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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:02:46 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:22:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 13:33:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>Y'know this thread is case-in-point of what's wrong with
>Ufology.

>I started this thread to bring attention to an event of almost
>20 years ago yet has turned into a slapfest initiated by Magonia
>Magazine's John Rimmer.

>Rimmer you started this by taking a swipe at my post and then
>apologizing to me for doing so then attacking Mr. Clark whom
>I've never read of or seen nor heard of being as rude and
>disingenuous as you've presented yourself.

Can't recall apologising, but I'll bet you've read a lot more of
Mr Clark over the past week. Surprising, as at least twice he's
informed this List that he can't be bothered replying further to
my rambling posts!

>I stopped by Magonia to see what type of magazine/site it's
>supposed to be and it's typical of the British approach to
>journalism that turns my stomach.

Could you be a little bit more precise about which particular
part of Magonia's journalism turns your stomach? We do
appreciate reader feedback.

>If I were the U.K. public I'd
>storm the papers and broadcasters there like the French did the
>Bastille. They're a bunch of vicious, vindictive gossip mongers
>who do mankind no service whatsoever. They should be ashamed of
>themselves and we in the U.S. who've allowed our press to
>degrade to their level should be as equally ashamed.

It's called press freedom. I thought you Americans were keen on that.

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

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:00:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:23:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 10:09:47 -0600
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>Patient and gentle listfolk:

Oh, dear, here we go again.

>If this is the hoax John believes (or anyway represents himself
>as believing) it is, it would have been disproved long ago.
>There would have been no shortage of negative witnesses, and we
>would have had their names and statements long since, inasmuch
>as Trindade is one of the most publicized UFO cases of all time,
>the subject of inquiries by journalists, military officers,
>government officials, ufologists, and debunkers. Nearly five
>decades after the case surfaced, NOT ONE negative witness has
>stepped forward to say that nothing happened.

If this was a genuine case as Jerry believes (or anyway represents himself in his encyclopedia as believing) it would have been proved long ago, as surely there would have been no shortage of witnesses (after all, Jerry himself tells us there were 48) and we would have had their names and statements long since, inasmuch as Trindade is one of the most publicized UFO cases of all time, the subject of inquiries by journalists, military officers, government officials, ufologists, and debunkers. Nearly five decades after the case surfaced, NOT ONE independent witness has stepped forward to say that something happened.

I know that for the rest of you, that's simple enough to understand: I have presented a falsifiable hypothesis, which Jerry has failed to falsify - just the name of one other witness will suffice to do it.

>Until John produces the names and testimonies of all, or even a
>few - or even one or two - of those negative witnesses (is
>anyone out there holding breath?), no productive discussion of
>Trindade along the lines on which John is so obsessively fixated
>is possible. As I don't have to tell the rest of you.

Is anybody holding their breath for the exciting new "blow you out of the water" evidence which Jerry was sounding off about a year ago?

>If John wants to say that he refuses to credit that the case and
>photos are authentic because he rejects the very notion that
>UFOs exist, okay, fine, we all have our prejudices. But if he
>wants to argue from evidence, he has a whole other set of
>obligations, which so far he has not even begun to meet.

>Give it a rest, John, or at least try to fashion an argument
>that doesn't insult our - not to mention your - intelligence. Or
>maybe you've given up the ultimate pelicanist sacrifice: your
>brains for the cause.

Jerry, I really am disappointed with the way you have consistently resorted to bluster and empty invective in this

thread, and have systematically refused to respond to a simple question.

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

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Re: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 17:06:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:27:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted - Oberg

>From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 16:14:51 -0500
>Subject: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted

><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/FOIA/Kecksberg-UFO.pdf>

>Presidents UFO Website

>www.presidentialufo.com

Showing that NASA was involved in identifying fallen satellite fragments - 'fragology' they called it - to determine country of origin, for returning said pieces per treaty requirements, and that all such material was classified no higher than 'confidential', and that they knew so little about the Kecksburg event (just what they saw in the media) they spelled it three or four different ways, and that 'moon dust' to them meant mostly gritty black stuff under the boots of the Apollo astronauts (with one exception, a document citation).

Big yawn.....

Jim Oberg

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Re: Kecksburg Comic And EBEN Inquiry - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 15:20:30 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:31:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg Comic And EBEN Inquiry - Tonnies

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 16:39:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kecksburg Comic And EBEN Inquiry

<snip>

>>>Isn't this a video grab from the supposed "Alien Interrogation"
>>>at Area 51?

>>Terry,

>>Nope. This is a distinctly different creature. To
>read the story behind it, see:

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

>Hiya Mac, Terry,

>Terry writes:

>>Fake or not, I find it impressive.

>Me three! That sucker 'looks' real to me and I've seen a few in
>my time. I think we're asking the wrong questions though. 'If'
>that thing is a manufactured dummy, then no doubt somebody spent
>a heap of bread to pay for it. 'Movie studio' kind of money.

>I am a huge movie buff but I don't recall ever having seen that
>particular 'dummy' (if that is what it is,) in any sci-fi movie or
>anywhere else for that matter. Has anyone seen it in a movie?
>On TV maybe?

>That thing was made (if it is manufactured) by a really
>competent artist/sculptor. There can't be more than a handful of
>artists that are known for producing such work. An Internet
>search and e-mail query might be a do-able way of finding out if
>any of them know anything about it.

>And finally, it doesn't make much sense for anyone to go to that
>kind of obvious expense to produce a single photo to fool people
>who are interested in UFOs and their occupants/
>pilots/builders.

>That is the only photo I have ever seen that depicts a 'grey'
>alien so accurately. Who ever made it either saw one him/her
>self, or was guided by someone who has seen one.
>Dead on.

John,

I had the same reaction to it even though I've never seen one if
real life. It has a realistic quality to it that makes the
hackles rise. I agree with you re. how strange it is that this
amazing picture crops up on some obscure UFO conspiracy website.
Where are the masks and hand-painted busts? If this is a fake,
why isn't it turning a profit somewhere?

Happy Halloween,

Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Re: Rods Bashing Abated - Hebert

From: A. Hebert <vanguard@preciousmemories1.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 19:17:22
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:39:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Rods Bashing Abated - Hebert

>From: Joe Escamilla publicrelationsdept@themidwaysighting.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 10:55:15 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Rods Bashing Abated

>PRESS RELEASE:

><http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/11/prweb87144.php>
>November 1, 2003
>Rods Bashing Abated

>Today, there are a few prominent UFO Researchers who 'bash', the
>Rods Phenomenon, but, do so under the misguided guise of
>"comingling Jose Escamilla with The Midway Rods (TM) Phenomenon,
>even though they have been aware of his resignation, since
>November of 1994.

The "Rods" theories have not been bashed, they have been studied
by others who sought the truth and found these objects to be
nothing more than insects. I have personally filmed and
photographed enough of these images to know, beyond a shadow of
a doubt, that the images of objects labeled and promoted as
"rods" are, indeed, insects.

For more information about what others have found by studying
these images, follow the links below:

http://zaziork.com/theunexplained/rods_exposed/rods1.htm

And more links not in my original study but examples of
excellent research:

<http://www.flyingrods.com/articlesfl/denny/denny1.asp>

<http://www.flyingrods.com/galleryfl/index.asp>

Go down the page to the section titled "Filming Bees by Denny
White" and "More Filming Bees by Denny White" for some revealing
images

<http://www.flyingrods.com/indexfl.asp>

<http://www.flyingrods.com/articlesfl/solvedorcrow.asp>

If you still have doubts about what these alleged "rods" images
represent - go out, use the techniques I used and the techniques
used by others and see the truth for yourself.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: FSR: Victim Mentality In Abductees - Gottschall

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha@bigpond.net.au>
Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 13:58:41 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:41:24 -0500
Subject: Re: FSR: Victim Mentality In Abductees - Gottschall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 21:40:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: FSR: Victim Mentality In Abductees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha@bigpond.net.au>
>>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 14:40:18 +1000
>>Subject: Re: FSR: Victim Mentality In Abductees

>>I can't comment on Anne Druffel's book as I have not read it but
>>one of the speakers at the 2001 Australian National UFO
>>conference was Brenda Butler, an experiencer.

>Is this the Brenda Butler who was the first investigator of the
>Rendlesham case?

No it's not John.

Sheryl

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 09:23:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 11:13:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:02:46 +0000
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 13:33:03 EST
>>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>>Y'know this thread is case-in-point of what's wrong with
>>Ufology.

<snip>

>It's called press freedom. I thought you Americans were keen on that.

That, sir, given your interpretation of what constitutes an actuality of a 'free' press, might well be taken as the refuge of a scoundrel.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 1 Nov 2003 10:11:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 11:35:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Clark

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:00:58 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 10:09:47 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

Patient and gentle (and no doubt laughing) listfolk, one more time:

John Rimmer cannot produce the name of a single negative witness. None has emerged after nearly five decades, which any reasonable observer would find significant. Could that mean - gasp - that no such witness exists? Rather than answer this simple and obvious question - which, as we all know now, he can't - he chooses to go on and on down a deadend road in a car which, in any event, ran out of gas long ago. Perhaps soon some child will inform him, as did another long ago an emperor who was not clad as finely as he thought he was, that the vehicle isn't moving.

Or, to use another metaphor I've employed before, his team has yet to score a run; yet he declares that his side is winning because the other team, which has scored runs, hasn't scored as many as Rimmer declares it must. The fans out there in the stands are shaking their heads.

As I wrote before and here repeat:

>>>Until John produces the names and testimonies of all, or even a >>>few - or even one or two - of those negative witnesses (is >>>anyone out there holding breath?), no productive discussion of >>>Trindade along the lines on which John is so obsessively fixated >>>is possible. As I don't have to tell the rest of you.

And as, sadly, John has proved one more time. We are seeing, I'm afraid, a morbid case of a man who gave up his intelligence, common sense, and dignity for the dubious cause of pelicanism. Let it be a lesson to all.

Jerry Clark

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Re: FSR: UFO Cover-Up By Mussolini - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 19:49:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 13:48:54 -0500
Subject: Re: FSR: UFO Cover-Up By Mussolini - Colvin

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 29 Oct 2003 23:42:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: FSR: UFO Cover-Up By Mussolini

>Anyone know the present status of this investigation?

There is nothing in subsequent issues of Flying Saucer Review.

Terry

-- "Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright
1992, Frank Rice

Terry W. Colvin, Sierra Vista, Arizona (USA)
fortean1@mindspring.com

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Trindade

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 09:12:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 14:05:07 -0500
Subject: Trindade

Hi,

This question has already been pointed before on this List (actually, it was on this List that I first read about it), but I would like to point out again the question of the apparent uncanny similarity of the image of the Trindade Island UFO on photos 1 and 2 (inverted):

<http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/trindadehoax.htm>

Yes, I'm using copies of copies (of maybe copies) of the originals. Even then, the similarity is something curious.

Also, I would like to indicate again the article by Martin Powell:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mjpowell/Trindade/Trindade.htm>

Powell itself used versions of the photos published on a book. Even then, the similarity is something curious. More curious if we presume that the casual degradation of the versions I used, and that he used, should be different.

Then, I would like to indicate the superb and detailed work about the case by Luis Noguez (available on-line, in Spanish):

http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/noguez_trindade00.htm

Interesting fact: a couple of years before his death, in the year 2000, Almiro Barauna produced new copies of the photos, from negatives. It's been said, on this occasion, that he didn't lend these negatives to anyone, and took great care with them. I don't know if they were THE original negatives (which, according to other accounts, had been sold to a news agency, and according to yet another accounts, earned Barauna sufficient money to buy an apartment), or just more copies. Maybe someone else can tell more about it.

Anyway. I'm in Brazil, I'm trying to investigate the case, and I'm not the only one. The case is being promoted here as one solid and evident authentic case (opposing the Barra da Tijuca case). Hopefully, if there's still a chance to uncover more evidence, that will be done. Yet, as I must repeat, I'm not the only one trying to do that, that is being done for not a short time, and unfortunately nothing new has surfaced, that I know of.

In fact, the most interesting thing that I think has surfaced recently is exactly the resemblance of the images of the UFO. But that was already noted by Capt Sunderland. So, nothing actually new. What would indeed be new would be a professional analysis trying to specifically confirm or deny this element. It's been said that the fact that photographic analyses were done proves that the question of inversion has been already examined, and it have been discarded. I second that. I suspect that the question of inversion was never professionally analysed. Even if it was, why not analyse it again, with more detail, if that is possible?

Afterall, the photos are the only physical evidence. They alone, if proved a hoax, can disprove even 48 witnesses testimony, even if their original accounts somehow surfaced. Maybe not disprove that something was seen, but that Barauna photographed what was seen, whatever it may have been. So, I find curious how little attention has been paid to this question of the apparent inversion. Perhaps I'm just uninformed, but if it is so, I humbly beg you to inform me. Sincerely.

My best regards to all,

Kentaro Mori

<http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/>

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Early Historical UAP

From: Chris Aubeck <caubeck@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 16:55:04 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 20:16:01 -0500
Subject: Early Historical UAP

We invite experienced researchers interested in this area of study to join our private e-list for sharing historical accounts of anomalous aerial phenomena.

<http://embark.to/magonia>

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Ufological Obstacles

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 12:18:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 20:22:56 -0500
Subject: Ufological Obstacles

UFOLOGICAL OBSTACLES

Is ufology impeded? It doesn't seem to go anywhere. I mean... it's been stuck in neutral for the last fifty years for all the valiant attempts to steer it into the mainstream. What keeps ufology in a giggle-factor limbo? What banishes it to the realm of tabloid magazines?

By definition...ufology remains disqualified, betrayed and denied! What disqualifies its respect? What betrays what's scientific about it? What denies the reality of millions of people with the insulting analysis that they're misinformed, misleading, or mentally ill?

The forces arrayed against the ufological are mighty...

That there is a well funded and steady push from "uphill" against disclosure is obvious. This is abundantly reflected by the busy imps at CSICOP! It's ponderously reflected in the dismissive attitude (and senseless!) inattention of a corporate mainstream media. It is profusely reflected in the suspicious actions of black_box institutions, unaccountable agencies, and non-elected government officials... all of these engaged in an ongoing but dismissed, ridiculed, and wrongfully discredited conspiracy to deceive.

Why?

Why risk the betrayal of trust that this official behavior must absolutely generate! Why provide for the denigration of the agencies, institutions, and governments we need to survive in a 21st Century? Why invalidate a mainstream media needed to keep us properly informed... and so then able to give intelligent, rational, and informed consent in the truth of a viable society?

What strange mechanisms force our cultural authority to work so furiously to discredit itself? =What= are they hiding?

These "powers that be" _are_ duplicitous and obfuscating... This becomes increasingly apparent as the most powerful nation on Earth is hijacked by... religious fundamentalists and "just business" corporate fiends, elitists, and other monsters beholden, allegedly, only to the *shameless*, nameless, and cluelessly blameless... stockholders.

That these *powers that be* are duplicitous and obfuscating is easily demonstrable in everyday life, and... we only have to take a short walk in the prosaic to see it all stand revealed for the self_involved shame that our culture really is.

Revealed is the shame regarding justice because it is only available to the highest bidder. Revealed is the shame of dishonesty concerning sex because it's teasingly pushed into your face on the one hand, and then you're persecuted for indulging in it on the other. Revealed is the shame of double_dealing as regards even our physical well being... as hazardous pharmaceuticals and toxic food substances are celebrated ... while vitamin and mineral supplementations undeniably required by human beings are furiously invalidated (and so, if I can

digress... at the root of much of the chronic disease of this 21st Century - from Attention Deficit Disorder to Cancer and Heart disease and beyond...)!

The point...? If they'll lie and deny about the everyday, they'll work overtime to clutter up the **highly strange**! Especially if the **highly strange** complicates their program. Especially if the **highly strange** invalidates their standard. Especially if the **highly strange** implicates them in the commission of their crime! Especially, if the **highly strange** interferes with their very convenient and coveted status quo... And please, please, please... challenge me on who "they" are.

So, what's wrong with UFOs?

Everything, because they CHANGE everything. Sorry! Aristotle's crystal spheres are righteously shattered at last! Get over it! The deceitfulness, dishonesty, and double dealing we talked about a moment ago becomes outmoded, outdated, and invalidated... and you know what Errol? This is even assuming full disclosure is some new deceitfulness, dishonesty, and double dealing perpetrated by aliens and replacing the former human ones! LOL! We're used to deceitfulness, dishonesty, and double dealing! We've been the subjects of master human manipulators, programmers, and controllers for years! Let's sample a New variety!

... and consider this, it may be the **aggregate** individual prefers that **NEW** deceitfulness, dishonesty, and double dealing, forsaking the old... and there's the rub! Do you see it?

What's wrong with UFOs?

UFOs are the purest of pure seditions. They're not beholden to the unequally applied laws, convenient mores, and occluded sensibilities of humankind! Their star-faring or dimension hopping precludes the necessity for any respect shown us and our infant's ways! They are a clear challenge, you see, to the sense of loyalty and allegiance the individual is supposed to feel towards... God, the state, community, and traditional family! This is the nature of the threat they impose... not to invade, or depose and subjugate, but to offer the individual an attractive alternative to the current status quo!

If aliens were here to subjugate and dominate then all that our leadership would have to do is give us a hint of that reality (like it does with regard to the threat of Fundamentalist Islam?) and we would sign on for the most draconian reductions, imaginable - of our rights, benefits and entitlements (just like we have with the war on terror, or the war on drugs).

Anyway...

Your acceptance of a ufological reality is the gestalt realization that some perceivable **someone** or **some-thing** doesn't have to answer to the likes of George Walker Bush or his deputy tyrant (the Anointed) John Ashcroft... This is a source of extreme discomfort for George and John (and their shadow handlers) who are, without question, men more comfortable officiating guns, scheduled drugs, and the huge piles of blood money precipitating from those things... than they are investigating the righteous ufology!

Hmmm... Perhaps something's being kept from us that only causes us spiritual or philosophical problems, if we are exposed to it? Perhaps non-disclosure of the ufological is imposed upon us for our own good! We can't... **handle the truth**? Our ignorance is bliss! Is ignorance ever bliss?

No.

Reject "blissful ignorance" because it does not work, it does not respect you, and it seems to prove, invariably, that it's only a mechanism for the control of your energies and your efforts on projects or activities you're, by **design**, not well informed about. Seriously, to let an individual go blithely along in an ignorance that suits the manipulator and not the individual... is to communicate an ongoing lie! You are being lied to if others know better, and don't tell you. That's not

informed consent. That is duplicity and obfuscation and I would be expected to be jailed or otherwise discredited if it was me engaged in that behavior...

