perhaps we will see new discoveries come out of all of this. Either way, we believe science will prevail.

Since this is not a MUFON investigation, we can only report on what we hear about the results. Enough has already been said about the claims. There is little doubt that A.J. Gevaerd will continue to pursue Oliveira on behalf of his Brazilian UFO Magazine and Linda Moulton Howe on behalf of her Earthfiles web site.

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"Mystery Payments" & The Gulf Breeze Embarrassment

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A 'Black Attack' happens when researcher Jerry Black alleges that Gulf Breeze "mystery payments" and a one-sided investigation has led to a lasting embarrassment for Ufology.

'Ufological "Mystery Payments": An Interview With Jerry Black' can be seen online at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/JBLACK.html>

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Mogul 4 That Never Was

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Subject: Mogul 4 That Never Was

To All,

I think it is about time to come back to the question of whether the Mogul 4 balloon train was flown or not. After having read carefully the books of Charles Moore and Karl Pflock, and having leafed through the 1,000 pages USAF Roswell Report, I seem more and more obvious to me that what Brazel found on the Foster ranch on June 14 was not the Mogul 4 balloon train but a more modest cluster of meteorological balloons with one or several radar targets of the famous model ML-307B, the one with flowered tape. The basic facts are:

Brazel stated in his interview published in the Roswell Daily Record, that he had found on June 14 "considerable scotch tape and some tape with flowers printed upon it" This is not perfectly clear, but we have to admit that he most probably described one or several radar targets with flowered tape. But what if he found, not the Mogul 4 train, but a meteorological balloon cluster ?

Geophysicist Albert Crary noted in his diary for June 4:
"no balloon flight again on account of clouds. Flew regular sonobuoy mike up in cluster of balloons."

He did that in the morning, having been in the Tularosa range from midnight to six, and the balloon cluster trajectory was followed in the morning's clear sky.

There was no Mogul 4 launching at three in the morning and not even at 5.

Moore himself does not remember such a launching.

The launching of clusters of balloons with radar targets, for meteorological purpose and for testing of equipment, is confirmed in the books of Moore and Pflock, and in the USAF Roswell Report.

The Progress Report No 7 of NYU for the month of June, reproduced in the Roswell report, states:

"Field tests were conducted at Alamogordo Army Air base during the week of June 1, using clusters of meteorological balloons. The primary object of these tests was to perfect the handling and launching techniques for large flights....."

It is probable that these tests included NYU radar targets.

Karl Pflock is more precise in the description (page 148): "The meteorological flights were clusters of three to seven neoprene sounding balloons lifting a string of three to five ML-307B radar-reflecting targets linked together one above the other, like a very large kite tail".

He also mentions that Moore "used multiple targets because he found the radar-signal return from a single target was too faint to be useful" (quote from interviews in 1993).

Charles Moore insists in his book that only NYU used the model

ML-307B, with flowered tape. The stock was in the North hangar at Alamogordo and only the NYU team had access to it.

Captain Smith, of the Army Air Force weather service, used regular ML-307 targets (pages 112 and 113). But what about Albert Crary?

Moore himself notes that "Crary had the use of a hangar in the north area" (page 82). It seems obvious that Crary used the same equipment as NYU for testing the NYU launchings.

Another critical point is that Brazel described a rather small amount of balloon debris: about 5 pounds, some 10% of the total weight of a Mogul balloon train (25 kg for Mogul 5). Moore admits that "about four of five of the balloon -and-target combinations could have been required." (page 110). And Brazel did not find any of the equipments of a Mogul train (page 108). This is easily explained if we admit that, as stated by Crary, there was no Mogul 4 launching!

In short, we have many reasons to suppose that Brazel found a modest cluster of balloons, with ML-307B targets. What are the consequences ?

The idea that the Air Force officers of Roswell could have mistaken that for a "flying disk" becomes even more incredible than in the case of a "huge" balloon train. All they had to do was to break one of the balsa sticks to understand what kind of material they had.

The idea that the cover-up was decided to protect the top secret Mogul project falls down. On the contrary, the idea that the cover-up was decided to hide the discovery of a flying disk is reinforced.

Besides, the discussion about the hypothetical Mogul 4 flight becomes somewhat irrelevant. The flight parameters of a simple cluster without the Mogul equipment would be different from those of Mogul 5 which Moore used as a model. However, the testimony of Brazel implies that he did find a balloon cluster on the ranch.

So, this seems to be is an important issue, and I would like to know if there is any serious argument to the contrary.

Gildas Bourdais

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Chilean Winged Weirdoes And Imps

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Witnesses To The Incredible: Winged Weirdoes and Imps

****A preliminary warning****

In considering both the relevance and the exclusive nature of the following accounts, I must caution that this testimony was cited in an independent fashion, attesting that there was total agreement between their different versions. The eyewitnesses were approached by me and it was not they who stepped forward with their version of the events; they were initially reluctant to do so given the spectacular nature of their claims. Furthermore, all was done extemporaneously without the opportunity to craft the events discussed herein at an earlier time.

--- Jaime Ferrer R., researcher.

The time being 17:00 hours on July 23, 2003 at Calama (Chile), four 16 year olds have made extraordinary and relevant statements to CUFOC (Calama UFO Center).

The first of these occurred recently on Tuesday, July 23 this year. However, the second one represents a previously unpublished event: it was possible to contact four of the five witnesses for the first time, who had been able to observe in utter astonishment how six strange humanoid beings attacked and mutilated a lamb.

The First Case - "It was a moment of terror"

Diego, a young student living in the city of Calama and who is in his first year of middle school, frequently travels to visit his grandfather, who lives in a sector adjacent to the tourist site of San Pedro de Atacama. He is always accompanied by his friends and neighbors Jonathan and Carlos.

These days, taking advantage of the winter academic recess, the friends travelled to San Pedro to visit his grandfather. Since the area is dense with vegetation, they took advantage of the opportunity to walk around and have fun assisting Diego's uncle in rounding up his goat herd, which is located 500 meters away from the grandfather's house.

On Tuesday, July 23 of this year, the time being approximately 20:30 hours, the three youths decided to return to the grandfather's house and spend the night. Diego lit the stove to boil water and serve tea with some loaves of bread they had brought from Calama; his grandfather was out of the house. His only source of light came from a candle, since the area lacks electricity.