Additionally! It has been pompously intoned that "It is folly to be wise when ignorance is bliss." But, you see, that old proverb makes an assumption that continued ignorance equals continued bliss, and this is not the case. Ignorance, from my experience, can be bliss... only for the moment! In the real world there is always a premium paid for ignorance, and that bill must eventually come due. In the real world ignorance equals loss, injustice, sickness, and failure... abject failure... failure to grow, failure to achieve, and failure to make meaningful progress! Truly, the only life worth living is the examined one, and ignorant bliss is a tragic booby-trap where the individual concerned is not aware that his primrose path is a minefield.

More obfuscation! It has been proclaimed that we don't have any disclosure out of interests regarding National Security... but anyone who has skimmed Richard Dolan's book "UFO's and the National Security State," knows that to be the tired, overused, and shopworn rubric that it is!

No... secret keeping has been so roundly abused and inbred over the last 50 years... that the original reasons for it are rendered, largely, invalid. "Need to know" is a concept too anally applied anymore and the best information available is forgotten, buried, and otherwise concealed behind faceless, autocratic, and arbitrary little men, and away from persons who could make better use of it! These "secret keepers" have misused their privilege, undeniably, when they can tell sitting presidents that they don't have a "need to know"! Consider... a vetted person... elected to the highest office in the land and required to officiate the most critical of "informed consents". He does not have "a need to know" but his unelected, nebulous, and non-accountable underling, does... what's up with THAT! Flag down!

Is there quality information with regard to UFOs hidden from rank and file individuals? Almost certainly! Does the information available justify attention by the mainstream... Absolutely!

Yet the mainstream does NOT pay that attention! Not because we would be better off in some blissful ignorance. Not because the truth is too horrible to be known! Not because our national security is so fragile and imperiled! No.

We decry UFOs, and we keep UFOs *indistinct* with "giggle factors" and "denial campaigns", to protect a corrupt, scurrilous, and demeaning Status Quo... a Status Quo framed, incidentally, by a self-absorbed minority of tenth generation pirates and clever sociopaths. We avoid a ufological investigation... friends and neighbors, to accommodate the wishes of a few who handily dictate that we be fed manure and kept in the dark like a consumable mushroom. Verily, UFOs are ridiculed for the benefit of the few at the, transparent, expense of the many...

UFOs are the reality! It's most everything else that is the distraction, obfuscation, or lie in the fog... much of what we only think we know is a distraction contrived wholly or in part to divert individual attention from the bigger picture and larger reality...

These diversionary components include warfare (always at the convenience of a few who won't be doing any of the fighting), overpopulation (a horrific program to insure that there are always more worker-bees available than have to be paid individual respect), public education (a device to assembly-line manufacture docile employees at the expense of their critical thinking), and an ironic system of health care (a scurrilous enterprise to manage illness at the expense of curing it). It's all a ruse... to keep you, the hapless individual, dazed and confused and so NOT demanding information upon which you can base an informed consent!

Honestly, if you knew the actual costs of some of things you take for granted around you, you'd likely, quite gladly, just say no... Indeed, the individual lacks information in the first place because the rank and file would demand a fairness they're

more than willing to pay, fairly, for... even as their manipulators are not! Back at the ufological ranch...

What can we do about a ridiculed ufology, given the powerful, cultural, and sociopathic forces arrayed against it? What can we do?

Well - considering the recent successes of the Science Fiction Channel at the mere suggestion of civil action (busting loose some, albeit ho-hum, documents regarding the Kecksburg affair?)... We can, very simply stated, sue for grievances in civil court for damages incurred... damages incurred as a result of the denial of our civil right to give informed consent in a *free* society! The public is having a dangerous fraud perpetrated upon on it for reasons that are not being made evident. This is wrong.

Now what's that going to cost _you- ?

Well - the first thing you have to be prepared for is that much of what you hold valuable now might be perceived later as dangerous, ignoble, or even unintelligent... childish things better put behind you... Motor cars and fast food, for instance... Hey! It's the future. ...As it has _always_ been, we change or we die! The _history_ of Humanity!

Cost? ...One time at Mickey "D's"...ten bucks, say.

...If everyone in the sound of my voice gave up ten dollars to a ufological civil fund and that fund hired a cracker_ jack person to organize the legal assault, we could precipitate that disclosure (we all know is a good thing even if we can't articulate why...) in a comparative eye_ blink!

The person to hire is one Daniel Sheehan, I think. Sheehan is a barrister with a _proven_ track record of stunning successes prosecuting difficult cases like Watergate, Wounded Knee, Karen Silkwood, Iran/Contra, Dr. John Mack, Ollie North and a host of others... His competence is more than merely vetted and his resume is spectacular. Moreover, he already has a plan for a legal assault that is irresistible because it does not have to chase a ufological quarry down the path it's on... for a loss... No, rather it flanks the problem obliquely and effectively prosecutes it from a path that runs parallel to it which _is_ prosecutorial... where the direct approach was not, you see...

All he needs is a grassroots effort to produce a war-chest and he's got the problem well on the way to being solved at best or most significantly addressed at worst! This thing could be done right, if we wanted to do it. We're *power* we don't use!

It's pretty obvious that we are all in a position to _start_ that effort at the grass roots... we are the grassroots. Do we _want_ to do something about this? I think yes. Blissful ignorance is a myth and a very real minefield. *Knowing* is better. Then, we can build something that's real. *Real* is better.

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<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND - John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is - the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged - \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
_ Giordano Bruno, scoured by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Beau

From: **Jerome Beau** <jbeau@noos.fr>
Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 19:55:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 20:26:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Beau

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>To: UFO
>UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:00:58 +0000
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

Hello John, the list,

>If this was a genuine case as Jerry believes (...) it would
>have been proved long ago, as surely there would have been no
>shortage of witnesses (...) and we would have had their names
>and statements long since, inasmuch as Trindade is one of the
>most publicized UFO cases of all time, the subject of
>inquiries by journalists, military officers, government
>officials, ufologists, and debunkers. Nearly five decades
>after the case surfaced, NOT ONE independent witness has
>stepped forward to say that something happened.

Maybe one reason why we didn't get more witnesses info (names,
statements) is stated in the "F=F4lha da Manh=F1" of S=E3o Paulo,
issue on February 21, 1958 :

"The School_Ship is at anchor off Rio de Janeiro Bay and we have
learned that the crew is forbidden to talk to reporters,
according to severe orders especially issued."

Indeed, we have to keep in mind that nearly all witnesses were
military people submitted to such orders. Non-military witnesses
were the known witnesses (Barauna, Filho, Viegas).

Hope this helps,

Jerome

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2 'Objects' Photographed Near Cincinnati

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 20:22:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 17:19:43 -0500
Subject: 2 'Objects' Photographed Near Cincinnati

I took some photos of 2 interesting "objects" seen near Cincinnati, Ohio on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2003 and have some of the photos and details online at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/pioneer03.html>

Any comments are appreciated.

Thanks,

Kenny Young

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CI: A Parallelogram in Cydonia?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 23:31:14 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 17:22:02 -0500
Subject: CI: A Parallelogram in Cydonia?

Cydonian Imperative
11-3-03

A Parallelogram in Cydonia?
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 43)

On page 42 I introduced a most interesting anomaly discovered by Bob Harrison, proprietor of the Cydonia Quest website. Further analysis of the "Diamond" (or "Parallelogram") reveals geometry thought to be consistent with the Mound Geometry Hypothesis advanced by Dr. Horace Crater and Prof. Stanley McDaniel of the Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR). Unlike most Mars anomalies thought by some to represent intelligent design, the Parallelogram offers the potential for mathematically quantifiable evidence favoring artificiality. In a scientific arena fogged with accusations of "seeing faces" and "wanting to believe," such hard numerical data is precisely the sort required by researchers hoping to advance the Cydonia inquiry.

[image]

The Diamond/Parallelogram. Tracing by Mac Tonnies.

McDaniel, intrigued by the Parallelogram's proximity to Mound E, has suggested that the right-hand line of the Parallelogram might be largely, if not entirely, inferred by the viewer. Close-up views of the formation suggest that the right-hand line is a real feature, albeit heavily eroded. McDaniel also notes several dark stripes that emanate from the apparant right-hand line. These are most clearly visible in the small-scale graphic featured above. Significantly, these faint stripes run parallel both to each other and to the top and bottom lines of the Parallelogram, lending further support to the contention that the right-hand line is an actual morphology and not a subjective impression. While the effect is by no means spectacular, it brings to mind the possibility of shallow, buried structures consistent with the build-up of soil that partially obscures - Mound E. (Like terrestrial archaeological sites, the Parallelogram appears decidedly weathered, on the brink of being consumed by the Martian landscape. It's possible that its state of preservation is due to the protection offered by shifting Martian sands.)

My tracing of the Parallelogram reveals a further oddity. In the upper right corner is a small angular formation whose angles correspond, within margin of error, with the "reconstruction" seen in red. Close perusal shows that this formation, which I term the "Cornerstone," is decidedly unusual: it features four "walls" and an enclosed interior space, very much like a roofless, one-room building. It can be seen in much better detail in the image below.

[image]

Investigation continues. If artificial, the Parallelogram would seem to be an unexpected extension of the Mound Geometry Hypothesis, in which the relative positions of various small

anomalies in the Cydonia region comprise a mathematical "signal." Is it possible that an extraterrestrial intelligence has left a deliberate message encoded in the harsh Martian landscape?

-end-

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Re: Request Confirmation Of MJ-12 Member - Beau

From: Jerome Beau <jbeau@noos.fr>
Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 14:05:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 17:26:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Request Confirmation Of MJ-12 Member - Beau

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2003 08:33:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Request Confirmation Of MJ-12 Member

>(I think he was part of the 1953 Robertson Panel. Haven't got
>time to check on this now, but I'm sure the vast knowledge base
>represented by the kibitzers on this list will confirm or deny
>same.)

Yes Thornton Page was part of the Roberston Panel, as stated in
the Panel's report, appendix A:

http://rr0.org/images/1953-01-17_Robertson_TabA.gif

Jerome

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Argentina: New Cattle Mutilations in Cordoba

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Monday, November 03, 2003 9:33 AM
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 17:30:16 -0500
Subject: Argentina: New Cattle Mutilations in Cordoba

SOURCE: C=EDrculo Ovnilogico Riocuartense
DATE: October 30, 2003

NEW CATTLE MUTILATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA
A report from the Circulo Ovnilogico Riocuartense

We would like to inform you that this organization was present at the "La Ranchada" field near "El Naranjo" in the department of Rio Cuarto at the request of its owner, since the death and mutilation of a bovine had taken place. The following are the particulars of the case.

VISUAL REPORT

At the field known as "La Ranchada" near "El Naranjo", latitude 32 49 South and longitude 64 50 West; being leased by Ms. Viviana Olivares, the date being the 28th day of October of 2003 and the time being 1:00 hours, the undersigned met in representation of the Circulo Ovnilogico Riocuartense in order to carry out a survey and investigation arising from the discovery of a dead and mutilated bovine. The site is an extensive canyon with an estimated depth of 25 meters from the level of the local road that winds its way eastward, and which naturally serves as a channel for runoff [...]. The canyon's width is of 9.30 meters on average and its surface is very damp as one progresses toward the indicated watercourse. Almost halfway along said canyon, which measures approximately 300 meters from south to north, there lay a female bovine some 5 to 6 years old, mixed breed, black in color, lying on its right side (seen from the rear) and showing the initial signs of putrefaction and the presence of abundant maggots and foul smell. Said maggots were found on the chest, udders, anus, under the left eyelid and the presence of serum ejaculate is also present. The absence of the left eye is evident, as well as the tongue, the ear, all of the head tissue, particularly that of the jawbone. Looking inside its mouth, the cavity was empty and the bones that constitute the head were completely free of tissue. The tail, anus, vagina and udders are in their places and there is no sign of missing organs nor orifices on the animal's carcass. The bovine's head is pointed eastward and its hind legs toward the west. No signs of violence in the body nor signs of agony prior to death, such as kicking or rolling on the ground, were evident. There is no sign of any type of blood outflow, nor visible wounds on the bovine's body. To judge by the maggots, small pieces of hide have fallen off; upon contact these patches turn to dust and give off a strong smell of putrefaction. A more or less circular hole is evident where the left ear was located; its edges are smooth and no tooth marks were in evidence. Another element reported is that aerial predators avoid the body and neither the other bovines nor the few dogs to be found in the area have approached it either. Measurements and photographs were taken and renderings of the site were made. Without further to report, the survey was concluded at 18:30 on the day cited above. The participants set their signatures hereunder.

Mario Luis Bracamonte
Dante Guerrero Merhi

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. BERARDO

At the site, the acting researchers held a dialogue at 18:30 hours of October 28th, 2003 with Carlos Elias Berardo, an Argentine national, 17, rural employee who was asked about how he had come across the animal. He replied: "I was returning on horseback from Las Albahacas along with Mr. Ramon Olivares when we saw a fallen animal near the "El Naranjo". Upon approaching, we could see that it was a mixed breed cow some 6 years in age."

Upon closer inspection, they ascertained that it was missing its tongue, left eye and ear. He was asked if some other particulars had been noticed: "Nothing aside from what's been said."

When asked about the animal's position, he replied that its head was pointed east and its hind legs west, and that the body was soft upon being touched, leading them to believe that it had been dead for a short time. Viviana Olivares, lessee of the property stated: "I didn't want to call the folks from the University of Rio Cuarto anymore, since they were adamant that these events are linked to rodents (mice)."

Given that Ms. Olivares is convinced (or so it seems) that these events are not the result of rodent action, since she has worked for four years as a veterinarian's assistant in the province of Mendoza and professes to know details which lead her to believe that other factors are at work which elude logic. This she said during the dialogue held in her home. The incisions that she has witnessed in two other incidents on her field are clean and no tooth marks were observed that could suggest the presence of rodents, dogs or predators.

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 09:26:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 17:37:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 11:33:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 29 Oct 2003 17:30:34 -0800
>>Subject: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

>>Cameraman's crash site update

>>On October 23, my wife, brother and I visited the dry lakebed
>>ten miles southwest Socorro known to us as the cameraman's crash
>>site. The cameraman was the person who sold Ray Santilli twenty-
>>two rolls of 16mm film showing the dissection of a creature of
>>unknown origin and the debris of its crashed craft.

>>We were revisiting the site to gather information that might
>>answer questions elicited during the previous discussion of this
>>topic on the Updates list and to explore the site in greater
>>detail.

>>Is there evidence of cristobalite on the sand and gravel at the
>>site?

>>Yes.

>I find it very interesting and tell-tale that you do not say
>that the 'cristobalite' (in semi-quoted because you cannot
>diagnose cristobalite by mere sight)

Ray,

I didn't diagnose cristobalite by sight. I used XRD. The
material covering (fused to) the sand and dirt at the site is
the same material as the material I had tested and the same
material that I sent you. This material is covering the sand and
dirt the same way that it covers the rhyolite on your sample.

>was actually fused to the
>top of the sand or dirt -- which it would have to be to even
>begin to suggest there is anything to the case you're trying to
>make.

Fused is fine with me, but I've used "covered" before and you
didn't complain.

>Come on, Ed. Show me a sample of the 'cristobalite' fused to
>sand or soil. :)

I'll send you a photo when they're developed, but no more
samples for you until I see some change in attitude.

>At the temperature (and time period) required
>to form cristobalite, it would have to display fusion with the
>substrate of sand or soil out of which (according to your story)
>it would have been formed.

The cristobalite did not form from the sand and dirt at the site. It was formed from sand and oxygen picked up by the vortex of the disabled craft and then deposited at the site during the impact and crash, as though the cristobalite was dropped or sprayed on the site from above.

>Your wording seems designed to try and make us think that is
>what you're saying, but it clearly is not what you are saying.
>If such fusion were present, you know very well you'd actually
>say it!

If I knew exactly how this occurred, I'd say so, but I don't. At this point, I can only surmise. But I think a smart fellow like you could figure it out in no time if you'd visit the site.

>You've done that kind of thing again and again in your
>declarations about your 'site', and those of us who can think
>beyond our noses are getting pretty sick of it by now.

Maybe you could give me and the list an example of what you're talking about. I have been very careful about what I've reported. There are no exaggerations or deceptions.

>>We found several areas where the sand and gravel were >
>covered with cristobalite.

>Yes! :) Maybe covered with some broken crystalline material, but
>evidently not fused (judging by your not actually saying so) to
>the sand or dirt!

Sorry but the cristobalite is covering (fused to, if you want) the sand and dirt. There is no confusion about this. These are large mats of material and not "broken crystalline material".

>Your wish to 'take us in' is showing, Ed. Quit
>trying to mislead us by what you do not say but hope we read
>into your statements! You surely must know your statements could
>easily be misleading!

I didn't realize they were misleading. I'll try to correct this in the future.

>Lay off the intellectually dishonest reporting, or quit posting
>such crap.

Someday, hopefully soon, I'll be taking interested folks to the site to see all this for themselves. Do you think I'd put myself in this position, if I were trying to create a hoax or resorted to "dishonest reporting"? My description of the site is honest and accurate.

>You know, Ed, I'm very much into the study of meteorites, and
>from those studies I know that the time since crystals were
>formed is rather easily to determine by, e.g., Sm-Nd ratio, Rb-
>Sr ratio, or other similar (as most appropriate to an individual
>case) isotopic-ratio analyses. Such techniques could be done on
>any samples you have, and if you had even a 'fraction of a gram'
>of intellectual honesty you would have at least one such test
>done on that 'cristobalite' from the site before you go
>screaming your I-wanna-believe head off about that stuff being
>formed during a UFO crash in 1947.

You have a sample and should test it yourself if you think I'm wrong. I'm not spending another dime of my own money.

<snip>

>So, Ed, if you assert that you 'cristobalite' was formed in 1947
>and are going to get by with that in the minds or real
>scientists, sans at least one isotopic test to determine how
>long ago those crystals (whatever their types might be) were
>formed, then think again!

After you visit the site, we can discuss what tests are still needed and how we're going to pay for them.

>Put evidence where your mouth is, or cease the wide-eyed
>believer propaganda! It's up to you, the believer, to have such
>a test done, so don't go asking me to fool around trying to
>prove or disprove your, at this point, 'cock and bull' story.

You have all the evidence you need, right before your short-sighted eyes.

Ed

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 09:52:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 18:09:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Gehrman

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais@wanadoo.fr>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 10:57:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 29 Oct 2003 17:30:34 -0800
>>Subject: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

>>Cameraman's crash site update

>>On October 23, my wife, brother and I visited the dry lakebed
>>ten miles southwest Socorro known to us as the cameraman's crash
>>site. The cameraman was the person who sold Ray Santilli twenty-
>>two rolls of 16mm film showing the dissection of a creature of
>>unknown origin and the debris of its crashed craft.

>>We were revisiting the site to gather information that might
>>answer questions elicited during the previous discussion of this
>>topic on the Updates list and to explore the site in greater
>>detail.

>To Ed and all,

>The previous discussion on the List seems to me to have
>completely ruled out the finding of cristobalite as a "proof"
>that a ufo crashed there, thanks to Ray Stanford.

>I did not follow your discussion closely,

Gildas,

If you had followed the discussion more closely, you would have realized that Ray has proved nothing about anything except that he has a closed-minded and dogmatic view of the Alien Autopsy and all information connected to it. He has made some excellent contributions to the discussion, but no evidence that refutes my findings.

>but after the recent
>debate on the Rawin target, I feel obliged to note that, as soon
>as a discussion seems to end about a dubious tale, another one
>pops up. There is no end to that game, so it seems.

Why don't you say what you mean?

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>by Michael Hesemann, in his book "Beyond Roswell", written with
>Philip Mantle. It gave me a strong impression that he and his
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>writing his report: "Fine, they have found the spot we had
>prepared for them".

The site they found wasn't the same site I found. I have visited
the site they found and it doesn't meet the cameraman's criterion.

>Sorry, Ed, but I don't believe the story. And I don't believe
>the camaraman's story either.

That's fine with me. But perhaps you haven't been paying enough
attention.

Ed

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 14:36:41 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 18:15:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Boone

>From: Jerome Beau <jbeau@noos.fr>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 19:55:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>To: UFO
>>UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 23:00:58 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>Hello John, the list,

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>Maybe one reason why we didn't get more witnesses info (names,
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>learned that the crew is forbidden to talk to reporters,
>according to severe orders especially issued."

>Indeed, we have to keep in mind that nearly all witnesses were
>military people submitted to such orders. Non-military witnesses
>were the known witnesses (Barauna, Filho, Viegas).

>Hope this helps,

>Jerome

Wait one dad-gummed minute! This incident took place in the late
50's in Brazil?

Well bust my suspenders if I don't have an army of relatives and
friends from down there including a pal here in Los Angeles
whose dad was head of the Brazillian air force during those
days.

I just recalled!

I asked him about UFOs and he was like, "So what? We're fighting
criminals more than UFOs". Also, a girlfriend of mine is a
famous model from Brazil who's family I believe owns airlines
there. I'll ask her.

I remember Sao Paulo because I have a cousin from there here in
church with me. He's an important chap there and I'll shoot this
past him because I recall back in the 80's a major UFO flap down
them parts.

Best ,

Greg

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Re: Ufological Obstacles - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Nov 2003 13:59:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:03:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufological Obstacles - Lehmborg

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 12:18:13 -0600
>Subject: Ufological Obstacles

>UFOLOGICAL OBSTACLES

>Is Ufology impeded? It doesn't seem to go anywhere. I mean...
>it's been stuck in neutral for the last fifty years for all the
>valiant attempts to steer it into the mainstream. What keeps
>ufology in a giggle-factor limbo? What banishes it to the realm
>of tabloid magazines?

I just listened to Art Bell and John Lear discuss a paradigm for "real good" reasons to avoid disclosure... and heartfully qualifying blissful ignorance at the same time - giving it a big endorsement...

Additionally, Mr. Bell gave every indication that he would withhold information he had (if he had it) to maintain the status quo...

Does anyone -else- out there think blissful ignorance is anything but a dangerous myth? Does continued ignorance =equal= continued bliss? That's a bill that must eventually come due, friends and neighbors, and it seems Mr. Bell would put off paying it until the payment on the mere interest would be impossible to bear.

Damn it -- the truth though heaven falls!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 23:31:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:07:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Rimmer

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This is fair comment. Of course, it also helps to explain why
the famous 'negative witness' has failed to turn up after all
these years!

However, it would appear that even the Brazilian Navy
investigation of the case seems to have been unable to turn up
the name of any serving member of the crew who actually saw the
event. In fact this caused a member of the Brazilian federal
parliament to complain that the investigation was inadequate.

At one point a Brazilian military spokesman is quoted as saying
that the military had no reason to prevent crew from talking
about the incident, and it does seem that reporters had access
to the ship and crew when in docked.

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

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 21:42:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:21:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Kaeser

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 09:52:55 -0800
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

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Since my name has been brought up.....

I think the impression that everyone was manipulated by Ray Santilli is an honest one, but that doesn't prove that the 'film' was a complete hoax. I visited the site that Bob Shell and Michael Hesemann had identified as the alleged crash site and spoke with both about it on a number of occasions. While it was intriguing, it didn't actually fit the cameraman's description of where it was if you take his 'Statement' literally. A couple of the pictures that I took at the 'site' were in Beyond Roswell, but that certainly doesn't lend to its credibility as a crash site.

This being said, I've had a couple of messages from Bob Shell in the last couple of years regarding the site that you've identified, and he doesn't believe that its correct. Bob spent a number of weeks going through that part of New Mexico, along with ufologists from Arizona. I believe he also thinks that he's located the crash site, but without more provenance for the cameraman's images it really doesn't mean anything. Ray Santilli has ruined his own story through his actions, whether they were unavoidable or not.

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This is true, but to change the general opinion of most people you'll need more than unusual mineral traces from an alleged crash site supported only by an artist's conception of a description transmitted through Ray Santilli.

I believe that Ray has always held the key to unraveling this mystery. I don't know of Philip would have anything further to add, but most of the original researchers have dropped their

interest in the AA 'film'.

Steve

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Roswell UFO Museum To 'Do Our Own Thing'

From: Louise A. Lowry <ShnSassy1@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 22:38:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:26:23 -0500
Subject: Roswell UFO Museum To 'Do Our Own Thing'

Source: The Roswell Daily Record

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/103103/news07.html>

UFO museum to 'do our own thing' this July, director says

Lisa Ridgely
Record Staff Writer

Despite an invitation to head up a revamped UFO Festival oversight organization, the International UFO Museum and Research Center has announced plans to instead host its own event next July.

The Roswell Chamber of Commerce has given up sole sponsorship of the fest to make way for the formation of a new oversight organization, one the International UFO Museum and Research Center wants no part of.

Julie Shuster, the museum's director, said she knows she could lead a successful UFO-themed event, because she has, and she will again next year =E2=C7" separately from the UFO Festival.

"No, I am not considering it and I told them that," she said.

The chamber's Board of Directors unanimously voted Tuesday to "relinquish sole sponsorship" of the Roswell UFO Festival, and to encourage the formation of a new entity to organize it. Previously, the chamber ran a festival committee, chaired by a board member, which served as the organizing entity.

"We're trying to be as inclusive as possible this year," said CEO Shawn Hughes. A new organization would "add a new level of cooperation between all of the entities, including the UFO museum," but also the RCC, the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the Roswell Convention and Civic Center, the Roswell Visitors Center, Roswell Parks and Recreation, MainStreet Roswell and Roswell Runners Club.

A press release from the chamber Wednesday quoted Hughes saying the International UFO Museum has the expertise and audience necessary to be the leader in such a group and put on a successful festival.

"The central player in this organization would hopefully be the UFO Museum," he said in the release. "If I were visiting Roswell for the first time, I'd be inclined to head to the Museum first. That makes them an ideal choice for a leadership position in this new entity."

But the museum has other intentions.

Plans have been in the works for a while, Shuster said, for the Roswell UFO Event 2004, which will be held July 1-5 at the museum and the civic center. With a focus on the serious and educational aspects of the Roswell Incident and other UFO phenomenon, it won't be much different from what the museum has done in previous years, she said.

"The museum has always done their own thing," she said. "This year what we are doing is expanding but focusing on what we do and what we have always done. ... We've taken a different direction and are going to do our own thing."

Chamber president J.P. Cheney said Thursday the board decision was made in an attempt to unify the organizations involved in the festival's planning process, and that Shuster's reaction was puzzling.

"I understand her position ... I don't know why they're choosing to do it the way they're doing it," he said. "I certainly would hope they would welcome the event for everybody."

Shuster says that by concentrating on the more serious, scientific aspects of UFO phenomenon, the museum is sticking to what it knows and what it does best "and they know their audience. The UFO Festival has "become a carnival, or a side-show," she said, "and that's not what the museum's all about."

The people who come to the UFO fest also want "some kind of UFO entertainment," Cheney said. "That's what runs her museum, is the alien fluff that everyone buys. ... They come here for that 'carnival' atmosphere. Those people who come for the carnival are the ones that finance her shop."

The museum's first priority is to recognize the Roswell Incident, she said, the reported 1947 UFO crash that put the town of Roswell on the world map, drawing visitors here year-round.

Shuster plans to announce the event schedule, which may feature an astronaut as a special guest, sometime in January.

"All I'm going to do is worry about what's in the best interest of this museum," she said.

The museum's decision may be a mistake, Hughes said, because the proposed new organization could be advantageous to "them and all of us. I'm still going to continue to urge them to rethink their position."

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Re: Re: Trindade - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 00:18:34 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:29:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Re: Trindade - Sparks

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m02-002.shtml>

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 09:12:49 -0300
>Subject: Trindade

>Hi,

>This question has already been pointed before on this List
>(actually, it was on this List that I first read about it), but
>I would like to point out again the question of the apparent
>uncanny similarity of the image of the Trindade Island UFO on
>photos 1 and 2 (inverted):

><http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/trindadehoax.htm>

>Yes, I'm using copies of copies (of maybe copies) of the
>originals. Even then, the similarity is something curious.

>Also, I would like to indicate again the article by Martin
>Powell:

><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mjpowell/Trindade/Trindade.htm>

>Powell itself used versions of the photos published on a book.
>Even then, the similarity is something curious. More curious if
>we presume that the casual degradation of the versions I used,
>and that he used, should be different.

>Then, I would like to indicate the superb and detailed work
>about the case by Luis Noguez (available on-line, in Spanish):

>http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/noguez_trindade00.htm

Hi Ken,

Why are you referring to these outrageous debunking attacks, especially Noguez's as "superb and detailed" and "excellent" (as you state on your website)?? Noguez's is the most appalling I have ever seen - he wants to have the Trindade photos hoaxed by THREE HOAXING METHODS at the same time - montage AND double-exposure AND photography of cloud-vapor covered aircraft SIMULTANEOUSLY!! You can't have all three hoaxing techniques at the same time, or at the same time in this particular case (montage and double exposure are simply physically inconsistent and mutually exclusive). Even the infamous CSICOP would not dare to propound such Menzelian pseudoscience, though debunkers do tend to operate on the principle that several bad explanations are better than having no good single explanation. Anti-UFO pseudoscience is matched only by the pro-UFO pseudoscience of GSW which still gets cited as if legitimate even after the scandalous Calgary photos blunder years ago exposed it all as a sham - why not cite George Adamski as a serious photoanalyst??

If Noguez had any scientific understanding of optical physics

and photography he would realize that it is physically impossible to make a double exposure darker than the surrounding sky - you cannot subtract light in a double exposure you can only add light! It is a fundamental fact of science and math, addition is not subtraction (C. B. Moore please take note!). So far he has successfully hidden behind the Spanish language so that English language analysts generally remain unaware of these scientifically absurd claims and thus haven't taken them apart.

As for the "similarity" of Trindade Photos 1 and 2 when inverted, you admit they are not identical, just "similar." Therefore the debunker hoax theory that the photographer took tiny little pieces of film-emulsion with identical copy images of a hoaxed UFO only about 1/10 inch (2 mm) in size and stupidly pasted one upside down by accident onto photos of Trindade island background is exploded as utter nonsense. The images are not identical, upside down or not, so they are not some kind of hoaxer paste-up error.

And all this photo-montage pasting would have had to be done in a hurried hoax while inside a makeshift darkroom aboard the Brazilian Navy ship just minutes after the UFO sighting without any "UFO" being sighted. And then the hoaxed UFO images would have to pass muster with the Navy witnesses to the UFO (when there wasn't a "UFO" ??) who were shown the freshly developed photos by the Trindade post commander immediately afterwards and who confirmed it looked like what they saw (didn't see??). In bright light on deck in mid-day with everyone staring at the UFO images on the negatives anything looking like pieces of film with fake UFO images glued on top of each island scene photo would have been glaringly obvious.

From the classified CONFIDENTIAL intelligence report of March 3, 1958, of Fleet Adm. Antonio Maria de Carvalho, Chief of the Brazilian Naval High Command, to the Navy Minister, prepared by intelligence officer Corvette-Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao (emphasis added):

viii. Afterwards, the negatives referred to were shown to members of the SHIP'S CREW who had witnessed the phenomenon; they RECOGNIZED THE OBJECT appearing in the photos as identical with the one they had sighted in the air;

xi. A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who SIGHTED the object, including the photographer, civilians and members of the SHIP'S CREW.

I have measured what appears to be rapid rotational motion at the extreme edges of the object, amounting to something on the order of 400 to 800 degs/sec around a central axis, and the angular velocity of rotation changes from photo to photo (hence my 400 to 800 degs/sec figures). Thus in the approximately 2 seconds between photos estimated by reenactments conducted by the Brazilian Air Force with the photographer, the UFO could very easily have flipped over 180 degrees.

Sorry Ken, the UFO was reported wobbling in flight and my analysis shows it was displaying very extreme rotational motion, so it simply must have wobbled so far it flipped over. So it should look similar but not identical - due to differing object motion blur and differing atmospheric haze between Photos 1 and 2 - and should look upside down. The photos show the UFO turned upside down so that is what happened - the object turned upside down.

By the way Sunderland went on board the Brazilian Navy ship after it docked hoping to confirm it was all a hoax - and was discombobulated to find that the Navy officers he talked to confirmed that the UFO incident did occur. Sunderland tried to denigrate that fact but couldn't.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Humanoids Without Saucers - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 00:06:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 07:33:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Humanoids Without Saucers - Colvin

FWD: [fantasticreality] Humanoids Without Saucers: Revisionist thoughts on "Close Encounters III"

[Where is the evidence, the bodies of these supernatural creatures? What portion is inside the head and what portion is outside the head. Where does false memory syndrome and the manipulative dissociative identify disorder, formerly called multiple personality disorder, fit in with all this? - twc]

Dear Listmates and fellow Forteans,

In the 1950's and 1960's, even long before abduction reports became so common, many people reported seeing strange humanoids. Often, they reported seeing the entities in connection with landed or hovering UFO's. In other cases, however, no unusual craft or vehicle was in fact mentioned by the witness(es). Several such saucerless creature sightings have become classic "UFO occupant" cases, repeated in countless UFO books as well-known "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." This seems to be the case, for instance, with the often-cited humanoid sightings at Branch Hill (Ohio) and Stockton (Georgia) in 1955, and near Globe (Arizona) in 1960, as well as with the somewhat less celebrated Renton (Washington) humanoid encounter of 1965.

At 4 AM early one morning in March, 1955, Robert Hunnicutt of Loveland, Ohio (a town near Cincinnati noted later for the "Loveland Frog" of the 1970's), was driving over a bridge near Branch Hill, Ohio on his way to Loveland when he saw 3 small "men" about 3 feet tall, grayish in color with froglike faces, kneeling by the roadside. He stopped his car because he thought someone was hurt and needed help. One of the creatures held a dark chain or stick giving off bluish-white sparks between his raised arms. When Hunnicutt got out of his car one of the "men" moved as if signaling him to stay where he was. So, Hunnicutt just watched for about three minutes. The next thing he knew, he was driving toward the Loveland police station, making him feel he "must have lost consciousness," in an interesting anticipation of the "missing time" element of so many later abduction reports. [Coral and Jim Lorenzen, *Flying Saucer Occupants*. (New York: New American Library, "Signet Books," 1967), pp. 121-122; Jacques Vallee, *Passport to Magonia* (Chicago: Henry Regnery, 1969), Case 361, p. 248; Coral Lorenzen, "UFO Occupants in the United States," in Charles Bowen, ed., *The Humanoids* (Chicago: Henry Regnery, 1969), p. 150; Leonard H. Stringfield, *Situation Red! The UFO Siege* (New York: Fawcett Crest, 1977), pp. 115-116; Janet and Colin Bord, *Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century* (Chicago: Contemporary Books, 1989), p. 151]

A few months later that year, at 3:30 AM in the early morning of July 3, Mrs. Margaret Symmonds of Cincinnati, Ohio was driving her family car to Florida when she saw 4 small figures in her headlights on the road ahead of her, which at first she took for pigs. Coming closer, she saw that they were "bug-eyed" little "men" 3 =BD or 4 feet tall, gray in color and wearing capes, huddled in the road as if about to dig into it with a stick one of them was holding. One of the humanoids stepped aside to get

out of her way, and looked right at her. He had a roundish head, with a slouch hat or cap on, huge eyes like saucers reflecting red, a long pointed nose, a small mouth, a sharp pointed chin, and long thin arms with claws, and short legs. His body was hidden by the cape. Mrs. Symmonds swerved past the dwarfs, then screamed out in fear, waking up her husband who was sleeping in the back of the car. When she told him what she had seen, he wanted to go back, but she refused. [Lorenzen and Lorenzen, Flying Saucer Occupants, p. 121; Vallee, Passport to Magonia, Case 365, pp. 249-250; Lorenzen, "UFO Occupants in the United States," in Bowen, ed., The Humanoids, pp. 149-150; Stringfield, Situation Red!, pp.110-111; Bord and Bord, Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century, pp. 150-151]

Five years later, another weird dwarf humanoid was seen late at night along a roadside in Arizona by yet another startled motorist. One night in June 1960, a woman personally known to APRO director Coral Lorenzen was driving her family Cadillac, her husband and children asleep in the car, to California. Around midnight, about 15 miles east of Globe, Arizona, she saw a small, dark figure about 3 feet tall standing on the right side of the road, as if about to cross. It turned to face her as she slowed down, then ran off into the brush. "The second I saw that thing my heart came up into my mouth and my stomach did a flip-flop," she recalled. The figure had broad shoulders, long arms, a flattened globular pumpkin-shaped head, and two glowing yellowish-orange eyes. When the dwarf was in side view, the witness saw a light beaming out beyond its face. She could not see the body clearly, but got an impression of hair or fur. Like Mrs. Symmonds' husband, this witness' husband also wanted to go back, but she wisely refused. As in the 1955 night-time roadside sightings by Mr. Hunnicutt in Branch Hill and Mrs. Symmonds in Stockton, the 1960 Globe, Arizona witness did not report seeing any unusual craft or vehicle. [Coral Lorenzen and Lorenzen, Flying Saucer Occupants, pp. 128-129; Lorenzen, "UFO Occupants in the United States," in Bowen, ed., The Humanoids, pp. 159-160; Bord and Bord, Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century, pp. 152-153]