At around 9:05 p.m., moments after the boys were serving up

their supper, they could hear the dogs on the property issue strange moans and howls; furthermore, they could hear the canines running from one side to another as if frightened, a situation they couldn't help but notice.

At around 9:15 p.m., strange knocking sounds rattled the door to the house, swiftly increasing in violence and accompanied by scratches, a situation which left the boys speechless and instinctively made them get up from their seats, running to one of the corners of the house. They intuited that the knocks and scratches were not the result of something natural; terror seized them and they feared for their lives.

There was a bed in the place where they sheltered. They desperately took hold of blankets and mattresses to cover themselves.

One can recreate the image of how they sheltered in that corner, being able to do nothing but pray fervently, believing that the door would yield at any time, allowing the beast to enter.

After 3 or 5 minutes of fear, the sound ceased completely. Diego got out from under the blankets, looked out the window and did not see anyone. He opened the door and didn't see anything either. "It's all right, boys-it's gone!" he said. Now the three were outside the house, trying to recover from the fright, when at a distance of some 15 meters-standing amid pear trees-they could see a horrifying creature standing a meter and a half tall, and sporting wings measuring at least 3.5 meters.

It was covered by glossy black skin, very clean and hairless. It appeared as though it had recently emerged from the water, but without being wet. It had a large head and a small beak, presenting a sort of crest which was apparently missing a piece from a fight. Its eyes were immense and completely black, but sparkled brilliantly. They thought it was a prehistoric being, since its wings had a strong resemblance to those of pterodactyls or bats, featuring bone-like protuberances which form the skeletal frame of the wings. Its legs were sturdy and had powerful claws like those of a carrion bird, but much stronger.

Suddenly, the being fluttered its wings, shaking the tree in front of it and rising into the air with extraordinary ease, losing itself in the dark of the night. Fearing its return, which fortunately did not occur, the three boys slept in a single bed that night.

If this story is frightening, the following one, without representing any further risk to bodily safety, is also relevant, since there had never been reports of eyewitnesses to the way in which certain animals are mutilated. This is the first time that 5 individuals provide complete details on these extraordinary events.

In this case, aside from Diego, Jonathan and Carlos, another friend named Mario was in the group along with Diego's uncle Emilio, 42, the owner of the animals. These were the privileged witnesses to the moment when 6 entities attacked and mutilated a lamb.

The Second Case

Before moving continuing with the story, I would like to point out that Diego, Jonathan and Carlos now feel that the presence of beings at night in the aforementioned area is almost natural. Diego states that with his flashlight he has been able to follow the activities on more than one occasion-of small, strange beings which he does not hesitate to dub "imps".

"It's common to see these beings in this area; they're always cutting right in front of us or can be heard to run among the shrubs," he says.

"But I never saw anything like this."

On Thursday, May 22, 2003, the 5 aforementioned witnesses were rounding up animals at around 18:30 hours. It was just getting dark.

The group of youngsters, plus Diego's uncle, were returning

toward the animal pens and just 10 meters short of their destination, saw six small beings, standing some 60 cm tall each, emerge from the thicket.

It is worth noting that, given the way they described these beings, the event was not out of the ordinary for them, since they claim that this is not the first time they have witnessed something unusual. However, Diego says that he was startled not by their presence, but rather, by the time and number of "imps" that showed up.

The description given by each of them is quite frankly fantastic, and even appears to be drawn from the "Walt Disney X-Files". However, considering the large number of coinciding descriptions, and the seriousness in presenting their eyewitness accounts, I have no choice but to give credit to their words and declare that what they said was indeed true.

The details proffered by each witness coincided entirely; but as is natural, some noticed details that were overlooked by the others.

The drawing corresponds to one of the witnesses; however, he states that [all of the imps] were different. These are the most relevant and coinciding details:

- Dark grey and hairless skin
- Large oval-shaped head
- Two large pointed ears]
- Two relatively small, oval eyes
- Large nose (different shapes)
- Mouth disproportionate to the rest of the face
- Yellowed, separated teeth; or else lacking teeth
- They emitted grotesque, sarcastic and hoarse laughter
- Their features were very similar to those of a human, and showed signs of cuts or injuries to their skin. Diego says that one of them had a chunk of nose dangling from its face, but this seemingly did not affect it all.
- Short neck, similar to that of a child
- Something similar to a necktie could be seen under their necks, but it could not be readily identified
- Short arms with articulations (elbows and wrists)
- Hands similar to human, but ending in short but strong black nails
- Most of them presented bloated abdomens
- They were all dressed differently, such as flannel of various colors, but in tatters.
- They all had belts around their bloated waists, with different buckles.
- Their legs were short and strongly resembling those of a rabbit, but presenting long and powerful nails.
- Their manner of running is unusual: they take short steps followed by long jumps (like a kangaroo), achieving a height of up to 1.5 meters. They move sideways like people suffering from dwarfism.
- Judging by their size, these beings must weigh between 35 and 40 kgs; however, they believe they couldn't have weighed more than ten.
- From the moment they emerged from the thicket, the beings began to play, jumping into the air and bumping different parts of their bodies deliberately. They also scratched the ground, kicking up dirt and stones.

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Re: Conference To Uncover Truth Of 'Secret

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>Source: ABC News - Australia

><http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s910815.htm>

>AM - Saturday, 26 July , 2003 08:27:00
>Reporter: David Weber

>HAMISH ROBERTSON: Flying saucers, UFOs, extra-terrestrial life,
>well, most people think it's all fiction.

>But for some it's all too real, and an international conference
>is being held in Perth this weekend to discuss the "hidden
>truths," information that a so-called secret government is
>withholding from the public.

>
>David Weber reports.

>David Weber: Conference Organiser, Mary Rodwell, has counselled
>800 people in Perth who say they've been contacted by non-
>humans.

>Ms Rodwell says most of these experiences seem to have occurred
>when the individual is relaxed, like when they're about to go to
>sleep.

>Mary Rodwell: I mean beings from other planets, but I also say
>that we think some of the beings may be what's known as inter-
>dimensional as well. So, I mean it's a very hard one to explain
>but it's like not all of them come from this dimension.

>David Weber: What kinds of experiences do people have with to
>these beings?