Two girls near Renton, Washington reportedly saw three non-human-appearing "men" one morning in August, 1965, according to a story in Saucer News, which did not give newspaper attribution--but Coral Lorenzen and APRO were also tipped off about this sighting by other sources. Around 7:00 or 7:30 AM on August 13, Ellen G. Ryerson (16) and her sister Laura got out of their car on a highway near Renton to work in a bean field when they were approached by three "men" from the bean field. The beings were about 1.6 meters (a little over 5 feet) tall, with white-domed heads, protruding eyes "gray like stone," large pores, and expressionless, deeply tanned faces. They wore sleeveless V-necked purple jerseys over white shirts. The frightened girls ran about 50 feet past the "men," and when they looked back the beings had disappeared. As Coral Lorenzen noted, "No craft was seen in connection with this incident"--which nevertheless got written up in Saucer News and then in her own article on "UFO Occupants in the United States," as well as in Flying Saucer Review [Bowen, ed. The Humanoids, p. 169; Vallee, Passport to Magonia, Case 678. P. 313, citing Flying Saucer Review, 66, 2]

The Branch Hill, Stockton, and Globe sightings, especially, have gone down in the UFO literature as classic "Close Encounters III"--despite no mysterious craft actually being reported. Some Fortean and UFO writers, indeed, have themselves been aware of this paradox and its potential problems for interpretation. Thus, Janet and Colin Bord prefaced their discussion of the Branch Hill, Stockton, and Globe encounters by remarking that "Quite a lot of the non-human entities reported sound similar to the entities seen close to landed UFO's" but admitting that "on these occasions the witness sees no UFO, so there is no certainty that the entities came from a UFO." Indeed, the Bords felt, "it is difficult to be certain of anything with cases like these" as "all we have to go on are the witness reports." However, the Stockton entities seen by Mrs. Symmonds "were engaged in that kind of puzzling, inconsequential activity which UFO entities often seem to demonstrate," though "Mrs. Symmonds saw no UFO, only the entities" [Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century, p. 150.] On the other hand, the Lorenzens admitted that the June 1960 Globe, Arizona sighting "deals with a little man although there is no craft involved (Flying Saucer Occupants, p. 128). Stressing "the veracity of the observer and

her husband's verification of her near-hysteria," and the close resemblance of the Globe "entity" to the "little men" seen near landed UFO's in Venezuela in 1954, Coral Lorenzen felt that "despite the absence of a visible craft, the other three points make this incident acceptable, in my opinion, as a 'UFO occupant' sighting" ["UFO Occupants in the United States," pp. 160-161]. However, she also headed her summary of the Ryerson girls' 1965 Renton, Washington bean field encounter "Entities--but no vehicle," ending with the observation that "No craft was seen in connection with this incident" [_ibid., p. 169].

The 1950's and early 1960's were a time when an "extraterrestrial spaceman" or "Martian" interpretation seemed the self-evidently obvious explanation for any strange humanoid, more so than at any time earlier or later. The late 1940's, when the "flying saucers" hit the headlines in the wake of Kenneth Arnold's June 1947 Mount Rainier sighting of nine flying whaisits, and the July 1947 crash of an Air Force spy balloon--or *SOMETHING ELSE*?!--near Roswell NM, were the perfect time to launch a popular mythos of technologically advanced visitors--perhaps even invaders--from the skies/ Er had jusr finished one war very largely fought with massive air power, climaxing in the atomic power of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We had won World War II--but were now entering a "Cold War" with out former Soviet ally, armed with who knew what secret high-tech super-weapons captured from our and their former Nazi enemies--a "Cold War" that might become all too "hot" any day. Atomic war with our former Russian allioes was a real possibility. We were also entering the "Space Age," when real-life interplanetary travel within lifetime of many people then living was a serious possibility for the first time in history. Reputable "mainstream" popular magazines, quoting savants like Werner von Braun, Hermann Oberth, Willy Ley, and Arthur C. Clarke, and not just science-fiction "pulp" with lurid covers, published lavishly illustrated articles on how we would build orbiting space stations, and trach the Moon and Mars, before the end of the 20th century. The cumulative evidence of all these developments was to make extraterrestrial visits to Earth seem a real, serious possibility to a large segment of the general public--and the most obvious explanation of various curious celestial phenomena.

All these social and cul;tural circumstances, well in place by 1947, only continued and deepened in the 1950's and early 1960's. The Soviet Sputnik launching, and America's commitment to a "Space Race" with the Russians, made the Space Age officially part of the "real world" rather than "science-fiction." Space exploration enthusiasts like von Braun, Oberth, Ley, and Clarke now seemed like true prophets more than ever. The Cold War Communist threat, not realistically likely to go away in the lifetime of anybody then living, made many of us all the more willing to seriously consider the possibility of *OTHER*, more comic, threats and subversions as well.

The UFO phenomenon, too, obligingly "escalated" itself. The George Adamski type "contactees" were an easily dismissible laughingstock, whom serious UFO researchers hated and despised for making a serious mystery look ridiculous. However, there were also the less easily dismissed reports, beginning to proliferate in the mid-1950's, of furtive or even aggressive dwarfish humanoid UFO occupants, who seemed more likely to just possibly be the extraterrestrial "real thing" than the contactees'benevolent, handsome "Space Brothers" spouting pacifist, Theosophist, and "New Age" platitudes. In 1954-1955, especially, the media were saturated with stories of bizarre dwarf humanoids seen in conjunction with "flying saucers" by dozens or scores of seemingly reliable witnesses in Europe--especially France, Italy, and Belgium--and South America. In the good old USA itself, too, the Sutton farmhouse between Kelly and Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was besieged by aggressive, grotesque-looking "little men" from a landed "flying saucer" on the night of August 22, 1955.

Robert Hunnicutt and Margaret Symmonds did not actually see any "flying saucers" at Branch Hill or Syockton in 1955. However, they saw mysterious dwarfish humanoids very similar to those so frequently encountered near "saucers" in Kentucky, South America, France, and Italy. The same was true, a few years later, of the pumpkin-headed dwarf seen by Coral Lorenzen's friend near Globe, Arizona in 1960--and of the three men" encountered in the Renton, Washington bean field by the Ryersin sisters in 1965. No "saucer" was actually seen--but they seemed

so similar to familiar "saucer" creatures. Norging seemed more obvious or natural than to lump together the Branch Hill, Stockton, Globe, or Renton reports with cases where somewhat similar creatures were seen in conjunction with "saucers"!

Also, there were fewer non-extraterrestrial interpretations of strange humanoids available to the general public, or even to Fortean and paranormalist writers, in the 1950's and early 1960's than we have at our disposal now. The "ET" hypothesis seemed to be the "only game in town" aside from debunking skepticism. For one thing, we should recall, in the 1950's and 1960's the general public was far less "cryptid"-conscious than is the case now, when books, articles, and websites on Bigfoot, "Lake Monsters," Chupacabras, the West Virginia "Mothman," "big cats," "mystery pumas," "Black Dogs," "frog-man," "reptile-men," and scores of other "mystery beasts" and "alien animals" compete in the popular "true weird mysteries" market with those on UFO's and abductions. Aside from a few pioneering proto-cryptozoologists like Willy Ley, Bernard Heuvelmans, and Ivan Sanderson, most people in the 1950's only knew about the Himalayan "Abominable Snowman" and Scotland's "Nessie," maybe also vague recollections of supposedly real-life 18th and 19th century "sea serpent" sightings--joined in the late 1950's by Bigfoot.

Likewise, the parapsychical, "psychic," "metaphysical," occult, other-dimensional, and "ultraterrestrial" theories of UFO's, aliens, and "cryptids" popularized by writers like John A. Keel and Jacques Vallee wouldn't come into fashion until the late 1960's and early 1970', with Vallee's Passport to Magonia (1969) and Keel's Strange Creatures from Time and Space (1970) and UFO's: Operation Trojan Horse (1970). Keel and Vallee, followed by other writers in the 1970's and 1980's, popularized the theory that modern encounters UFO's, "aliens," Bigfoot, and "Lake Monsters" might reflect a contemporary manifestation of the entities or phenomena underlying yesteryear's trolls, gnomes, fairies, elves, leprechauns, jinn, angels, and demons. However, it just didn't occur to anybody in the 1950's and early 1960's that our planet might be teeming with all sorts of "little people," "otherfolk," "frog-men," and "lizard-men" as long-standing features of our environment, such as Fortean's have become more familiar with in more recent post-Keel, post-Vallee decades.

Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman has linked occult and "metaphysical" theories linking Bigfoot to UFO's and aliens, and Bigfoot, UFO's, and aliens alike to ghosts, spirits, demons, fairies, and other-dimensional visitors, to the general cultural and social "high strangeness" of the 1960's and 1970's in Bigfoot: The True Story of Apes in America (New York: Paraview and Simon & Schuster, 2003). Coleman's main focus is Bigfoot and similar "mystery primates," but his historical sketch of theories about them is equally applicable to the history of theories about other "mystery critters." Coleman is skeptical of such, occult or parapsychical, or other-dimensional theories connecting Bigfoot UFO's, aliens, ghosts, and spirits. For him, Bigfoot is a real flesh-and-blood animal of an unknown biological species, not a ghost, spirit, psychic projection, thought-form, space alien, or visitor from the "fourth dimension." He flatly declares (Bigfoot!, p. 177): "And just in case you are wondering, no, I don't think Bigfoot come from UFO's or the collective unconscious." However, he notes the popularity of such theories, and devotes a chapter on "High Strangeness" to examining them. Such theories, he notes, originated and proliferated in the 1960's and 1970's, a period of general social and cultural "high strangeness." Almost all the UFO-related Bigfoot cases, he shows, can be linked to those times of "high strangeness," the researchers who emerged at that time, and the often-cited books and cases from those days. Coleman notes that he has placed "some of the 1970's Bigfoot reports, for the first time, in a cultural and temporal context," as the "significant point" he is "attempting to make" in Bigfoot! (Loren Coleman private e-mail to T. Peter Park, September 24, 2003).

Bigfoot, Coleman observes, is not only "a creature of the wild," but also "often what people want to make of it--and it was certainly so during one recent period of high strangeness." In the 1960's, he notes, "we all woke up and found the world had grown decidedly weirder," with "the antiwar, peace, and hippie movements," the "music revolution and new

sexual freedoms," the "breakdown of the Eisenhower doldrums and the shock of the JFK assassinations," "the Beatles and Vietnam" (Bigfoot!, p. 170). "Something" happened "that changed us all," and "it altered the landscape of Bigfoot studies too." From "the Patterson-Gimlin film to the Minnesota Iceman," a "hint of this bizarre new age was in the air." It was an era when "several threads of the inexplicable overlapped, danced about together, and merged," when "Bigfoot met UFO's, cattle mutilations, and other bizarre imports from the world of the paranormal." It was, Coleman feels, "an unfortunate marriage that still scars the field" of Bigfoot research. "Most unfortunate of all" was "the mix of UFO's and Bigfoot" (p. 170).

Coleman quotes ufologist Jerome Clark, who noted in his High Strangeness: UFO's from 1960 through 1979 (Detroit: Omnigraphics, 1996) that this was a period when people spoke "falsely or sincerely" of seeing "hairy bipeds" in conjunction with UFO's (Bigfoot!, p. 170). In the 1970's, many UFO researchers--Peter Guttilla in California, Stan Gordon and Berthold Schwarz in Pennsylvania, APRO director Coral Lorenzen, Leonard Stringfield, Leo Sprinkle, Barbara Ann Slate, Alan Berry, Andrew Collins, John S. Derr, R. Martin Wolf, Steven Mayne, etc.--began discussing what they "saw as the overlapping nature of Bigfoot and UFO reports...resulting in cleat-cut Bigfoot accounts appearing in the UFO literature." In New York, John A. Keel worked together the material he'd gathered in Point Pleasant, West Virginia in 1966-1967 into his books Strange Creatures from Time and Space (1970) and The Mothman Prophecies (1975). In Strange Creatures, "typical of the new wave of paperback books that would capture the mood of the times," Keel "lumped Bigfoot, dog killings, Mothman, Men-in-Black, and UFO's in the same vortex" (Bigfoot!, pp. 170-171).

Keel introduced Jerome Clark to Coleman in 1969, and they "carried on a lively exchange of stories and ideas." Coleman himself began investigating reports of creatures with glowing red eyes, such as those as those haunting the cornfields of Enfield, Illinois, in 1973, while Clark was "digging into airship reports and exploring fairylore and ufology." By the mid-1970's, Clark and Coleman coauthored articles merging their two fields of study, "full of straight data as well as sociological and psychological assessments," including the "now rejected Jungian hypothesis" set forth in their Creatures of the Outer Edge (New York: Warner Books, 1978). Thus, Coleman "must plead to being partially responsible" himself, with Jerome Clark, "for the amalgamation of Bigfoot and UFO's, which happened in this era of 'high strangeness'" (Bigfoot!, pp. 171-172).

"But today," Coleman continues (p. 172), "having reclaimed the firmer zoological and anthropological foundations of hominology, I reject such notions, as does Clark." In the late 1990's, Clark looked back on the "UFO-Bigfoot connection," stating: "These are huge suppositions, tied to small evidence. At this stage, given the limitations of human knowledge, there is hardly anything about Hairy Bipeds, or their possible connection with the UFO phenomena, that can be stated with any degree of confidence" (quoted in Coleman, Bigfoot!, p. 172).. Coleman himself "would agree wholeheartedly," but also warns, "let's not toss out the bona fide Bigfoot cases with the UFO bathwater." The UFO literature, he notes, contains many "alleged UFO-Bigfoot reports." Australian ufologist Marc Moravec even published The UFO-Anthropoid Catalogue in 1980, bringing together a number of these alleged UFO-Bigfoot reports (Bigfoot!, p. 172).

Ultimately, though, Coleman's assessment of UFO-Bigfoot reports is skeptical. "Many Bigfoot- UFO cases," he believes, can be "attributed to coincidence, mistakes, and outright hoaxing." Witnesses of unusual phenomena, Coleman notes, "tend to group all weird things they experience together, whether related or not." A "puzzled witness" often "just doesn't know how to differentiate one mystery event from another." Adding to the problem, Coleman continues, was "the practice by ufologists in the 1960's and 1970's of asking witnesses to recall everything strange that had happened to them in the days before and after their encounter." This "unfortunate situation," he feels, "makes separating the valuable Bigfoot case from its UFO underpinnings problematic at best." (Bigfoot!, p. 176) .

There is a less negative converse, however, to the "high

strangeness" theories criticized by Loren Coleman. By suggesting a possible connection between Bigfoot, UFO's, UFO occupants, Mothman, and more traditional weirdies like ghosts, demons, fairies, trolls, and "little people," the "high strangeness" Fortean writers of the 1960's and 1970's familiarized the Fortean and paranormalist reading public with the existence of a surprisingly wide and diverse variety of bizarre humanoid entities, some of them similar to those reported in UFO "Close Encounters III," and others closely resembling traditional folkloric descriptions of fairies, trolls, "little people," and "merpeople" (mermaids and mermen), described by seemingly reliable contemporary and recent eyewitnesses. Regardless of how one explained such entities (as flesh-and-blood biological creatures presumably sharing a common ultimate evolutionary ancestry with more familiar animals, or as ghosts, spirits, angels, demons, "elementals" "thought-forms," "psychic projections," temporarily materialized "archetypes" from the Jungian "Collective Unconscious," or visitors from another dimension), they seemed like old, quasi-permanent denizens of our planetary environment, sharing our biosphere with Homo sapiens, who have "always" been here with us all the time for generations, centuries, or millennia--rather than simply recent "high-tech" interplanetary or interstellar visitors from Mars, Alpha Centauri, or Zeta Reticuli! The "high strangeness" writers brought such creatures to our attention, starting in the late 1960's.

These "mystery creatures" include "merely animalistic" frog-men and lizard-men who seem natural candidates for the attention of the cryptozoologists who study Bigfoot, "mystery cars," "Lake Monsters," and Chupacabras. However, they also include more puzzling entities with definite "civilized" or "technological" traits. One of Robert Hunnicutt's "froglike" March 1955 Branch Hill dwarfs held a dark stick or chain shooting off bluish-white sparks. Margaret Symmonds' July 1955 Stockton "bug-eyed" little "men" wore clothing, and one of them seemed to be digging into the ground with some sort of stick. The pumpkin-headed June 1960 Globe, Arizona dwarf showed a light beaming out of its face when in side view. Ellen and Laura Ryerson's August 1965 Renton, Washington "men," like Mrs. Symmonds' Stockton dwarves, were clothed, wearing purple jerseys and white shirts. All this is in marked contrast to numerous "frog-man" and "lizard-man" reports with no mention of clothes, tools, weapons, or gadgets.. Thus, for instance, Robert Hunnicutt's own home town, Loveland, Ohio, not too far from Branch Hill, was the home of the "Loveland Frog," a 3- to 5-foot-tall leathery-skinned creature with a frog-like or lizard-like face seen near the Little Miami River in Loveland in the 1970's. There were reports of a large frog living in that river going back to the 1950's, while in 1985 two boys reportedly saw a frog the size of a big dog by the river. It has been suggested that the "Loveland Frog" was actually an iguana, or perhaps a monitor lizard. A "Lizardman" seen in New Jersey in the 1970's, described as having a towering greenish scaly body, reptilian face, bulging frog-like eyes, and broad lipless mouth has also been tentatively identified as a possible iguana or monitor lizard [Bord and Bord, Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century, pp. 246-247, on "Loveland Frog" and New Jersey "Lizardman"] Both the "Loveland Frog" and the New Jersey "Lizardman" have been perceived in strictly cryptozoological terms, with no suggestion of their being extraterrestrials from a UFO.

Jacques Vallee listed a European "frog-man" encounter from the 1930's in his Passport to Magonia Appendix on UFO landing reports even though no UFO was mentioned. In the Fall of 1938 (or perhaps 1939), according to a personal communication to Vallee, two persons saw a strange "frog-man" 1 meter (about 40 inches) tall at Juminda on the Estonian coast. The "frog-man" had a round head, no neck, and a hump in front of the body. Its mouth was a large, straight slit, the eyes were like smaller slits, while its hands were normal. The creature's skin was brownish-green, compared by the witnesses to pegamoid (a kind of plastic or imitation leather). It walked in a peculiar "but elegant" fashion, its head waving up and down while its legs moved "carefully." When pursued, the creature accelerated very fast, with feet "fluttering." About 100 meters (325 feet) away from the witnesses, it vanished completely. [Vallee, Passport to Magonia, Case 49, pp. 189-190]. Vallee took it for granted that the Juminda "frog-man" must have been a UFO occupant, though at least from his description the creature was no more "civilized" or "technological" than the "Loveland Frog."

The Juminda "frog-man" resembles grotesque small humanoids seen by Beryl Hickey and her father at Mandurah, Western Australia, in their house one night in 1930, and by a man gathering Christmas trees on December 15, 1956 in woods near Derry, New Hampshire--in both cases, again with no mention of a UFO. The Mandurah creature was about 20 inches tall, glistened as though wet or covered with oil, and had pink skin, big ears, a wide slit mouth, bulging eyes covered with a film and "perfectly formed little hands and feet." It squeaked in fright when the Hickey father captured and dragged it outside with a prawning net. The Derry dwarf was green and naked, with a wrinkled skin resembling elephant hide, a high domed head, ears like a bloodhound's, eyes with a film like a snake's, merely two holes for a nose, short arms and legs, hands like stumps, and feet with no toes. It a screeched when the witness tried to catch it. The witness then fled [Bord and Bord, Unexplained Mysteries of the 20th Century, pp. 147, 151-152].

Just a few "revisionist thoughts" of mine on "Close Encounter III" reports!

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 13:06:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 12:35:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
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>Subject: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

Andy,

I have now listened to both programmes with very great interest. I am not in possession of enough of the detail about the Rendlesham case to offer any counter arguments. The only comment I would care to make about the Berwyn Mountain incident was that it was indeed a bizarre combination of geological coincidences that seemed to have been produced that night.

My point is this. I think it was you, at the very end of the programme, who said that believing in aliens "Was not a very logical way of looking at the world." I am very curious about your own personal views on the subject. I apologise if you might have laid them out in "Out Of The Shadows" as I have not read that yet, though I do have a copy.

I do not wish to put words in to your mouth but are you suggesting that there is nothing within the vast databank of Ufology over the last few hundred years that convinces or persuades you in the least? And above all, the \$64,000 question - In your opinion am I actually wasting my time?

Stuart Miller

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UFO Crashes In Germany

From: Heiner Gehring <heinergehring@web.de>
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Subject: UFO Crashes In Germany

Hello List members!

I took a look at the links about the Czernica crash. The whole story seems to be weird

The town Czernica is in Silesia which was a part of Germany until 1945. If an UFO crashed there in 1937 or 38, it was a German town. So the story of Germans seizing the crash site after the invasion is wrong. The authors writing about Haunebus never mentioned the Czernica crash. The other story about the Czernica crash gives the date 1937 and tells about German occupation. The occupation of Poland started 1939. Even if the Czernica crash took place in a polish town the date is wrong. Both stories have main errors so to my mind they both wrong.

I've read almost all of the German UFO literature because my subjects of research are German Saucers during World War II and Foo Fighters. I published one book and several articles about these topics in the last two years. I am also investigating the remains of the German Flying Disks engineer Andreas Epp and I published some books from this material.

As well I read hundreds of English articles and books about UFOs before 1947. The Black Forest Crash is nowhere documented. All the authors writing about this crash took the information from other authors. No eyewitnesses, no exact date, no exact place - nothing.

Heiner Gehring
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THE MISCONCEIVED "WAR ON TERRORISM"

Bush Administration rhetoric on national security policy has long been characterized by an unusual woolliness of expression and an underlying conceptual confusion. Familiar examples range from the "axis of evil" that is not an axis at all to the President's explanation that terrorists are attacking us because they "hate freedom." This is not helpful.

Likewise, U.S. national security policy has been led astray by the notion of a "war on terrorism," argued former national security Zbigniew Brzezinski in a thoughtful speech last week.

The "war on terrorism" is a poor and misleading formulation because it is an abstraction, he said. Its misplaced concreteness obscures the nature of the enemy rather than clarifying it.

"Terrorism is a technique for killing people. That doesn't tell us who the enemy is. It's as if we said that World War II was not against the Nazis but against blitzkrieg," Brzezinski said.

By framing national security policy as a generic response to "terrorism," Brzezinski suggested, the Administration has made it harder to distinguish among different kinds of terrorist threats, to weigh the capabilities of particular terrorist organizations, to devise countervailing strategies and to allocate resources where they would be most likely to improve security.

The associated domestic security policies, he might have added, including classification and other information control practices, are increasingly out of step with real-world threats.

See the text of Brzezinski' speech, presented October 28 at a conference on "New American Strategies for Security and Peace," here:

<http://www.prospect.org/webfeatures/2003/10/brzezinski-z-10-31.html>

"Iraq is the central front in the war on Terror," said national security advisor Condoleezza Rice in an October 31 speech that actually capitalized "Terror," as if it were the name of the enemy. Her speech embodied both the abstraction and the blurring of distinctions that Brzezinski criticized. See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031031-5.html>

THE BUTLER TRIAL BEGINS

The trial of Thomas C. Butler, the distinguished infectious disease specialist charged with mishandling lethal biological agents and dozens of other charges, began yesterday. If convicted, he would spend the rest of his life in jail.

Almost all independent observers believe the government is prosecuting the case with an unduly heavy hand.

"As Dr. Butler's trial begins this week in Lubbock, Texas, responsible scientists will not remain silent," said several Nobel laureates in a statement issued yesterday.

"This respected colleague has been subjected to unfair and disproportionate treatment and the case is having a negative impact on the future of research in this crucial national security-related field," wrote Peter Agre (Chemistry, 2003), Sidney Altman (Chemistry, 1989), Robert Curl (Chemistry, 1996) and Torsten Wiesel (Medicine, 1981).

"We urge that all efforts be made immediately by both the prosecution and the defense to arrive at a mutually acceptable plea bargain that does not include prison time."

See the Nobel laureates' statement on the Butler case here:

<http://www.fas.org/butler/nobellet.html>

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO REVIEW SECRET CASE

In one of the stranger artifacts of the post-9/11 legal environment, the U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to review a lower court ruling in a case that remains almost entirely secret.

The very existence of the case was never supposed to have become public. The name of the plaintiff in the case (a "Middle Eastern man"), the identity of the defendants, the alleged offense, the case number, every court filing and every court ruling -- were all sealed from public view. Only a few minor details were inadvertently disclosed due to a clerical error by an appeals court clerk.

The legitimacy of this nearly absolute secrecy has been challenged in a heavily censored petition to the Supreme Court, filed last June and still pending.

"The Court should grant [the petition], not only to preserve and protect the public's common-law and First Amendment rights to know, but also to reinforce those rights in a time of increased national suspicion about the free flow of information and debate," wrote public defender Kathleen M. Williams.

A copy of the redacted petition for writ of certiorari in the case M.K.B. v. Warden, et al, is posted here:

<http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/scotus/mkbwarden62703cpet.pdf>

The background to this peculiar case was elucidated by Warren Richey in "Secret 9/11 Case Before High Court," Christian Science Monitor, October 30:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/1030/p01s02-usju.html>

ACCESS TO CRS REPORTS AT ISSUE

Two weeks ago, Congress abruptly terminated the limited public access that had existed for several years to the official database of reports prepared by the Congressional Research Service (Secrecy News, 10/28/03).

Now, with his trademark resourcefulness and ingenuity, Russ Kick of TheMemoryHole.org has given back much of what Congress had taken away.

Hundreds of recent CRS reports, copied from the now inaccessible database, have been posted here:

<http://www.thememoryhole.org/crs/>

Meanwhile, dozens of public interest groups from around the country are petitioning members of Congress to support continued public access to the CRS database.

"We urge you to work with CRS to restore at least the same level of access to CRS reports that your web site has provided in the past," the organizations wrote to Rep. Christopher Shays and Rep. Mark Green in a November 3 letter organized by the American Library Association.

See a copy of the letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/11/crs110303.pdf>

QUIST ON SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

A revised edition of a monumental government-funded study on the theory and practice of national security classification has been approved for release and published.

"Security Classification of Information, Volume 1: Introduction, History and Adverse Impacts" by Arvin S. Quist, originally published in 1989, has been updated and supplemented with additional historical background on the development of classification policy over the past century and more.

It was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear and National Security Information. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

The 156 page study encompasses the Atomic Energy Act-based system for classifying nuclear weapons secrets as well as the executive order-based procedures for classifying other kinds of national security information.

Following the work of scholars such as Harold Relyea of the Congressional Research Service, for example, and that of the 1997 Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy (the Moynihan Commission), among others, the Quist study both illuminates the historical roots of national security secrecy and recounts its evolution over the years.

However, the revised study, which was largely completed in August 2001, does not address the tumultuous changes in government information policy following September 11.

The new edition of "Security Classification of Information, Volume 1" is dated September 2002. But it was only recently cleared by the Department of Energy for public release, and the first copy was in fact released last week.

The full text is posted here, with kind permission of the author:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/quist/index.html>

Volume 2 of the Quist study, published in 1993, is also available on the FAS web site. The projected volumes 3 and 4 were never completed.

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Re: Ufological Obstacles - Auchettl

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>Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 12:18:13 -0600
>Subject: Ufological Obstacles

>UFOLOGICAL OBSTACLES

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>The person to hire is one Daniel Sheehan, I think. Sheehan is a
>barrister with a proven track record of stunning successes
>prosecuting difficult cases like Watergate, Wounded Knee, Karen
>Silkwood, Iran/Contra, Dr. John Mack, Ollie North and a host of
>others... His competence is more than merely vetted and his
>resume is spectacular. Moreover, he already has a plan for a
>legal assault that is irresistible because it does not have to
>chase a ufological quarry down the path it's on... for a loss...
>No, rather it flanks the problem obliquely and effectively
>prosecutes it from a path that runs parallel to it which is
>prosecutorial... where the direct approach was not, you see...

Hi Alfred,

I am not as negative about the past 50 years, in fact I see only progress, but I see the landscape in a different form, in respect to your interesting vantage point. I may reply to the general thrust of your article, later?

However, in regards to Sheehans path or plan, that flanks the problem etc (see above). Do you have that plan available, and if not can you point me to a web link or doc. Would be most interested to see it.

Best Regards,

John Auchettl

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Strange Days... Indeed This Saturday

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
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Greetings to the Listarians,

This Saturday, November 8, 2003, I will be doing my monthly schmooze with EBK on 'Strange Days... Indeed', the BEST radio show dealing with Ufology on the air, bar none.

Join Errol and me as we present one of the most controversial quotes in Ufology. Yep, you'll finally get to hear Gen. Douglas MacArthur's famous statement on interplanetary war that got researchers all excited in 1955, quoted in the UFO literature extensively, but never actually heard by researchers.

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Wendy Connors

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DERO SEEN NEAR CANAL
IN BUENOS AIRES

"Residents in the barrio Casilda (neighborhood)" of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, "claim having seen 'a black dwarf.' They claim that it appears by night at the Candelaria Canal, that it is black and that its body is covered with hair."

(Editor's Comment: Sounds like a Dero, a strange little subterranean creature, similar to the Tommyknockers of Cornwall, UK, that were first described by UFO contactee Richard Shaver in 1945.)

"The information was piled up with a certain degree of humor by the local media and gave rise to remarks of all sorts. However, residents from the barrio Nueva Roma, living in zinc-roofed shanty towns, located on the edge of 'the big ditch,' as Casildans call the Candelaria Canal, claim having seen 'a little, hairy black dwarf' a few nights ago. The diminutive creature did its best to frighten them or at least mystify them."

"The police continue to investigate as long as there are doubts about the matter. To many, it's 'little more than foolishness,' although there are those who believe in the phenomenon, believing in old local legends regarding imps."

"'Since I heard my dog barking, I went outside with a flashlight (torch in UK--J.T.) to see what was going on. At first I didn't see anything, but then I pointed to another section, and I saw a small, hairy and black thing scurrying to climb over the edge of the canal. I couldn't make it out very well because it was nighttime and very dark,' says a woman who allegedly witnessed the strange apparition."

"The young woman further claimed to have heard it making a sound 'similar to a baby's burping,' and said she was very frightened."

"'We're afraid because, according to some legends, there are imps who appear to steal babies, and there are many young ones in this neighborhood.'"

"A man allegedly saw the nocturnal visitor 'inside the canal and standing on some rocks.' He described it as 'having a body entirely covered in hair.'"

"According to locals, the alleged black dwarf was first seen last Friday night (October 10, 2003), although they say that it appeared elsewhere and the police were

called in to survey the site, but found nothing."

"There were wells that weren't there before. But we don't know if it (the Dero or dwarf--J.T.) made them or if animals were to blame. The fact is, this thing is very strange," observed another woman. "It had the size of a 3 or 4-year-old child and was all hairy. Here in this neighborhood (Nueva Roma--J.T.), four of us have seen him, but when he learns that people are looking for him and making noise, he doesn't appear." (See the Argentinian newspaper La Capital for October 15, 2003, "Black dwarf returns to Casilda." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Christian Quintero para esto articulo de diario.)

MORE UFOs SIGHTED IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Luminous UFOs were seen again last week near Cerro El Avila, a mountain on the outskirts of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela.

On Tuesday, October 21, 2003, "Sra. Ligia Peralta reported the sighting of a strong luminous object of extremely large dimensions. The object flew over the barrio Ola Juliano (neighborhood) and then darted away and disappeared behind the peak of Cerro El Avila."

"Sra. de Peralta saw the object at precisely 7:30 p.m. At one point, the object descended to within eight meters (26 feet) of a house located on the hillside. She described the object as 'generating a very resplendent white light,' which spread across the residential zone for several minutes before the UFO retreated behind the mountain."

On Saturday, October 25, 2003, "at 2 p.m., five witnesses watched the aerial maneuvers of a circular black object, which moved dizzily over the highly-populated area at the foot of Cerro El Avila. In their reports, the witnesses stated that this object appeared repeatedly and for a short time took on a linear form as it flew over the barrio La Pastoran, also part of greater Caracas, before shooting off toward the horizon."

"Another witness, Srta. Raquel Rivero, spotted another UFO later the same day over the Urbanizacion Mario Porezo. The young lady spotted the UFO at 6 p.m. Raquel was waiting outside the Chacaito subway station when she noticed the presence of an intense bluish-white light that was stationary in the sky. She observed this object for a little less than 10 minutes, as its luminosity gradually diminished and it finally disappeared from view over Cerro El Avila." (Muchas gracias a Arturo Escalante para estos informes.)

PHANTOM PANTHERS SEEN IN THE CENTRAL USA

Following last week's shooting of the mountain lion in Omaha, Nebraska, new phantom panther (alien big cats in UK--J.T.) incidents were reported in Iowa, Mississippi and Kansas.

"An Ireton, Iowa farm family shot a mountain lion (puma in UK--J.T.) Saturday," October 25, 2003, "after they saw the big cat prowling through their farm field while they were harvesting."

"It was the first big cat shot in Iowa since 1867."

"Russ was in the field when he saw the animal running through the (corn) rows," said Brian Gradert, "He goes, 'I think it was a mountain lion.' That's when him and his wife saw it run through again and saw what it was."

"Gradert called the (Iowa) Department of Natural Resources from a cell phone to see what he should do. 'I called the DNR and they said the animal was not a protected species and we had every right to shoot it,' said Gradert."

"With nightfall closing in, Gradert and two family members made a final decision. In their minds, there was only one solution. 'We decided that for the safety of the public and all of the kids close by, it would be best to put the animal down,' said Gradert."

"The carcass of the mountain lion is now at a lab in Sioux Center, Iowa. Officials are trying to figure out how

the cat got to Ireton and how to deal with the cats if more are spotted."

Ireton (population 585) is just south of Iowa Highway 10 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Sioux City.

Elsewhere, "farmers in Lamar County, Mississippi want to know what kind of animal is killing their livestock."

"Ashton Barefoot of the Oloh community said two of his cattle have been killed in the last month."

"The first attack was on a 1,000-pound cow, he said."

"When I went to check on the animals in the morning, I saw that something had caught it by the neck around the throat area and had eaten about 8 to 12 inches out of the neck, and flesh was eaten off the side of the head."

"Barefoot, who breeds beef cattle, said a second incident occurred ten days later."

"Lamar County extension agent Clayton Rouse suspects the deaths could be the work of a pack of stray dogs.

'We've pretty much evaluated what's going on out there and strongly suspect that it's stray dogs,' he said."

"Over the years, I have seen many cases where a pack of dogs took down a full-grown cow or horse,' he said, 'Dogs are naturally predatory. They may be domesticated but they still have that instinct in them.'"

"Barefoot said he is skeptical of the stray dog theory."

"A dog will normally catch an animal by the nose, but it won't tear the throat out,' he said."

"He also doubted the predator is a cougar or panther."

"Big cats will tear out the throat, but normally they eat about 15 to 20 pounds of flesh, and whatever this was only ate about three pounds. So, it doesn't quite jive as a large cat, and it doesn't quite jive as a large dog,' he said."

Oloh is on Highway 98 approximately 13 miles (20 kilometers) west of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Gary Cofer, UFO Roundup's Kansas correspondent, reported, "In the last two weeks, an assistant professor" at the University of Kansas, "set out a motion-detector camera on the west side of the campus and got a photo of what some say is a mountain lion. It was on the front page of the Lawrence, Kan. Journal-World. Then a few days later, a university employee that I know saw the lion at around 7 p.m. in the same area. The man is a no-nonsense kind of guy and would not say anything if he did not think it true."

Lawrence, Kansas (population 80,100) is on Highways 40 and 59 approximately 25 miles (40 kilometers) east of Topeka, the state capital. (See the Sioux City, Iowa Journal for October 26, 2003, "Iowa farm family shoots mountain lion;" the Hattiesburg, Miss. American for October 23, 2003, "Livestock deaths unexplained," and the Lawrence, Kan. Journal-World for October 21, 2003. Many thanks to Gary Cofer and to UFO Roundup's phantom panther expert, Robert Fischer, for these newspaper stories.) (Editor's Comment: For yet another week, the phantom panthers are eluding capture on all fronts.)

PHANTOM PANTHER STALKS ESSEX WOMAN IN UK

"An Essex woman has described what she claims is a sighting of the mysterious 'Beast of Ongar.'"

"Kay Hayden, the clerk of the local parish council, told BBC Essex she was shocked when a large black cat appeared in a field in Stanford Rivers, near Ongar, off the (motorway) A113."

"Ms. Hayden said: 'All I can say is it was a great big leopard size. It was a muscular, completely black, strong-looking animal, much, much larger than a dog.'"