>Mary Rodwell: The classic X-Files is the bright lights in the
>room, not being able to move, feeling a presence or presences
>around you, obviously feeling frightened and frozen in their
>beds, they feel like they're paralysed, often there's a sense of
>a buzzing sound around them, and sometimes they have a feeling
>of going through walls or, and having certain procedures done on
>them on the craft.

>David Weber: Given that a lot of these experiences have happened
>in relaxed states; is it possible that these are manifestations
>of the mind?

>Mary Rodwell: One could say that if they weren't left with marks
>on their body that they can't explain, including a shaved area
>on one gentlemen's leg, for example. And these marks actually
>fluoresce in black ultraviolet light, and they're scoop marks,
>they're rashes, they are like little dots that are very painful,
>and these always happen after these experiences.

>David Weber: Do you believe all of the people that you've

>counselled have been contacted by non-humans?

>Mary Rodwell: I would believe 99 per cent certainly. There is
>the odd view that I think actually need medical help.

>David Weber: Ms Rodwell says people generally go to the doctor
>first. But they usually believe the person has bumped into a
>piece of furniture or run into something.

>The conference will focus on claims that non-humans have put
>objects inside people, such as metallic things that have their
>own nerve system. However, none of this material will be on show
>for physical examination because it's apparently in laboratories
>in the US.

>David Weber: Ms Rodwell says people should be aware that a
>secret government is trying to keep certain information from
>getting into the public arena.

>Mary Rodwell: The whole idea of this conference is to make this
>information available to the public.

>David Weber: Is the media part of this conspiracy?

>Mary Rodwell: I dont think the media per se is, I think some of
>the corporations that run the media have obviously got maybe a
>different agenda, and if they want something squashed, believe
>me, they'll squash it.

Hello All,

A rant-let s'il vous pla=EEt regarding the 'Mary Rodwell'
interview?

>Hamish Robertson: That report compiled by, I think, a very
>sceptical David Weber.

Who can blame Mr. Weber? It has been the great misfortune of
those whose lives have been impacted by UFO occupant contact, to
have become associated with; 'experts' with little or no
credentials -and New Agers that contribute a steady stream of
distracting and obfuscating 'belief systems' about the nature of
the abduction phenomenon.

At the core, there is a very real phenomenon that has affected a
shockingly large number of people worldwide. Piled high and deep
on top of that core of hard to explain cases, is 99.9% pure BS.

Channelers, astral projectors, hoaxers, wannabees, opportunists
and charlatans of every color and stripe have attached
themselves to the phenom like domestic flies on dung. To the
very real detriment of those who are reporting/suffering
through, a life time of UFO occupant contact experiences.

Add to this sorry situation the lack of a real investigation
into the matter by independent, highly credentialed experts who
are willing to publish under their own names - and what you get
is; the confusing mess of (mostly Internet driven) 99.9% pure
twaddle that we have today. Some of which has graduated (by
repetition) over time to the status of broadly accepted and
propagated dogma.

Speculation masquerading as fact.

Mucho Baloney, poco known fact.

So many phonies have surfaced posing as the 'real thing' that
no one can tell who is straight and who is crooked. The liars
usurp and then regurgitate the existing reports/details. How is
anybody supposed to tell the fakes apart from those who are
reporting actual contact experiences?

In some cases (ie; Oliviera) they even try to 'create' physical
evidence. The simple truth is, you can't tell em apart unless
the 'bad-guys' screw up and reveal themselves somehow. Or,
somebody else exposes them.

It makes for a confusing morass to have to plow through. More
than enough to put any intellectually honest person 'off' and
force them to turn their natural curiosity and attention away
from the whole subject in a combination of pure frustration and

disgust.

And 'who' loses out here?

Why the abductees of course!

And who cares?

Nobody!

Why?

Because it's all too confusing and probably BS anyway!

Class dismissed. End of story.

(If) the government wanted to 'cover-up' the fact that US citizens are being kidnapped/abducted willy-nilly by non-human beings... who do so with complete impunity... because the government is powerless to prevent it... they wouldn't have to do or say a bloody thing. The whole issue is so 'far out' to begin with and mired in a swamp of intellectual traps and pitfalls, that who in their right mind would even bother to look into it seriously. Whoever says that ridicule and human greed and folly aren't effective disinformation tools, has only to look as far as the UFO and UFO abduction phenomenon.

Poor witnesses and abductees. I guess we all just have to wait for the first saucer to land in a densely populated area; in broad daylight and spit out a small grey being with large black eyes; who is also willing to admit to his/her/its, dastardly deeds of willful kidnap.

There is about as much chance of that landing and admission happening as there is of abductees being given the independent, and multi-disciplinary investigation they deserve. It's all a sad joke really, and the joke is on us, the victims.

To the public I say.....

Enjoy the illusion of your position in the cat-bird seat while you can. There is a very real chance that one day you will discover that you are an 'Indian' and not a Conquistador. When your own world view has been shattered into 10.000 pieces like ours has, maybe, just maybe you will begin to understand what we (abductees) have had to learn to live with.

Warning:

Richard Boylan (the unmentionable one) has now turned his attention on children. He has managed to associate himself with Australian researcher Mary Rodwell much to Ms. Rodwell's detriment. (and to the potential danger and detriment of the children he may come to influence either directly or indirectly in Australia.)

I hope Mary Rodwell and other Australian ufologists wake up and realise that they are standing on very shaky moral and intellectual ground by associating themselves in any way with someone like Richard Boylan. (Who sees 'spooks' in every closet and a potential hot-tub tryst in every female abductee.)

Go to: google.com

Type in the words: Richard Boylan Hot Tub

Have an interesting, eye-opening read, Ms. Rodwell.

Regards to all,

John Velez, abductee

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Secrecy News -- 07/28/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 13:15:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:34:10 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/28/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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SCHUMER SEEKS LEAK INVESTIGATION

Following up on news reports that Bush Administration officials "leaked" the name of a CIA officer who is the wife of administration critic Ambassador Joseph Wilson, Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) has asked the FBI to initiate a criminal investigation into the matter.

"This disclosure was part of an apparent attempt to discredit Ambassador Wilson's findings about potential uranium exports from Niger to Iraq and intimidate other officials from speaking their minds," Sen. Schumer wrote in a July 24 letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller.

"As you are aware, the unauthorized disclosure of information relating to the identity of an American intelligence official is a crime punishable by fines and up to 10 years in prison under the Intelligence Identities and Protection Act," he noted.