"She said she was quite convinced that the animal was the same 'beast' spotted years ago by others in the area."

"The secretive animal seen near Ongar was identified as probably being a shy European lynx by experts on BBC-1's wildlife series, X-Creatures, in 1998."

"A police officer of the Ongar station said there have not been any reports of wild animals of that type in the local area for years."

"Big cat experts have estimated that there may be more than 100 wild cats--mainly leopards and pumas--

roaming the British countryside, a claim that has been disputed by the (UK) government." (See BBC News for October 25, 2003. Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this report.)

MORE PHANTOM PANTHER SIGHTINGS IN NEW ZEALAND

"Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) investigators and a big cat expert from Oranda Wildlife Park arrived in Mid-Canterbury," a region of New Zealand's South Island, on Saturday, November 1, 2003, "in search of a panther-like creature spotted roaming farmland last week."

"It really is hard to see how a great cat could have got into the Ashburton wild, but MAF needed to take it seriously," MAF exotic animal response co-ordinator Amelia Pascoe said.

"The original sighting of the alleged big cat happened last Friday when truck driver Chad Stewart spotted what he was certain was a 'black panther' at the Mayfield property of Blair and Sarah Gallagher." (For more on Stewart's sighting, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 39 for October 15, 2003, "Phantom panther turns up in New Zealand," page 1.)

"Ms. Pascoe said that the team arrived at the Gallaghers this morning. Investigators will be looking for any visual signs of a cat in the area, including cat scats (feces--J.T.) with bits of bone, fur or wool in it, scratchings on trees, remains of prey and paw prints."

"They are certainly not expecting to see it (the panther--J.T.) today," she said.

"Ms. Pascoe said this was the third type of investigation MAF had carried out in the past couple of years. The last, in the Kaiapoi area, turned out to be nothing but a black Labrador dog."

"A similar search had also been carried out in Mid-Canterbury in 2001 after Marcus Ewart and his friend, David Tutlum, spotted what they thought was a black cat on the Winterslow property, but no evidence was found."

"Adelaide Zoo keeper Peter Whitehead said leopards were adaptable creatures and could live in the wild up to 15 to 16 years, but he doubted the sightings based on the lack of stock maulings in the area."

"Stories like this come up all the time and it's never actually come to anything, but that's not to say it's impossible," Mr. Whitehead told the Ashburton Guardian.

"Since Friday's initial sighting came forward, there has also been an unsubstantiated report the big cat had been sighted again."

"Separate black cat sightings were also reported across the country."

"The MAF Emergency Pest Hotline confirmed it had received a number of 'panther' calls since 6:30 p.m. yesterday (Friday, October 31, 2003)."

"One was a prank call, but the other five were from people convinced they had seen a panther. They were from as far north as Auckland and south to Roxburgh."

"Methven and Ashburton police said there had been no further panther sightings overnight and there had been no reports of mauled stock." (See the Ashburton Guardian of November 1, 2003, "Going panther hunting." Again, many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

MAUI PANTHER ELUDES NEW TRACKER, 20 TRAPS

"The large, four-pronged claw marks carved into guava trees did it for Stan Cunningham."

"I can't think of anything else in the world that could have done that," the big-game trapper said yesterday, Tuesday, October 28, 2003.

"Cunningham, a research biologist who has trapped more than 200 animals, was brought to Maui," one of the eight Pacific Ocean islands that make up the USA's state of Hawaii, "to identify trapping areas and to train local wildlife officials how to set up leg-hold snare traps."

"The visit, which ends today, comes two months after Bill Van Pelt, Cunningham's Arizona Game and Fish

Department colleague, traveled to Maui and concluded that a jaguar, leopard or mountain lion is roaming in and around gulches that run through the Upcountry community" of Olinda.

"During Cunningham's stay, 19 more traps were deployed in a 20-square-mile region and were checked once a day. Some were baited with dead chickens, others with the urine of a serval (South African cat--J.T.) Others had no bait."

"The only thing they caught was a pregnant, mixed-breed dog that gave birth while in a snare. Mom and nine puppies were returned to their owner unharmed. No other traps were disturbed."

"In Olinda, the rugged, heavily-wooded terrain offers lots of cover and plenty of food in the form of rats, chickens and the like, he said. There are also unpopulated areas" on the island "where the creature can wander."

"During his Maui visit, Cunningham responded to two possible big-cat sightings; one when a resident heard cat-like noises in the night and another after dogs were barking and deer were seen running about. Each time, Cunningham found nothing."

"Even so, with the claw marks and other signs, he declared, 'I saw enough to reduce any skepticism I might have had. There's a big cat living out there. Like it or not.'"

"Maui wildlife biologist Fern Duvall said there's still the possibility that the animal, thought to be a leopard or a jaguar that was smuggled in as a kitten, returns every night to its unknown owner, who has cost the state (of Hawaii) \$15,000 in work hours and other expenses so far." (See the Honolulu Advertiser for October 29, 2003, "Second expert says Maui big cat is 'out there.'" And the Maui Weekly News for October 29, 2003, "Olinda cat still eluding traps." Once again, many thanks to Robert Fischer for these newspaper articles.)

TWO MYSTERIOUS GLOWING CLOUDS SEEN IN ALBERTA

"Two glowing clouds that seemed to follow a Bears paw," Alberta province, Canada "family around their property Saturday night," October 18, 2003, "has the makings of a fictional tale, but Omkar Channan knows what he saw."

"'It does sound silly, but it is also something that I've never seen before--and no one I've talked to has an explanation,' he said."

"Around 10 p.m. Saturday, Channan's son was walking the family dog on the property northwest of the city (Calgary--J.T.)."

"'All of a sudden, the dog started barking and we saw two small clouds over the house--they seemed to be chasing each other around and then merging together,' said the elder Channan, who is a published author and recently retired from his role as the city's chief controller of prosecutions (district attorney in the USA--J.T.)."

"As the family gathered outside, the strangest part of their experience began."

"'We were walking around the property, and whatever it was seemed to be following us,' said Channan, explaining that the object was about 900 to 1,200 meters (3,000 to 4,000 feet) above ground."

"In an effort to get witnesses to the strange event, the Channans called the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police--J.T.), both the Calgary International and Springbank airports and neighbours."

"'It was the strangest thing I've ever seen,' said Carol Geramia, one of the Channans' neighbours who also called others as she ventured outside."

"'The clouds--or whatever they were--were perfectly round and illuminated--it kind of gave me the creeps,' she said."

"The Cochrane (Alberta) RCMP member who stopped by attributed the illumination to an event possibly going on in Olympic Plaza" in Calgary "while the airport didn't see anything unusual in the night sky."

"But Channan and his neighbours are still intrigued."

"'The (possibility) of it being a UFO came to mind,

but I've never experienced anything like that before, and it's just really bizarre that it seemed to be following us,' Channan said."

"Don Hladiuk has been an astronomer for more than 30 years, and the Channans' experience is unusual, he said."

"'Over the past 20 to 30 years, I've heard a lot of stories, and a lot can be explained, but this one comes out of the abnormal,' he said." (See the Calgary Sun for October 20, 2003, "Enlightening sighting for local family." Many thanks to Jim Hickman for forwarding this newspaper article.)

BOOMERANG-SHAPED UFO SIGHTED IN COLORADO

"Tim Butler sketched the drawing of an unidentified aircraft he claims he saw flying above Durango, Colorado (population 13,922) on" Sunday, September 28, 2003.

"From his perch on Smelter Mountain about 6 p.m. on Sept. 28, Butler, a Durango sound engineer, saw a silent, silver boomerang 40 to 60 feet (12 to 18 meters) long--sweep over Fort Lewis College, around Smelter Mountain, and across the Animas River toward the airport, he said. The object was flying a little lower than 1,000 feet (300 meters). 'It was flying so low I thought it was illegal.'"

"Then, as Butler fumbled unsuccessfully with his binoculars, he watched the object bank west behind Paradise Ridge and disappear, two or three minutes from the time he'd first seen it. Butler was with a friend who saw the craft, too. But he said his friend declined to be interviewed, citing fears that he may 'end up on some future 'Men in Black' list."

"The Durango-La Plata County Airport reported no unusual activity on this date. Financial director Don Brockus said an American West Express plane departed about that time. If it had gone north, it might have flown along the path that Butler described."

"'Doesn't sound like anything we have coming or going. But anything other than airliners doesn't have to check in with us. UFOs never let us know,' Brockus said."

"The National Weather Service at Grand Junction said: 'There isn't any annotation about anybody seeing anything in the sky. And one of the guys working this shift has his own telescope and he would have noticed.'"

"The (U.S.) Department of Defense Strategic Command in Nebraska would only be concerned with the sighting if it had been space debris. 'Strategic Command did not track any object predicted for entry at this time and location,' a spokesman said."

"'I'm a scientist at heart, so I'm a pretty skeptical person,' he said, 'I've been going to air shows in Oshkosh (Wisconsin) since I was a kid. It wasn't like any military technology I've seen.'"

"Butler said the public only knows years after the fact about what technology the military has. 'There's about a 20-year time span between reported objects and the time we find out about them,' he said."

"'It didn't make a sound.'"

"The boomerang, Butler said, was notable for what it didn't have: it lacked markings, a cockpit, portholes, a tail and dorsal fins, stabilizing equipment, propellers, engines and rivets."

"'It wasn't thermalling, and it didn't make a sound,' he said, 'There was no heat distortion behind the (back) end. I thought it had to be a military drone at one point because there was no control, no propulsion.'"

"'It was a clear, beautiful afternoon. My friend thought he saw a bird. It looked to me like a little glider from the Animas Valley. I have friends who launch gliders from there.'"

"'Then I started seeing reflections from it. The reflections made it look really white, like a long tube of quicksilver. But when it turned, it looked like a cylinder with wings swept back into a delta.'" (See the Durango, Colo. Herald for October 25, 2003, "Durangoan reports he saw UFO." Many thanks to Jim Hickman and Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this newspaper article.)

MORE UFO ACTIVITY SEEN
IN WISCONSIN

On Thursday, October 23, 2003, Mary C. was at her home in Wisconsin Rapids (population 18,435), 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Madison, the capital of Wisconsin, when she spotted two UFOs.

"Together there were only two, but we have seen as many as six," Mary reported, "They look like strobe lights that move in any direction from standing still to what seem like incredible speeds, up and down, and change direction in a split-second. I would like to know if anyone else has observed them. There is no way they could be planes as we know them."

On Sunday, October 26, 2003, "about 7:30 p.m., I was nightfishing at Halfmoon Lake in Marathon County," located 145 miles (232 kilometers) north of Madison, the male witness reported, "and I had a similar sighting. I believe I was facing east over the water. Conditions were very calm, quiet, dark with partial cloud cover. I did not see these lights come in from anywhere. They were just there when I looked down the treeline. Red and blue strobe lights moving in random directions and speeds."

"They appeared to be one to two miles (away) from me. At one point, an object changed to an orange-white sphere going in one direction, with strobing red and blue ones going very close to the treeline, moving erratically. They went down below the treeline. This was not a plane that I know of, nor a helicopter--no sound, either. I could still see fading lights through the trees where they went down for a couple of minutes. Total sighting time was 5 to 6 minutes."

On Saturday, October 18, 2003, in Mukwanago, Wis. (population 6,162), a town on Highway 83 about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Milwaukee, the witness reported, "My fiancée, my neighbor and I were outside having a campfire, when out of the corner of my eye, I saw something in the sky. It looked like a fireball. Everyone looked but no one knew what it was. It came from the northwest and was going to the southeast in a perfect (straight) line, perfectly parallel to the ground. It was the same exact color of fire."

"There was no sound, no shadow and no trail behind it. At first I thought it was a hot-air balloon, but it was too low, and it was so close to us we would have seen more than just the fire. My fiancée thought it was an asteroid or a meteor, but there was no trail behind it and it was not falling from the sky, as asteroids and meteors do. When it got behind our trees, I went and grabbed a camcorder and a tripod. My fiancée stayed and watched it. He said it just stopped and hovered for a while, and then turned towards the south. He set the camcorder on the tripod, and we walked back to the fire. When we watched what it had recorded, it (the object) flickered quite a bit. We actually have a film (video) where it goes out completely and reappears in the same spot it vanished from." (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for these reports.)

LUMINOUS UFO HOVERS
OVER CINCINNATI, OHIO

On Wednesday, October 29, 2003, administrative assistant Amy and her husband, Jason, were "driving the (family) car west on Harrison Avenue" in Cincinnati, Ohio (population 331,285) "around 5:30 p.m. when they spotted the brilliant stationary object in the west."

"The couple was approaching Boudinot Avenue when they noticed the suspected UFO. They agreed the object was brilliant, even describing it as 'vibrant as the sun.' They described the object as bluish-white and estimated that it held a fixed position over specific areas of Westwood and Western Hills."

"'It was circular,' Amy said, 'and we determined that it was definitely not a plane because the intensity of the light as 30 to 50 times the size of any normal airplane (landing) light.'"

"She said the stationary object to the west of their position was too far off to hear any sound. For several minutes, they lost sight of the object while driving

further down the road as buildings blocked their view. But finally, Amy said, they caught sight of the object again, at which point the light 'sucked into itself' and disappeared." (Many thanks to Ohio ufologist Kenny Young for this report.)

From the UFO Files...

1908: A UFO ENCOUNTER
IN WARE, MASS.

In addition to the "mystery balloon" or UFO seen near Pittsfield, Massachusetts in October 1908, there was a UFO sighting in Ware, a small town on Route 9 approximately 78 miles (124 kilometers) to the east.

Here is an actual newspaper report from the period:

"The town of Ware was disturbed Saturday night (October 24, 1908) about 11:30 (p.m.) by a mysterious happening that has not yet been explained. W.E. Foster, engineer at the power house of the Ware and Brookfield Street Railway Co., heard a voice calling, and he finally located its source in the air above his head."

"The voice asked, 'What place is this?' and Foster called back, 'Ware.'"

"Mr. Foster said that about 150 or 200 feet in the air he could see a light like a flashlight and that the light was traveling from the northwest to the southeast. Up to midnight last night nothing had been heard of the mysterious visitor."

"So far as is known, there is no balloon in this part of the country that cannot be accounted for. The Boston is in New York for repairs and the Pittsfield, The Heart of the Berkshires and the North Adams No. 1 are both at their proper resting places."

Like the Pittsfield UFO, the sighting at Ware set the stage for the most dramatic encounter of 1908, which took place the following week--the Prophett and Flynn case in Bridgewater, Mass. (See the Berkshire Evening Eagle of Pittsfield, Mass. for October 26, 1908, page 2. Also the Manchester, N.H. Union for October 31, 1908, "Mystery of the Air." Also The Complete Books of Charles Fort, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1974, page 507.)

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- Open Doors at CISU Turin Headquarters

ITALIAN UFO REPORTS ON THE RISE

There has been an increase in the observations of unusual aerial phenomena reported by readers to the monthly magazine "Focus".

During the month of September alone, letters and e-mail messages sent to the most widely-circulated Italian monthly, reporting sightings of UFOs and other strange celestial phenomena, quickened to a pace of one every two days: more than doubling the mean of the preceding months.

"Focus" Magazine, a leader in the sector of publications devoted to technological and scientific topics, plays a key role as observer, both for its enormous circulation and because, for almost a year now, it has encouraged readers to report their observations: in the process, taking advantage of the collaboration of the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) in the gathering and analyzing of major data, as well as the supplying of answers whenever possible.

[Collaboration by Marco Casareto and Paolo Toselli]

OPEN DOORS AT CISU
TURIN HEADQUARTERS

As already last year, the Turin branch of the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU) is organizing a two-fold meeting event open to all who are interested.

The CISU headquarters will be, in fact, open to all researchers and local enthusiasts on two separate occasions (Thursday evening, 23 October, and Saturday afternoon, 25 October), to present the group, the locals, the library, the archives and their various activities.

[Collaboration by Angelo Galbiati and Gian Paolo Grassino.]

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Re: Trindade - Harney

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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:25:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Harney

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 00:18:34 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>By the way Sunderland went on board the Brazilian Navy ship
>after it docked hoping to confirm it was all a hoax - and was
>discombobulated to find that the Navy officers he talked to
>confirmed that the UFO incident did occur. Sunderland tried to
>denigrate that fact but couldn't.

If this statement is based on Captain Sunderland's report to Project Blue Book it gives a rather misleading impression.

He does not mention boarding the Almirante Saldanha himself but says that the Assistant naval Attache was in Santos when the ship docked there for repairs and went on board. He reported that the commanding officer "had not seen the object and was noncommittal. The executive officer also had not seen it but, arriving shortly thereafter, had formed the opinion that those on deck had seen it. The captain had reported that his secretary, a LCDR, had seen it but this officer when personally questioned avoided discussing the matter."

Captain Sunderland also mentions protests at the Navy's failure to obtain sworn statements from any of the alleged witnesses.

In at least two newspaper reports it was stated that there were no officers and men on deck when the pictures of the UFO were said to have been taken. It is indeed strange that it is only Barauna and three friends who were apparently with him on deck are the only ones ever named as having seen the object; other named persons either denied seeing it or refused to discuss the matter.

It is also interesting to note that we do not know why the Navy Ministry said that the photographs were taken in the presence of a large number of the crew. Who told them? Did they check the information? Or was it just an over-hasty response to intensive press coverage?

John Harney

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

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Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 18:15:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:27:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

>From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 13:06:26 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

Stuart wrote:

>I have now listened to both programmes with very great interest.
>I am not in possession of enough of the detail about the
>Rendlesham case to offer any counter arguments. The only comment
>I would care to make about the Berwyn Mountain incident was that
>it was indeed a bizarre combination of geological coincidences
>that seemed to have been produced that night.

I'm sending you a full length article on this case sometime in the next day or so Stuart. Dave C is the man to ask about Rendlesham as he's the most detached observer on the matter in the UK.

>My point is this. I think it was you, at the very end of the
>programme, who said that believing in aliens "Was not a very
>logical way of looking at the world." I am very curious about
>your own personal views on the subject.

>I do not wish to put words in to your mouth but are you
>suggesting that there is nothing within the vast databank of
>Ufology over the last few hundred years that convinces or
>persuades you in the least? And above all, the \$64,000 question
>- In your opinion am I actually wasting my time?

Nothing as yet persuades me that earth has been visited, even once, by alien life forms.

Everything persuades me that humans and the world around them are stranger than we can possibly imagine.

If you're looking for evidence of aliens, yes, you're wasting your time IMHO. If they are there (or here) it won't be the likes of us who turn up the evidence. If you're interested in human nature, myth making and my ability to produce Jerry Clarke from nowhere you're in the only game in town.