(That Act, at 50 U.S.C. 421-26, prohibits disclosure of identities of intelligence personnel as part of a "pattern of activities intended to identify and expose covert agents." It is not clear that a single disclosure would legally constitute such a "pattern.")

Sen. Schumer recalled that after a reported leak of classified congressional testimony in June 2002, "The FBI questioned nearly 100 people, including all 37 members of the House and Senate intelligence committees and some 60 staff members."

"This current scandal is just as serious as the one from June 2002.... The FBI needs to find out who made the name of this agent public and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. There can be zero tolerance for this kind of action," Schumer said. See his July 24 letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/07/cs072403.html>

SENATE SHIELDS HOMELAND SECURITY FROM FACA

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), still in its bureaucratic infancy, is already dogged by allegations of corruption. But the U.S. Senate is blocking attempts to address those allegations.

Noting that the Homeland Security Advisory Council includes

representatives of corporations seeking to do business with the new Department, Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) proposed that this and other DHS advisory groups should be subject to the open meeting requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

"Corporate leaders and campaign contributors have been awarded coveted seats on the advisory committees that make policy recommendations to Secretary Ridge and to others in the Department," Sen. Byrd said, echoing criticism offered lately by the Project on Government Oversight (POGO) and others.

"By requiring that the Department of Homeland Security comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, my amendment will ensure that Congress and the American people know how these advisory committees are being used," Sen. Byrd said.

But by a party line vote of 50-46 on July 24, the Senate determined to keep the homeland security advisory process beyond the scrutiny of the general public and rejected the Byrd proposal. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/s072403.html>

BASIC RESEARCH WILL REMAIN UNRESTRICTED, DOE SAYS

The Department of Energy (DOE) has reaffirmed the longstanding policy that basic scientific research will remain unrestricted "to the maximum extent possible," and that no new controls other than national security classification will be employed to limit scientific publication and collaboration.

The DOE statement emerged in response to concerns from scientists and others that new information controls, under the loose rubric "sensitive but unclassified," were threatening the vitality of the U.S. national laboratories.

See this Department-wide memo from Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, dated May 12, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/sec051203.pdf>

Secretary Abraham cited a related letter from National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, dated November 1, 2001, which is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/bush/cr110101.html>

FOIA LITIGATION NEWS

The latest round of an FAS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency seeking disclosure of the 2002 intelligence budget total probes the limits of judicial deference to agency heads such as the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI).

Is the Court effectively obliged to accept whatever the DCI says under oath? (Yes, says the government.) Or, as we suggest, can the DCI's presumed authority be squandered by repeated factual errors, omissions and misrepresentations? See our July 25 reply in support of our motion for summary judgment here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/2002/sa072503.html>

Coincidentally, the judge in the case, the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, is the subject of an interesting and revealing profile by Ken Adelman in the August 2003 issue of Washingtonian Magazine.

The latest, mostly adverse judicial ruling in a national security FOIA lawsuit came in the case of FBI whistleblower Sibel Edmonds (who was recently profiled on CBS Sixty Minutes). See this July 23 decision:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/edmonds072303.pdf>

On a more favorable note, the FOIA lawsuit brought by A. Jay Cristol for records concerning the 1967 Israeli attack on the U.S.S. Liberty (Secrecy News, 07/09/03) is drawing to a formal conclusion because "the National Security Agency has fully

satisfied Plaintiff's FOIA request," according to a draft settlement agreement. "There no longer remains any controversy to be adjudicated in this case."

I can claim perhaps an iota of credit for this happy outcome because I suggested to Cristol early on that he acquire a copy of the handbook "Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws 2002," edited by Harry A. Hammitt, David L. Sobel and Mark S. Zaid.

"It contains a treasure chest of useful material," wrote back Judge Cristol, a Miami bankruptcy court judge, in thanks.

Copies of "Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws" may be purchased through the websites of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (www.epic.org), the James Madison Project (www.jamesmadisonproject.org), or through Harry Hammitt's Access Reports at:

<http://www.accessreports.com/sub.html#lit>

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Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Ecker

From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 11:27:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:39:27 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux - Ecker

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 15:00:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFO Frauds Redux

>>From: Don Ecker <decker0726@comcast.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2003 12:28:01 -0700
>>Subject: UFO Frauds Redux

Greetings UpDate List.

Well, as I fully expected Mr. William Hamilton did what I knew upfront he would do... refuse to refute the claims and fraud as put forward by Guy Kirkwood/ Mel Noel et al.

As I wrote on July 17, 2003;

"The bottom line is very simple. Since it has been 13 months and Bill Hamilton never came up with the proof, I think it is time he admitted he was wrong about my expose not being accurate. I sincerely doubt however that Bill will. But if Kirkwood/Noel has his DD 214 why not furnish a copy to us and I will do a complete retraction in the pages of UFO Magazine if I am wrong about him being a fraud. That seems to be very fair, doesn't it? After all I have waited over a year, what do you say Bill?"

Bill Hamilton wrote me back on the same day stating;

"Don,

It is not my place to come up with the proof. It is Guy's place and he chooses not to.

You were inaccurate in your article in that Guy's 2 middle names are Mel Noel - he has three middle names between Guy and Kirkwood.

I saw his documents as have others. However, he does not make copies of them so I have dropped this altogether as now he has not satisfied my criteria for investigation."

Okay, let's call a Spade a Spade and a fraud a fraud. If Kirkwood had the documents and HAD HE SERVED AS AN AIR FORCE Pilot he would provide the documents. And Hamilton claiming my expose was "Flawed" because Kirkwood has 3 middle names is simply bogus. Who knows how many names Kirkwood has, he keeps changing them. Hamilton knows, if he has the intelligence I credited him with, that Kirkwood is simply a Game Player, Scam Artist Con Man. If he has any documents he refuses to provide them because he knows that if anyone checks them with the Air Force or government he can be arrested for trying to pass himself off as a military officer... a felony.

Own up Bill. As I stated a year ago Kirkwood took you for a ride. You aren't the only one either, but if you are the researcher you claim to be it is time to stand up and be counted.

Don Ecker
UFO Magazine
www.ufomag.com

Today's UFO Quote!

"You are a boil on the ass of ufology!"

--John Keel, Author, "Mothman Prophecies" to Jim W. Moseley,
Publisher, "Saucer Smear"

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Re: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 14:47:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:59:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser - Stanford

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2003 16:55:57 -0300
>Subject: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser

>Source: The Solihull Times - Warwickshire, UK

>http://icsolihull.icnetwork.co.uk/news/local/content_objectid=13216636_metho
>d=full_siteid=91411_headline=-UFO%2Dexperiance%2Dreal%2Dhair%2Draiser-name_p
>age.html

>Jul 25 2003
>By Roger Jones

>A Solihull Times reader who saw what he believes was an
>unidentified flying object is wondering if others had the same
>hair-raising experience.

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>about 15-20 metres apart above a house.

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Huh????!!!

I don't know what they saw, but the reporter doesn't seem very bright,
even if the lights were!

How so?

Because any two points define a line.

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Roughly? :)

Ray Stanford

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

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Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 20:29:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:06:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003 - Shough

>From: Betsy Sinkey <westoo@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2003 22:14:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #30 -- 2003

>Can you give me a specific incident where an "apparent UFO"
>collided with a commercial aircraft in Mexico City or anywhere
>else?

Check out <http://www.narcap.org/>

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Re: "Mystery Payments" & The Gulf Breeze

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 15:49:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:08:08 -0400
Subject: Re: "Mystery Payments" & The Gulf Breeze

>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 01:44:37 -0400
>Subject: Ufological "Mystery Payments" And The Gulf Breeze Embarrassment

>A 'Black Attack' happens when researcher Jerry Black alleges
>that Gulf Breeze "mystery payments" and a one-sided
>investigation has led to a lasting embarrassment for Ufology.

>'Ufological "Mystery Payments": An Interview With Jerry
>Black' can be seen online at:

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/JBLACK.html>

To find out whether or not Gulf Breeze is an "embarrassment" and
whether or not there were "mystery payments", go to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/JBLACK/BlackInterviewJul03.html>

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Re: No MUFON Endorsement For Oliveira Case -

From: **Eustaquio Anddrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:16:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:50:27 -0400
Subject: Re: No MUFON Endorsement For Oliveira Case -

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: No MUFON Endorsement For Oliveira Case
>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 23:57:12 -0500

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>Directors Message
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>NO MUFON Endorsement

>By John F. Schuessler
>MUFON International Director

The truth always wins. Congratulations to MUFON and the
International UFO Community.

Regards

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Perry van den Brink/UASR?

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 13:26:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:54:38 -0400
Subject: Perry van den Brink/UASR?

Hello all:

I have been trying to get in touch with Perry van den Brink of UASR Holland for well over a year now.

The last messages from him on various UFO email lists appeared in 1998-1999. All the old email addresses from those postings, and from his old UASR web pages are invalid. Messages all bounce. Back in those years, he posted some things to UFO Updates

Can somebody please provide contact info, preferably a valid email address?

Any help much appreciated!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:29:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:56:50 -0400
Subject: Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives - White

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2003 23:42:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: P-47: Sad Day At The Archives

<snip>

>There are eight nations that have opened up their UFO related
>files and made the information available to the press, general
>public and interested groups. (We) as a community of people who
>profess to care about getting at the truth regarding UFOs, need
>to concentrate on increasing the number of nations that have
>opened up their UFO files.

Hmmm. I'm taking John's statement above, and combining it with
the many criticisms of Dr. Steven Greer's Disclosure Event in
May of 2001 made on this forum and the Strange Days Indeed radio
show, hosted by Errol.

Would it be one way to bring about such an increase in the
number of nations opening up on UFOs for:

- the serious researchers to put together a vetted sub-list of
those witnesses they feel gave and will give accurate
testimony, and
- hold a "UFO Disclosure Open House" at or near the U.N.
with some of the witnesses presenting to the U.N. reps?

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larry@larryhatch.net>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 15:21:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 18:58:23 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser - Hatch

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
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>>Ray Stanford

Hi Ray!

Maybe the boob meant to say that he couldn't tell if an
imaginary line between them was curved or not.

I'm reminded of the three nite-lites "in a perfect triangle".
I'm still waiting for an imperfect triangle. Maybe the lady who
saw a UFO "between Denver and Phoenix" can help.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

" You know my method, I keep the fridge ice cold."

- [burp!]

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Fwd Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 19:14:38 -0400
Subject: Alien 'Experts' Converge On Perth

Source: The Courier-Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

http://www.thecouriermail.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5936,6820357%255E1702,00.html

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Alien 'Experts' Converge On Perth

Video footage purporting to show the surgical removal of implants from people abducted by aliens will be one of the highlights of an extraterrestrial conference in Perth today.

The Hidden Truths Conference, hosted by the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network, will be attended by people who claim to have had contact with aliens, as well as experts on aliens and extraterrestrial activities.

Network founder and Perth resident Mary Rodwell said people who claimed to have been taken aboard spacecrafts by aliens would give personal accounts of their experiences.

She said there would also be discussions about an allegedly lost civilisation in Australia, explanations about changes in human evolution and how changing earth frequencies affects human behaviour.

However Ms Rodwell said the highlight would be a presentation by American surgeon and author Dr Roger Leir.

"Dr Leir will show authentic footage documenting the surgical removal of implanted objects from individuals who said they had been visited by extraterrestrials," she said.

Ms Rodwell said she has provided counselling to more than 800 Perth people since 1997 who claim to have had contact with aliens.

She is the author of the book Awakenings which is highly regarded by those interested in the phenomenon.

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'Strange Secrets' Exposes Unknown

Sightings of Bigfoot in Grant, Rapides and LaSalle parishes, as well as a crop circle in Shreveport and the January 2002 UFO reports near Boyce have resulted in more attention being brought to issues of the unknown and the paranormal in Sportsman's Paradise.

Is the government looking into these mysterious events, kind of like FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully on the late, great Fox Network show, "The X-Files"?

According to "Strange Secrets: Real Government Files on the Unknown," a fascinating new Paraview/Pocket Books release by authors Nick Redfern and Andy Roberts, it appears that the American and British governments indeed have been quietly investigating the bizarre and strange.

Government agents have investigated everything from UFO sightings to the existence of Noah's Ark on a remote Turkish mountaintop, according to "Strange Secrets."