>I apologise if you might
>have laid them out in "Out Of The Shadows" as I have not read
>that yet, though I do have a copy.

Reminds me of Groucho Marx's comments to a friend:

"From the moment I picked your book up until I laid it down I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend reading it".

Happy Trails

Andy

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BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:32:28 -0500
Subject: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

List,

Last night's Radio 4 programme "The New X-Files" was interesting not so much for its treatment of UFO sightings (a brief canter through the Rendlesham Forest incident and the alleged crash of a UFO in the Berwyn Mountains) but for the revealing insights into the belief systems of ufologists.

Some of British ufology's most colourful characters were featured, including Brenda Butler, the original investigator of the Rendlesham Forest case, self-styled social historians Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke, and former police officer turned UFO investigator Tony Dodd.

In throwing together this eclectic mix of ufologists, one could not help but feel that the Radio 4 team were deliberately playing them off against each other, thereby sending them up, albeit in a subtle and light-hearted manner.

Caught between the ufologists, the most interesting (if sadly underused) characters were Donald Moreland and Derek Coumbe, ex-Royal Air Force officers who gave straightforward and factual accounts of their involvement in the Rendlesham Forest incident.

But in focusing on the ufologists - believers and sceptics alike - the programme illustrated that at opposite ends of the ufological belief spectrum, the fanaticism and dogmatism is remarkably similar.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Dickenson

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Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:35:44 -0500
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>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 13:06:26 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

>The only comment I would care to make about the Berwyn
>Mountain incident was that it was indeed a bizarre
>combination of geological coincidences that seemed to
>have been produced that night.

Hello Stuart and All,

Listened to the BBC's Berwyn Mountain program and the evidence was not presented all up-front but introduced piece-meal (so each piece could be separately de-bunked without too much suspicion?).

Outcome was: some listeners maybe got to end of program without realizing they'd been asked to accept too many unrelated coincidences.

- 1 - several bright "meteorites" arriving (apparently from different directions) heading across the sky towards point X
- 2 - a medium-strength "earthquake" at point X
- 3 - several bright (circling?) lights in the sky above point X
- 4 - a group of "poachers" at point X, who must have created the large orange glowing ball at ground level, with smaller "fairy lights" around it [paraphrased from Nurse's report]
- 5 - a Government "routine survey" team who just happened to collect the "evidence" of the "poachers" on the very next day - [How?]

Don't know about you but I don't think so many coincidences would be accepted just to make a UFO-report look OK - so why should we accept them to make a debunking-report look even part way feasible?

Best regards

Ray Dickenson

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Morton

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>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

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>>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 09:52:55 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

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>I believe that Ray has always held the key to unraveling this
>mystery. I don't know of Philip would have anything further to
>add, but most of the original researchers have dropped their
>interest in the AA 'film'.

>Steve

What I've never understood is how anyone could be fooled by the Alien Autopsy footage. Before the film was released, a few stills were released and posted to the Internet. I took one look at those still photos and immediately knew the whole AA event was definitely a scam, and quite possibly an intentional diversion and pollution of the Roswell waters - a future icon to be flashed on the screen for mainstream Roswell doubters as a symbol of the supposed gullibility on the part of the "Believers".

Even if no ufologists took the film seriously, the fact that it received serious debate would guarantee that the pictures would be used repeatedly by the media to illustrate the naivete and apparent "will to believe" on the part of all involved in the subject. I'm grateful that Cyril Wecht and others have dissected the film, adding considerably to our knowledge in several different disciplines, but I've always felt that the AA footage was probably a Trojan Horse planted to attack the community from within.

Quite aside from the "body" itself, the look and feel of the pix were so far out-of-era, I half-expected to see a reflection in the window of a guy wearing a T-shirt saying "Hard Rock Cafe - London". Black and white film from the 1940s - Hollywood movies or 16mm documentaries - has certain unique, qualities. Frames from these movies are sometimes grainy, always a bit crude and plain in some subtle way, always with an underlying hint of innocence and openness which has virtually disappeared from American life today. Hollywood movies portrayed sophistication, but 16mm documentaries did not. Objects are treated as being "ordinary" because they were ordinary for that time.

In the AA footage, everything strikes me as being "special" and "contrived". One gets the feeling that if the Director had permitted it, the cameraman would have zoomed in on a 1940's newspaper conveniently lying around somewhere, and examined the wall phone from 2 feet away in an attempt to prove the authenticity of the era. Of course, such an attempt would merely prove the opposite.

Trying to duplicate the look and feel of an era authentically is not only extremely difficult, it's nearly impossible. In the case of the AA footage, the producers didn't seem to have a clue as to how to go about achieving that. I didn't think any movie could be worse than "Plan 9 from Outer Space"; this one is.

On to Alfred Lehmborg's more important issues in his thoughtful post...

Dave Morton

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Gehrman

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>>>I read again recently the story of the search of that site made
>>>by Michael Hesemann, in his book 'Beyond Roswell', written with
>>>Philip Mantle. It gave me a strong impression that he and his
>>>friends had been manipulated all the way (see pages 215 to
>>>220).

>>Maybe Philip or Steve K can comment.

>Since my name has been brought up.....

>I think the impression that everyone was manipulated by Ray
>Santilli is an honest one, but that doesn't prove that the
>'film' was a complete hoax.

Steve,

I have been communicating with Ray Santilli since 1995 and haven't felt even slight manipulation; he's been cooperative and I believe honest but at times has been evasive regarding Volker or the cameraman. Ray's basic story has remained essentially the same through all these years.

I feel he's limited in what he can say and how much information he can divulge by agreements with the cameraman, Volker, and the US government, but I think Ray was honestly trying to communicate the cameraman's directions to all the searchers and wasn't trying to be manipulative. What motive would he have to manipulate you or Glen, or Bob or Michael?

>I visited the site that Bob Shell
>and Michael Hesemann had identified as the alleged crash site
>and spoke with both about it on a number of occasions. While it
>was intriguing, it didn't actually fit the cameraman's
>description of where it was if you take his 'Statement'
>literally. A couple of the pictures that I took at the 'site'
>were in Beyond Roswell, but that certainly doesn't lend to its
>credibility as a crash site.

There is a resemblance. When I first viewed your photos, I thought we had the same site but after I visited it, I realized that it didn't seem to fit the cameraman's descriptions.

>This being said, I've had a couple of messages from Bob Shell in
>the last couple of years regarding the site that you've
>identified, and he doesn't believe that its correct. Bob spent a
>number of weeks going through that part of New Mexico, along
>with ufologists from Arizona. I believe he also thinks that he's

>located the crash site, but without more provenance for the
>cameraman's images it really doesn't mean anything. Ray Santilli
>has ruined his own story through his actions, whether they were
>unavoidable or not.

I have contacted Bob and found him less than cooperative regarding this new site information, although we had communicated before. He didn't indicate to me what he thought one way or the other. He didn't seem the least interested. Bob has researched the AA and has contributed much useful information but he's not the final authority; so what he thinks about this find, one way or the other, isn't relevant, especially if he doesn't look at the evidence or visit the site. The cameraman's images are self-validating if they match in exact detail an otherwise barren desert location. That doesn't happen by chance.

>>>First by Ray Santilli giving him the the map of the camaraman,
>>>then by a providential DNA agent whom they met at their hotel,
>>>who confirmed the crash site ! And later, he followed them and
>>>watched them with binoculars as they inspected the site. They
>>>found 'traces' on the ground which looked suspicious to a member
>>>of the party, Ted Loman, who said: 'If you ask me, it looks very
>>>suspicious', according to Hesemann. I can imagine the agent
>>>writing his report: "Fine, they have found the spot we had
>>>prepared for them."

>>The site they found wasn't the same site I found. I have visited
>>the site they found and it doesn't meet the cameraman's criterion.

>This is true, but to change the general opinion of most people
>you'll need more than unusual mineral traces from an alleged
>crash site supported only by an artist's conception of a
>description transmitted through Ray Santilli.

The drawings are exact rendering of the actual terrain and the unusual material on rocks and ledges. There is more than a trace of the cristobalite. There are tons of it scattered over a large area and this deposit is the only one like it in the world as far as I can tell. Cristobaite is not found under these conditions, no matter what Ray Stanford would like to have you believe.

And then there is the burned vegetation. And again we're not talking traces, but acres of burned Walnut trees and Junipers.

>I believe that Ray has always held the key to unraveling this
>mystery. I don't know of Philip would have anything further to
>add, but most of the original researchers have dropped their
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I think it's clear that Ray is not going to cooperate any more than he already has. All we can do is try to make the case for the legitimacy of the footage without the valuable information he could supply.

Yes most of the original researchers have dropped their interest, but it's never too late to change and their interest could be revived, if they'd take the time to visit the site.

Thanks for your reply.

Ed

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Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 12:59:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:48:24 -0500
Subject: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

Fellow Listers,

Upon reading the below mentioned article, found here:

<http://www.newsleader.com/news/stories/20031030/opinion/547723.html>

I felt compelled to write to it's author; below is a copy of the e-mail I sent to him:

Dear Mr. Pfisterer,

After reading your article, "UFO's Still Have Plenty of True Believers," I too felt motivated to take the time to make comment. First, I must say that I kept a smile on my face while reading your article; I guess that means I enjoyed it.

I try not to take offense with folks such as yourself that take time to write about topics that they haven't familiarized themselves with or researched, etc. I understand that ill-made-references occur out of ignorance of said subject. That being the case, one can only hope that you as a writer, can stay open-minded and realize the duties one has, when addressing an audience; or at least a "journalistic conscience" to report and or write about a subject as accurately as possible; (unless of course the work is fiction).

Although I didn't read your original article (but I would like to) about the "demise of flying saucer sightings"; I wasn't surprised by the responses you mentioned getting; the most polite I will use here is that I agree you are "ill-informed." Assuming that you are using the term, "flying saucer" and "UFO" interchangeably, meaning "unidentified flying objects," then I will have to side with the individuals who you have seemed to "rub the wrong way"; that is to say that UFO sightings on a world wide basis, certainly are not in decline.

You also used the term, "true believers" which is a common error among those writing about the subject of UFO's for the first time, or that have come to some conclusion based on information obtained from sources not cognizant in the matter. The "existence" of "UFO's" is not in debate, and hasn't been for over half a century. The term "UFO" was borne by the Air Force in the early '50's. I guess by your methodology that makes the Air Force the largest group of "official true believers."

You said, "I've been right here, and I don't know what kind of news he reads or TV he watches, but his 'daily' reports are an exaggeration unless he's referring to the National Enquirer and other tabloids at the checkout counter at the supermarket." Personally I collect newspaper accounts of UFO sightings around the world on a daily basis; reports just in the last few months have appeared in newspapers such as: BBC News, Pravda, The Miami Herald, The Oregonian, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Durango Herald, The Rock Hill Herald, The Dallas Observer, The Houston Chronicle, The Portland Tribune, The Sun Herald, The Sante New Mexican, The Toronto Star, The Manichi Daily News, The New York Times, The LA Times and many, many more. It is true, that one usually doesn't see these items on the wire, or on the front

page, but they are there, in abundance every week nonetheless! (Ironically, the "National Enquirer" doesn't cover UFO sightings to any extent anymore, and hasn't for quite some time).

You said, "There's a gigantic lunatic fringe out there ready to explain away anything it can't comprehend with pseudo-science mumbo-jumbo and unsubstantiated claims. Most people - and when I say people I mean those of us who have their heads screwed on tight and their brains in place and fully functioning - know better".

Although you didn't make individual reference to "your gigantic lunatic fringe" here are a few names and organizations who take the "UFO" phenomenon seriously: Starting with most powerful position in the world, The President of The United States; there is varying degrees of evidence from Presidents Roosevelt to George W. about their serious consideration of said phenomenon. There are quotes from other "heads of state," e.g., former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev. In addition there is an abundant amount of declassified documents from the '40's up to just recently from "all" of our "intelligence agencies," e.g., CIA, FBI, NSA, OSI, ONI etc., and their respective involvement with the investigation of UFO's. There are published quotes from numerous members of Congress indicating the serious nature of the phenomenon. There have been publicized statements from the men that held the highest positions in our military about the reality of UFO's, e.g., Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoeter, the first director of the CIA, Rear Admiral Delmar Fahrney, U.S. Navy Missile Chief, Commanding General Nathan F. Twining of the Air Material Command, U.S.A.A.F, General Douglas MacArthur, General Benjamin Chidlaw, Commanding General of Air Defense Command to name "just a few." There are/have been astronauts such as Gordon Cooper, John Glen, James Lovell, James McDivitt, and Edgar Mitchell who have gone on record about the authenticity of the UFO phenomenon. Scientists such as Werner Von Braun, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. James E. McDonald, and Dr. Herman Oberth have all made public statements in support of the UFO phenomenon.

Aside from all the government, military, scientific and intelligence agency involvement, people from all walks of life have experienced and reported UFO sightings. Doctors, lawyers, CEO's, police officers, airline pilots etc., have all seen UFO's from all parts of the world.

Repeating your quote from above, "most people - and when I say people I mean those of us who have their heads screwed on tight and their brains in place and fully functioning - know better". Here again, you are in error, as various polls (Roper, Gallup, e.g.) indicate that "Americans who take the UFO phenomenon seriously are in the majority." Moreover, the polls indicated that the better the education, the more likely the individual fell into that category.

Finally towards the end of your piece, you seem to indicate that "seeing a UFO" was nothing but "peer pressure" and as you matured, along with "your world" you came to the realization that "man is all alone in the universe." Wow! I actually belted out a "big guffaw" on that one! I obviously can't argue the point of your personal beliefs of what you may or may have witnessed in your youth, but to include the rest of mankind "with you," well seems a little silly. Moreover, given the infinite size of the Universe, the galaxies, solar systems, planets, and the knowledge that life can exist in the most horrid of places, some would argue that it's mathematically impossible for life not to exist elsewhere!

In the future, if you choose to write about a subject that you aren't familiar with, my advice would be to "do some research; if not to avoid embarrassment, at least to do honor to your readers.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Parkersburg, WV UFO Sighting

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 15:30:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:50:37 -0500
Subject: Parkersburg, WV UFO Sighting

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting
LOCATION: Parkersburg, West Virginia (Wood County)
DATE: Saturday, November 1, 2003 - 5:30 p.m.

SUMMARY

Mark from Parkersburg, WVA called the UFO Reporting Hotline (513-588-4548) on Tuesday afternoon to report a UFO sighting on Saturday, November 1, 2003.

The sighting took place about 7-miles west of Parkersburg on State Route 47 and was witnessed by 3-people.

Just after parking their car in a friend's driveway around 5:30 p.m., Mark and his wife had got out of the car and spotted an unusual object in the eastern sky.

Mark stood in the driveway and asked his wife to go inside the house to get their friend to witness the object also.

The object, Mark said, had a smooth and consistent steady glow that was white in color, not a brilliant silver white, but a dirty or hazy "off-white" hue. It did not have soft or diffused edges, but had clearly defined edges and, from his perspective, was perhaps as big as a 2-inch object held in his fingers at arms length.

"This object was like a dome, or a half-round bubble," Mark said, emphasizing that he could not see any wings or tail section.

"I could see it crisp and crystal clear," he said, "the bottom edge was horizontal, flat. It had a rock steady motion of flight, there was no shake or wobble."

Mark said the object was flying along at the speed and height that an average low-flying aircraft would move across the sky, not abnormally quick.

The object was first seen in the eastern sky about 30-degrees estimated above the horizon, and had a path from south to north.

As the object continued its flight, it became obstructed by some trees that were on the property. Mark walked to the end of the driveway to get out of the trees and see from a clearing, by that time the object had departed to the north.

Mark said that all three witnesses agree the object was not something they could identify.

Further, Mark adds that some minutes after the sighting, a jet airplane flew overhead flying to the northwest.

Mark said that he will sometimes track the progress of the space shuttle or space station, but has never seen anything like this before.

Filed
November 4, 2003

Kenny Young

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 22:02:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:52:52 -0500
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From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 22:18:34 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 18:00:51 -0500
Subject: UFOs & Ghosts

List,

This may sound a little off-topic (Errol, please bear with me on this one) but it isn't, I promise.

An interesting theme is developing in the letters pages in the Ministry of Defence house magazine, Focus. The October issue featured a letter from a Ministry of Defence Police officer who believes that he saw a ghost while patrolling the grounds of St. Luke's Church at Haslar hospital. The November issue features a lengthy letter from a former RAF Senior Aircraftsman who believes he and others saw a ghost at RAF Ely, nearly 40 years ago.

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The point is that although my terms of reference were confined to UFOs, people reported other phenomena to me, because of the perceived link with UFOs. Consequently, I got drawn into debates about alien abductions, crop circles and animal mutilations. But even where there was no obvious link, I occasionally received reports of other strange phenomena or mysteries, simply because people didn't know who else to contact.

With the above in mind, my question to the List is this. Did Project Blue Book receive reports of other paranormal phenomena, simply because people thought that if a government project existed to investigate UFOs, it was best-placed to investigate other mysteries?

The USAF liaised with the MOD on the UFO phenomenon, and indeed there were Blue Book summaries in my office. But I never saw any Blue Book material on anything other than UFOs. Did they get any? If so, what did they do with it? Where is this material now?

I'm wondering if Wendy Connors or Colin Bennett have come across such material in the course of their separate researches into Edward Ruppelt? Can other researchers who've studied Project Blue Book help on this one?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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No, sir, I don't have the details of the plan, nor can I point
to a spot on the web where it's laid out. Mr. Sheehan described
an outline for it, though, on an old Bell show and an old Rense
show several years ago. I think he may have talked about it on
Errol Bruce-Knapp's SDI a little...

However, it works something like this: You can't sue, directly,
as to whether there are ET operated UFOs... that's too
dismissible, but you can sue to stop a militarization of space
(because congress has not been involved with the decision) and
it can be explored, then, why a militarization (or
weaponization) of space might be necessary... and then aliens
can, therefore, be exposed obliquely.....

This is really a broad brush, Mr. Auchettl, and I'm not sure if this was it exactly, but it's something like this. I was hoping to generate a little interest and encourage Errol to facilitate a visit by Mr. Sheehan on the SDI program where he could provide a more detailed brief. I think that would be very interesting. Perhaps, you might think so, too.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

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Re: UFOs & Ghosts - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 23:27:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 20:15:58 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ghosts - Jones

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Chupacabra stuff with UFO's. Yes I can see that there is a
supernatural, Fortean and fringe (whatever) category where all
this lot sits uncomfortably together, but linked?

Warmest to all.