This 312-page book is a real page-turner and touches on events that I was surprisingly unfamiliar with. The reason I say that is that since I was a child I've been reading books that discuss ghosts, the Bermuda Triangle and the usual odd stew of esoteric topics, so I consider myself an expert of sorts.

The book is broken up into four parts - "High Strangeness," "Saucer Secrets," "Mind Games" and "X-Creatures." In each part there are subsections that talk about different events.

In the "Saucer Secrets" segment, Redfern and Roberts note that residents reporting strange lights floating over the English countryside in 1915 were never given an explanation for the appearance of the anomalous orbs.

In fact, the government agents reporting on these strange lights leaned toward the idea "that the lights were under some form of intelligent control."

What makes this interesting to me is that the modern UFO era began in 1947 with the Kenneth Arnold saucer sighting and the "Roswell Crash." You rarely hear of UFO's being reported prior to '47, but the British government clearly had.

There is also some good information about alien abductees and contactees being shadowed by government agents back in the 1950s and '60s. In one instance, an uncovered FBI report shows how they sat in on a talk given to an audience in Denver, Colo., by

alleged contactee George W. Van Tassel.

Van Tassel's speaking engagements took place primarily during the late 1950s and early 1960s, at the height of the Cold War and concerns about communism.

It is believed the "subversive" California desert dweller (and inventor of a strange machine called an Integratron) was more than a kook; his socialistic views may pose a threat and had to be investigated.

"He said that he has also been visited by the people from outer space and has taken up the cause of bringing the facts of these people to the American people," states the declassified FBI report dated April 26, 1960.

Other chapters tackle CIA reports regarding "remote viewing."

In a chapter called "Butchers from Beyond," the authors reveal a 1979 FBI document that tackles the strange topic of animal mutilations. This one is titled "Cattle Mutilations Occurring in Western States."

Citing a 1974 report out of Madison County, Neb., a witness reported seeing a glowing object with a "bluish green light" on it floating near a copse of trees. This sighting coincided with cattle mutilations in the same area where genitalia, ears, eyes and other body parts were meticulously removed.

There are many more eye-popping and jaw-dropping reports and information (Loch Ness Monster, spontaneous human combustion, among others) that leave more questions than answers.

It appears the American and British governments are as equally perplexed as the average witnesses are.

Redfern and Roberts definitely did their research. I hope they do a follow-up.

So if you're not sure whether to pick up "Strange Secrets," just remember Agent Mulder's motto; "The truth is out there."

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Mist And Mystery Of Mars Water Spots

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Mist And Mystery Of Mars: Water Spots

By Sue Vorenberg
Tribune Reporter

The more scientists learn about water on Mars, the more mysterious it becomes.

A team from Los Alamos National Laboratory has released the most in-depth Mars water map yet - showing how much water is present across the entire planet's surface - but its findings have left more questions than answers, said Bill Feldman, a lab scientist.

"If you were to melt all the water we see frozen in the top layer of Mars' soil it would be enough to make a global ocean that would cover the planet completely 14 centimeters deep," Feldman said. "That's about up to a person's ankles."

Finding water on Mars is important to any manned explorations of the planet, because astronauts will need it to survive and the liquid is too heavy to send with them on a spacecraft.

It's also important because water might indicate that life has evolved on a planet other than Earth, Feldman said.

"We can understand a lot more about the geology and the planet's structure of the surface by understanding water," Feldman said. "Water is a major component of weathering, which changes the planet's landscape. On top of that, of great interest to the scientific community is finding life anywhere outside of the Earth. Water is one of our best indicators of that. One of the biggest questions is: Is there life on Mars? Was there life on Mars?"

Feldman presented the most recent findings and the new map Friday at the sixth International Conference on Mars in Pasadena, Calif.

Feldman and his team have been mapping water in the top few inches of Martian soil for the past year, thanks to a device called a Neutron Spectrometer, which Feldman invented.

The device can see amounts of hydrogen - a component of water - from an orbiting spacecraft, and scientists can analyze that data to determine how much water exists.

"There's a lot of water around the equatorial region, and it's very young - about 10,000 to 20,000 years old," Feldman said. "That's strange. We can't explain it. Nobody knows why it's there or how it got there."

Something had to happen within the last 10,000 to 20,000 years to put that water at the equator, he said.

The age also is strange because it doesn't conform with other water features on Mars.

Parts of the planet are covered with indentations that look like riverbeds formed from flash floods, but it turns out those features are bone dry, at least at the surface, and have been that way for at least a billion years, Feldman said.

Right now Feldman is more interested in the "young" water and how it got there, but there are a lot of calculations to be done before scientists really understand why it is there, he said.

"We're all thinking about it," he said. "One thought is that quite recently the south polar cap, which is covered with dry ice, heated up enough to uncover itself and put a pulse of water vapor into the air that went high enough to make it snow at the equator. But as soon as we get a hypothesis about why it's there, somebody else shoots it down."

The polar caps are covered with dry ice and water ice. The northern cap has much more water ice than the southern cap, leading Feldman to speculate that the water ice from the southern cap has moved to other parts of the planet.

"It's really complicated, and there's a lot of work still to be done," Feldman said. "When more instruments and rovers get to Mars we'll know a lot more. This is a very exciting time to study Mars - the results are just fascinating."

The Mars Map: The water map is on the Web at this web site:

<http://www.lanl.gov/worldview/news/photos/mars.shtml>

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Albany Man Searches For UFOs

By Sylvia Schon
Staff Writer

ALBANY - Scott Arnett looks, talks and acts as normal as anybody. He is, in fact, disarmingly down to earth, considering his avocation.

Arnett, 49, is a state section director and field investigator for Mutual UFO Network, Inc., an international organization dedicated to compiling, analyzing and publishing reports of unidentified flying objects.

Is he nuts?

"I'm not going to deny that I'm crazy. Nuts? No. I think I approach this with a pretty logical outlook. Like I said, you have to go down the middle of the road," Arnett said.

Crazy or not, Arnett has lots of company. Average, everyday people, radar technicians, nuclear scientists, physicists, anthropologists, chemists, medical doctors, psychologists, ham radio operators, and many other professionals and non-professionals have joined MUFON or have at least contacted members to report an unusual experience.

Arnett himself is a retired paramedic from the New Orleans area and is working on a two-year degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in occupational safety and health.

His interest in UFO reports actually began as an interest in astronomy while he was in his teens. After reading one of Frank Edwards' books on UFO reports, Arnett's own interest in the topic took hold.

The book was a series of straightforward reports on sightings by witnesses who appeared to be credible.

Straightforward and credible remain the keywords in his work as an investigator.

"Ninety-six to 98 percent of the reports are explainable as normal aircraft, swamp gas or even the planet Venus which can be very bright," Arnett said. "It's that other 2 or 3 percent I wonder about. When you are questioning a witness, you can't be judgmental. You can't let that interfere. You have to keep an open mind that this could be as much bull as fact. What makes an investigation hard is if you've got somebody who is so UFO pro that everything in the sky is a UFO. On the other hand, you have

the debunkers that there is no way and everything has to be Venus or swamp gas. They will always find a reason why. So you've got to come to the middle and you've got to use good judgment and have an open mind."

Arnett said he has personally never seen a UFO, but after years of talking to witnesses and reading other accounts, he does have a general point of view.

"I think something's going on, but I couldn't tell you what," Arnett said. "I have talked to some very credible witnesses in the past who have seen things and were very frightened. They were cautious about reporting it, too, but it was just so frightening to them that they had to tell somebody."

One of those occurred in 1976, when he went out on his first case as an investigator.

Hunters had reported an object hovering and at times moving erratically over the swamp about two miles from the Michoud facility in New Orleans east.

The hunters described the object as about 40 feet in diameter, that it glowed and changed colors as they watched.

Four days later Arnett was part of a team that accompanied one of the hunters back to the site.

They found a 14-foot wide pattern of reeds twisted and smashed in a circular pattern. The trees above had been scorched. Some of the branches had actually burned and fallen to the ground. The reeds on the ground were not burned, however.

"I noticed right away that our feet were muddy and the ground was very soft. I could see no track of any vehicles," Arnett said.

A geologist with the team took samples of the soil and reeds back to a New Orleans lab for testing. No radiation was found, and there was also no trace of any known fuel.

The hunter who accompanied them was very calm and soft-spoken, Arnett recalled.

"He wanted to be believed and he wanted to help," Arnett said.

That is often the case with people who call in reports to MUFON who might not otherwise report it to local authorities.

"MUFON is where they can vent this incredible thing that has happened to them without worrying about whether their names will wind up all over the newspaper or police blotter of whatever," Arnett said. "We will only publish names with their permission. It is protected. We guarantee it."

A pair of Pascagoula shipyard workers went public with their own encounter in 1973, causing a great commotion nationwide. The two reported seeing a bluish glowing object moving along the river where they sat fishing on a dock. The object silently appeared behind them, and one of the men claimed he was taken into the "ship" by a pair of the ship's occupants and later released.

Calvin Parker, who was 19 at the time, agreed to a followup interview with Arnett years later. Parker told Arnett of seeing two tall creatures emerge and take his friend before he passed out.

Arnett said after talking to him, he believed Parker's account, which was dramatic but less so than the man who claimed he was abducted.

"He just did not seem the kind of person to seem to be shaken easily," Arnett recalled.

Generally, however, Arnett is not impressed with the vast majority of abduction claims.

"I get off the boat with a lot of people on this subject. I notice that the abduction phenomena with your typical 'gray' with the big black eyes and large head, things like that, have only started after the movie "Close Encounters" came out,"

Arnett said.

He suspects many of those reports to be someone craving attention, having nightmares or mental problems.

He also questions a Yale researcher's claim that one in four people have been abducted.

"Give me a break," Arnett said. "The largest majority of people that report abductions have to undergo these very invasive probes. On our level, our technology is such that we can scrape a cell off somebody's arm and know everything. So you are telling me these 'people' are so advanced, they can do these amazing things in the sky, come from thousands or billions of light years away and have to stick probes up our wazzos? Once they got a hold of one of us, they would know everything. They would just need a skin sample, so I just don't see it."

This area was "hot" in the 1970s and 1980s for UFO reports, but it has been quiet in the area for a number of years, Arnett said.

The current "hot" areas are South America and the northeast where there have been "flaps" of reports of triangular-shaped craft.

"They have some very good multiple witnesses on that one," Arnett said.

Multiple witness are the best kinds of reports. About 60 percent of reports occur during night events and about 40 percent during the day, he said.

One of those occurred in Slidell several years ago when someone called the police to report an object hovering over his house. Deputies arrived and saw the object and also recorded static radio interference every time the object moved, Arnett said.

The most common shapes of crafts are the saucer shape, similar to two bowls put together, the "cigar" shape and an egg or round shape. But there have also been reports of triangular, diamond and other shaped craft.

The "saucer" name came from the news media in the 1940s when a airplane pilot flying around some mountains reported seeing what appeared to be alien craft.

Arnett noted that pilots and radar operators are probably more reluctant than most to report UFO sightings.

W.L. "Barney" Garner, the former Louisiana MUFON director, was a radar operator who became interested in UFOs after an incident where he and the pilot he was monitoring were watching things "that cannot be" from their own particular spots - the pilot in the air and Garner on the ground in front of a radar.

Arnett also noted that Dr. J. Allen Hynek founded the forerunner of MUFON right after the U.S. Air Force ended its famed "Blue Book Project." Hynek, now deceased, was in charge of that project.

"He wanted to let the public know what is really going on with these sightings. He couldn't say there were little green men. He didn't know. But he could say what the witnesses were telling them," Arnett said.

Arnett and his wife, Joann, live in Albany with their children. He said his wife is tolerant of his interest in the topic.

To find out more visit MUFON's Web site at mufon.com or call Arnett at (225) 567-6315.

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>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2003 14:47:56 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Experience Real Hair-Raiser

>Maybe the boob meant to say that he couldn't tell if an
>imaginary line between them was curved or not.

>I'm reminded of the three nite-lites "in a perfect triangle".
>I'm still waiting for an imperfect triangle. Maybe the lady who
>saw a UFO "between Denver and Phoenix" can help.

Hi Larry,

Yes, I imagine the lady who saw a UFO "between Denver and
Phoenix" could definitely solve this mystery.

I always thought an imperfect triangle was a situation in which
one of three lovers shoots another. :)

This field is more fun than a barrel of drunken monkeys.

Ray

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

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>Source: The Courier-Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

>http://www.thecouriermail.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5936,6820357%255E1702,00.html

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>Perth people since 1997 who claim to have had contact with
>aliens.

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>regarded by those interested in the phenomenon.

Huh? I wonder how and when the reporter took a poll? :)

Ray Stanford

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Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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>NO MUFON Endorsement

>By John F. Schuessler
>MUFON International Director

Now I'm even more confused by MUFON.

MUFON "non-endorse" the Brazilian Oliveira case it technically endorsed by presenting at the last minute a one-sided view at their much publicized annual Symposium?

Isn't MUFON supposed to be an investigative agency?
MUFON hopes to investigate but won't?

UFO cults don't warrant investigation or would it be too sensitive to embarrass themselves by reversing their position and possibly risk loosing their media spokesperson?

MUFON claims it doesn't have the bucks but are they forgetting that A.J. Gevaerd Brazilian MUFON Director already has numerous reports on Oliveira and lives in a nearby town and had already submitted a letter to MUFON's Intl. Director Schussler?

I seriously have to question Schussler and his International responsibility as he knew fully of Brazil's UFOlogists concerns months before this recent "non-endorsement" and well before the Symposium.

Was there any inquiry or recognition of the 300 Brazilian UFOlogists or even of the Brazilian MUFON Director once appointed by J. Allen Hynek over a "non-MUFON" presenter? None.

Now I'm left with even more questions but a distaste to inquire further as it appears MUFON has a history of acting first then making contradictory statements later.

As far as I am concerned they stand on their own merit of supporting a commercially fraudulent case... knowingly and now disregarding a fraudulent case... knowingly.

- Charlette LeFevre
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

>From Philip Lipson:

Since March, 2003 there have been critical articles published on Earthfiles.com which have been republished in the MUFON Journal and website questioning the right of the Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group to question Linda Moulton Howe's investigation of the Urandir Case and her cancellation from the Seattle UFO

Conference.

Several of Linda Moulton Howe's scientists that she has used to bolster her case notably Phyllis Budinger have questioned her procedures and results and feel that they have been miss-stated.

The main issue is not so much whether Urandir has been abducted or not but the very real evidence and documentation by many UFOlogists and reporters from Brazil and elsewhere that Urandir is frankly a con artist who has defrauded people of land, makes a living out of selling dubious artifacts, has been arrested several times, has assaulted his ex-wife, and generally runs an establishment which attracts gullible people and has all the earmarks of a dangerous cult.

Whether Linda Moulton Howe ever proves abduction or not is basically irrelevant. She was flown down to Brazil at Urandir's expense, wined and dined and shown what he wanted her to see. Nowhere does she address the despicable behavior past and present of Urandir, his scamming of innocent people and his deception of innocent victims with his phoney faith healing all for money.

In an interview with Whitely Streiber when asked about Project Portal or Vestibule Urandir denies any knowledge of its existence, yet there is a web-site devoted to it.

<http://www.portal2.org.br>

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

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=546&category=Science>

Whitley: Ok, Urandir, I would like to ask you a couple of questions. I would like to know what 'Project Vestibule' is?

Felipe: What project?

Vestibule. Urandir was talking about project vestibule. He described it as being the result of a dream he had back on May 2, 1999 in an interview.

Felipe: He (Urandir) doesn't know what you are talking about.

I'm sitting here reading an interview with him that was taken down on May 2, 1999, in which he discusses Project Vestibule and says, 'Many have been in charge of this work of spreading and preparation between them that are sensitive and the ones that some have developed in a paranormal college.' And I'm wondering what all of this means? Refresh his memory. This is an interview he did with Vilaluz Magazine.

He says he remembers giving an interview to such a magazine, but he does not remember mentioning of this. He doesn't know this name.

There is much more to Urandir's activities than meets the eye. It needs investigation on a consumer report level by unbiased neutral investigators, not people who are flown down there and only shown what they want them to see.

We cannot have another Jonestown or Heaven's Gate. Let's stop making excuses and statements of endorsement/non-endorsement and find out what's really going on before it's too late. - Philip Lipson

- Charlette LeFevre and Philip Lipson
Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group

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I couldn't expect nothing less from Mr. Schuessler. MUFON finally took a position in this case. Now it is just a matter of time for LMH to realize that she had applied too much good energy and time in a very bad case.

A. J. Gevaerd

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Circles Baffle Farmers
By Kristin Lukowski

Pat Esper didn't give a second thought to the 4-foot crop circle he combined over while harvesting wheat from one of his family farm's fields.

It was just some teens causing trouble, he thought.

But getting wind of another circle about 100 feet from the small circle, this one measuring about 50 feet across, quickly brought the other formation to mind. Both were discovered in the Howell Township field, nearly perfectly circular, with the wheat compacted to the ground in a counter-clockwise spiral.

"It's just like you see on TV," Esper said.

The larger circle also has two mysterious protrusions from the circle, sticking out east and west. The western protrusion, a small rectangle hanging off of the circle, is larger than its opposite.

As best as Esper can figure, the crop circles were put there between one and two weeks ago. A farmer came by to spray the fields two weeks ago and saw nothing. During the next application, he discovered the larger circle.

With the wheat dry and ready to harvest, anyone walking through the field would leave some kind of a trail behind, Esper said. The field is marked with tire tracks from trucks and farm equipment, but not with trails through the surrounding wheat or footprints in the dirt.

"This is kind of advanced for some kids to be doing it," he said. "Whoever did it took some time to get the wheat to be all laid out."

That field was the first one to be harvested. Esper has neither discovered any other circles in that 80-acre field or in a smaller wheat field nor heard about circles in other farms, including those of the farmer who sprayed the field and discovered the large circle.

"When you cut the crop, you cover every inch of the ground," he said. "I was looking once I found this."

Esper's family runs Rocky Ridge Farms, working about 1,000 acres in the county.

"We don't have time to do something like this," he said. "We work from seven in the morning to nine or 10 at night to get the wheat harvested."

Esper said his father, Mike, is more of a believer in the unexplainable, so his family has been joking with him about waiting for the visitors to take him away. If the circles are the work of pranksters, he doesn't expect them to come forward and solve the mystery.

Jim Berry, whose property ends just feet from the smaller circle, attributed the circle to deer or turkeys - until he walked out and saw it. "That is odd," he said.

He said he hasn't heard or seen anything strange recently.

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