Sean

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Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 16:42:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 20:27:45 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ghosts - Connors

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 22:18:34 -0000
>Subject: UFOs & Ghosts

Hi Nick,

In answer to your question on whether I or Mike Hall came across such reports in the BB files, etc., I have to say, no, not once did we see anything specific dealing with ghosts.

However, some interviews, etc. have mentioned "ghost-like" qualities, etc., but they were not referring specifically to ghosts, but how a disc, UFO, or entity appeared.

A very interesting idea that would be fun for an annotation, but with many people lumping into Ufology the other fortean areas, it might start another stream of muddy water entering the pond of Ufology.

Best Always,

Wendy

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Re: Trindade - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 00:30:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:10:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Mori

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 00:18:34 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 09:12:49 -0300
>>Subject: Trindade

>>This question has already been pointed before on this List
>>(actually, it was on this List that I first read about it), but
>>I would like to point out again the question of the apparent
>>uncanny similarity of the image of the Trindade Island UFO on
>>photos 1 and 2 (inverted):

>><http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/trindadehoax.htm>

>>Yes, I'm using copies of copies (of maybe copies) of the
>>originals. Even then, the similarity is something curious.

>>Also, I would like to indicate again the article by Martin
>>Powell:

>><http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mjpowell/Trindade/Trindade.htm>

>>Powell itself used versions of the photos published on a book.
>>Even then, the similarity is something curious. More curious if
>>we presume that the casual degradation of the versions I used,
>>and that he used, should be different.

>>Then, I would like to indicate the superb and detailed work
>>about the case by Luis Noguez (available on-line, in Spanish):

>>http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/noguez_trindade00.htm

>Hi Ken,

>Why are you referring to these outrageous debunking attacks,
>especially Noguez's as "superb and detailed" and "excellent" (as
>you state on your website)?? Noguez's is the most appalling I
>have ever seen - he wants to have the Trindade photos hoaxed by
>THREE HOAXING METHODS at the same time - montage AND double-
>exposure AND photography of cloud-vapor covered aircraft
>SIMULTANEOUSLY!! You can't have all three hoaxing techniques at
>the same time, or at the same time in this particular case
>(montage and double exposure are simply physically inconsistent
>and mutually exclusive). Even the infamous CSICOP would not dare
>to propound such Menzelian pseudoscience, though debunkers do
>tend to operate on the principle that several bad explanations
>are better than having no good single explanation. Anti-UFO
>pseudoscience is matched only by the pro-UFO pseudoscience of
>GSW which still gets cited as if legitimate even after the
>scandalous Calgary photos blunder years ago exposed it all as a
>sham - why not cite George Adamski as a serious photoanalyst??

>If Noguez had any scientific understanding of optical physics
>and photography he would realize that it is physically
>impossible to make a double exposure darker than the surrounding

>sky - you cannot subtract light in a double exposure you can
>only add light! It is a fundamental fact of science and math,
>addition is not subtraction (C. B. Moore please take note!). So
>far he has successfully hidden behind the Spanish language so
>that English language analysts generally remain unaware of these
>scientifically absurd claims and thus haven't taken them apart.

>As for the "similarity" of Trindade Photos 1 and 2 when
>inverted, you admit they are not identical, just "similar."
>Therefore the debunker hoax theory that the photographer took
>tiny little pieces of film-emulsion with identical copy images
>of a hoaxed UFO only about 1/10 inch (2 mm) in size and stupidly
>pasted one upside down by accident onto photos of Trindade
>island background is exploded as utter nonsense. The images are
>not identical, upside down or not, so they are not some kind of
>hoaxer paste-up error.

>And all this photo-montage pasting would have had to be done in
>a hurried hoax while inside a makeshift darkroom aboard the
>Brazilian Navy ship just minutes after the UFO sighting without
>any "UFO" being sighted. And then the hoaxed UFO images would
>have to pass muster with the Navy witnesses to the UFO (when
>there wasn't a "UFO" ??) who were shown the freshly developed
>photos by the Trindade post commander immediately afterwards and
>who confirmed it looked like what they saw (didn't see??). In
>bright light on deck in mid-day with everyone staring at the UFO
>images on the negatives anything looking like pieces of film
>with fake UFO images glued on top of each island scene photo
>would have been glaringly obvious.

>From the classified CONFIDENTIAL intelligence report of March 3,
>1958, of Fleet Adm. Antonio Maria de Carvalho, Chief of the
>Brazilian Naval High Command, to the Navy Minister, prepared by
>intelligence officer Corvette-Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao
>(emphasis added):

>viii. Afterwards, the negatives referred to were shown to
>members of the SHIP'S CREW who had witnessed the phenomenon;
>they RECOGNIZED THE OBJECT appearing in the photos as identical
>with the one they had sighted in the air;

>xi. A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who
>SIGHTED the object, including the photographer, civilians and
>members of the SHIP'S CREW.

>I have measured what appears to be rapid rotational motion at
>the extreme edges of the object, amounting to something on the
>order of 400 to 800 degs/sec around a central axis, and the
>angular velocity of rotation changes from photo to photo (hence
>my 400 to 800 degs/sec figures). Thus in the approximately 2
>seconds between photos estimated by reenactments conducted by
>the Brazilian Air Force with the photographer, the UFO could
>very easily have flipped over 180 degrees.

>Sorry Ken, the UFO was reported wobbling in flight and my
>analysis shows it was displaying very extreme rotational motion,
>so it simply must have wobbled so far it flipped over. So it
>should look similar but not identical - due to differing object
>motion blur and differing atmospheric haze between Photos 1 and
>2 - and should look upside down. The photos show the UFO turned
>upside down so that is what happened - the object turned upside
>down.

>By the way Sunderland went on board the Brazilian Navy ship
>after it docked hoping to confirm it was all a hoax - and was
>discombobulated to find that the Navy officers he talked to
>confirmed that the UFO incident did occur. Sunderland tried to
>denigrate that fact but couldn't.

Hi,

I'm very glad that you recognized the similarity between the
images of the UFO. Here in Brazil, I couldn't find one ufologist
who dared to admit that as something relevant.

But please allow me to say that your suggested explanation to
this similarity has some problems. You suggest that the UFO
flipped upside down, and this explains why its image seems to be
inverted on two consecutive photos. You realize that this
hypothesis implicate that this was a peculiar type of UFO, where

the presumed shadows also get upside down along with it. I guess you must admit that this is an odd ad hoc explanation.

Could it be? Maybe. A few gentle people already e-mailed me with the same explanation for the inversion, which means that a few more people also recognized the similarity and the apparent inversion, and to explain that, they also seriously consider a flipping UFO who also manages to flip its image, from different angles, distances and speeds.

In any case, before we get into explaining the inversion, we must first confirm it. I repeat that I'm very glad that you and others recognized the similarity, something that a lot of people may have deliberately denied. But this similarity has to be analyzed on first prints, and if possible - and wherever they may be -- on the original negatives. I urge anyone who has access to first prints to analyze this and share the results.

I must answer your question of why I referred to Noguez's work as "excellent", "superb and detailed". That's obviously because I think it is so. You say that Noguez "wants ... three hoaxing methods at the same time". From what I read, Noguez suggested these methods, not necessarily at the same time. You also say that he has "successfully hidden behind the Spanish language so that English language analysts generally remain unaware ... and thus haven't taken them apart". I do recognize the importance of the English language, but to say that anything that isn't in English is being maliciously "hidden" is to go a bit too far. Other than that, you write that the UFO was only a couple of millimeters, and in the same message quotes that the members of the ship's crew recognized it. Some eye. Noguez mentioned this curious element on his work, including a graphical representation of the UFO on the negatives, which he represented as a "-". Of course, this lacks much precision, as we all know that even in an enlarged photo the UFO is not very clear, and that Barauna spoke about how he had to treat the film to make the UFO more visible, so in the original, untreated negative we may presume that it probably was a very blurred and unclear "-". Some eye indeed.

Finally, I express my sincere appreciation for your answer, even though I may disagree with a good part of it. It was the only direct answer that I received on this List, and in all, you did recognize the similarity of the images of the UFO. That's something very relevant.

It's been suggested, even by Barauna, that the lack of independent witnesses can be explained by military orders of silence. This must be confirmed, but it seems that there were at least two more civilians aboard, aside from Barauna and his friends: Aloisio and Fernando.

Cordially,

Kentaro Mori

<http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/trindadehoax.htm>

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A Mystery In Monday Night's Sky

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:13:32 -0500
Subject: A Mystery In Monday Night's Sky

Source: WMC-TV Memphis

<http://www.wmcstations.com/Global/story.asp?S=1511452>

A Mystery in Monday Night's Sky

By Anna Marie Hartman

Mysterious "night lights" lit up the skies over the Mid-South Monday night. Reports of a huge fireball and a loud explosion that shook houses came flooding into police all around the Mid-South. Scientists have an idea what it was, but there was no evidence left behind to prove it.

A mystery in Monday night's sky was the hot topic over dinner in Wynne, Arkansas. "The sky lit up, it was like lightning." Teriann Dildane saw it from her car around 10 o'clock Monday night. "It looked like an airplane was on fire, I thought an airplane had crashed and it went over the trees." And Dildane wasn't alone.

At the same time the sky lit up, Detective Larry Jones says the phones lit up at the Cross County Sheriff's Department. "Quite a few at one time it was overwhelming." Action News 5 knows of calls from more than a half a dozen counties where people not only saw something, they heard something.

Dispatcher: 911 do you have an emergency?

Caller: I was calling about a big explosion

Then another call.

Dispatcher: 911 do you have an emergency?

Caller: I'm not sure it sounded like a large explosion here in town.

"For the next 20 minutes or so we continuously got those phone calls."

Whatever was falling was never found.

Jim Greenhouse from the Sharpe Planetarium suspects it was a variety of meteor called a bolide. "Meteors are objects in space that are burning up in the earth's atmosphere, and bolides enter the atmosphere at a steep angle and explode in the air above us." But since most objects from space are so small, they disintegrate before they ever hit the ground.

There is a meteor shower expected around November 17th called Leonid. Traces of those showers can begin a couple of weeks before they peak. So Tuesday night's flash could have been a Leonid preview.

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 07:08:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:15:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
>To: ufoupdates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 18:47:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

>Outcome was: some listeners maybe got to end of program without
>realizing they'd been asked to accept too many unrelated
>coincidences.

>1 - several bright "meteorites" arriving (apparently from
>different directions) heading across the sky towards point X

>2 - a medium-strength "earthquake" at point X

>3 - several bright (circling?) lights in the sky above point X

>4 - a group of "poachers" at point X, who must have created the
>large orange glowing ball at ground level, with smaller "fairy
>lights" around it [paraphrased from Nurse's report]

>5 - a Government "routine survey" team who just happened to
>collect the "evidence" of the "poachers" on the very next day -
>[How?]

>Don't know about you but I don't think so many coincidences would
>be accepted just to make a UFO-report look OK - so why should we
>accept them to make a debunking-report look even part way
>feasible?

Perhaps you should get out 'in the field' Ray and do the work -
then come back to us with your results.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Fire In The Skies Over Region 8

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:25:32 -0500
Subject: Fire In The Skies Over Region 8

Source: KAIT8.com

<http://www.kait8.com/Global/story.asp?S=1511144>

Fire In The Skies Over Region 8

JONESBORO, AR - Many Region 8 residents are still wondering what caused Monday night's terrific light show in the sky and the explosion that followed.

The K8 Newsroom was flooded with literally hundreds of calls that began pouring in around 9:45 p.m. with questions and reports of seeing brilliant flashes of blue and yellow light in the skies. The Jonesboro 911 dispatch office was flooded with similar calls. "9:56 p.m., we got the first call at the 911 communications center. A large boom in the area, then after that we were flooded with phone calls," said dispatch center coordinator Bob Andrews.

Flight instructor Lea Thompson was in the air when she spotted the flying debris. "All of a sudden, we just saw a bright white light coming in front of the plane. It came right over the front of the nose and descended down... kind of looked like a shooting star. It disappeared and we didn't think anything about it," Thompson said. "We were about 3,000 feet on final, coming in to land. First I was really confused, didn't know what it was. Then I just assumed it was a falling star. I got a bird's eye view this time, instead of on the ground. So, I didn't think much of it until I got on the ground.

A large "boom" soon followed. "Explosion and a boom. We got calls from the Lawrence County area, all the way down to the southern Craighead County area," said Andrews. The KAIT newsroom received calls from as far south as Brinkley and Oil Trough and as far north and west as West Plains, Missouri.

Although what many saw last night was an unusual phenomenon, it apparently does occur periodically over time.

Dr. Andrew Sustich is the Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences at Arkansas State University, and feels certain the event was a meteorite. "A meteyeor, striking through the sky is large enough so that it survives to the lower atmosphere where the air gets thick. They come down on a very sporadic basis. There is no good time table. There's no, you know...this is a good time for an event like last night. They just happen," said Sustich.

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Italian UFO Newsflash No. 405

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- Italian Sightings In August
- National Conference In Viterbo

ITALIAN SIGHTINGS IN AUGUST

As with every month, data has been released for the updates on UFO sightings reports in Italy that have been gathered by CISU telematic working group on the case histories, coordinated by Giorgio Abraini.

The number of reports of observations and phenomena occurring in August totaled 66, pushing the total for 2003 over 400: a noteworthy figure, albeit falling considerably below the corresponding total for data collected in the same period during the preceding two years.

Over one-half of the observations came from Northern Italy, with Piedmont and Lombardy alone representing one-third; a fourth were contributions from the South, and one-fifth originated in Central Italy.

August, as was the case during July, was influenced by conventional celestial phenomena of various kinds: the planet Mars, ISS, a meteor, and iridium flares accounted for 21% of the month's sightings, even if - contrary to expectations- Mars seemed not to have generated a large number of reports (i.e., only 3 cases in August and 11 in July).

The major event of interest for the month took place in Pinzolo (Trento) on the 23rd, involving 2 very luminous discs joined by an oblique line. Another interesting case came to light which had a pilot in flight as its witness.

Only an additional 3 crop-circle formations joined the list (bringing the total for the "Italian Wave of 2003" to 44).

Based on the collection of reports (and on their increase, over time), an attempt was begun to identify and anticipate, from a statistics standpoint, the evolution of "waves" of sightings.

[Reporting by Giorgio Abraini; UFO-Italia, 18 August]

NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN VITERBO

Set to kick off at press time is the 18th National Congress of Ufology, organized by the Italian Center for UFO Studies in Viterbo at the prestigious Grand'Hotel Salus, featuring sponsorship by the Community, Province and Region.

The conference, of which the portion open to the public will

occur starting at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 27 September, will have as its theme: "Things Seen in the Sky - the Study of UFO Phenomena."

Topics scheduled to be presented include the following: the photographic caselog; the mystery of the "disappearance" of sightings of the classic kind; the uncensored, behind-the-scenes goings-on of the UFO commission initiated by the Italian Military Air Force; the ufological history timeline; and the local caselog.

Further detailed information on the program, hours, and itineraries are available at the Website of the CISU and in the section on Viterbo, www.ufotuscia.it

[Reporting by Angelo Ferlicca and Gian Paolo Grassino]

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Bourdais

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 10:47:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 08:04:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Bourdais

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 21:42:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman@psln.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 09:52:55 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

><snip>

>>>I read again recently the story of the search of that site made
>>>by Michael Hesemann, in his book 'Beyond Roswell', written with
>>>Philip Mantle. It gave me a strong impression that he and his
>>>friends had been manipulated all the way (see pages 215 to
>>>220).

>>Maybe Philip or Steve K can comment.

>Since my name has been brought up.....

>I think the impression that everyone was manipulated by Ray
>Santilli is an honest one, but that doesn't prove that the
>'film' was a complete hoax. I visited the site that Bob Shell
>and Michael Hesemann had identified as the alleged crash site
>and spoke with both about it on a number of occasions. While it
>was intriguing, it didn't actually fit the cameraman's
>description of where it was if you take his 'Statement'
>literally. A couple of the pictures that I took at the 'site'
>were in Beyond Roswell, but that certainly doesn't lend to its
>credibility as a crash site.

Steven,

The true nature of the AA film is one question, and the
credibility of the cameraman's story is another one, it seems to
me.

As for the alleged crash site discovered following his
indications, as transmitted by Ray Santilli, thank you for
bringing your point of view, but to me it makes the matter more
confusing, I am afraid. Let's try to summarize the story. In the
book "Beyond Roswell", Michael Hesemann tells of his search of
the site, together with Ted Loman and Wendelle Stevens, helped
by an alleged agent from DNA. Then he cites your letter in which
you say that, "with directions provided by Bob Shell, (Michael
Hesemann) and Ted Loman", you were able to "locate the crash
site with little difficulty". When reading that, I assumed that
you were referring to the same location. But now you think that
it was probably not the "right" site, meaning the site described
by the cameraman. Is that your opinion ?

>This being said, I've had a couple of messages from Bob Shell in
>the last couple of years regarding the site that you've
>identified, and he doesn't believe that its correct. Bob spent a
>number of weeks going through that part of New Mexico, along
>with ufologists from Arizona. I believe he also thinks that he's

>located the crash site, but without more provenance for the
>cameraman's images it really doesn't mean anything. Ray Santilli
>has ruined his own story through his actions, whether they were
>unavoidable or not.

You say that Bob Shell now thinks that he has found
another site. Do you agree with him, and his new site?
Do you know where it is?

If this is the case, there are now three sites in competition,
near Socorro: the one found by Hesemann and Loman, the one found
by Ed Gehrman, and the one found by Bob Shell! Do you agree that
this is the situation?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Ufological Obstacles - Auchettl

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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 08:08:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufological Obstacles - Auchettl

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 16:52:14 -0600
>Subject: Re: Ufological Obstacles - Lehmborg

>>From: John Auchettl <Prauf@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 09:57:42 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ufological Obstacles

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 02 Nov 2003 12:18:13 -0600
>>>Subject: Ufological Obstacles

>>>UFOLOGICAL OBSTACLES

>>>The person to hire is one Daniel Sheehan, I think. Sheehan is a

>>However, in regards to Sheehan's path or plan, that flanks the

>this was it exactly, but it's something like this. I was hoping
>to generate a little interest and encourage Errol to facilitate
>a visit by Mr. Sheehan on the SDI program where he could provide
>a more detailed brief. I think that would be very interesting.
>Perhaps, you might think so, too.

Hi Alfred, Dick & Errol,

Absolutely, that's a very good idea. I think it would make an interesting listen. We need new ideas all the time, and that's why I am very interested in this plan. If Sheehan could expand on the idea, more power to us all. Lets see what comes from that discussion, a new path or new UFOLOGICAL OBSTACLES?

So I 'Second' the idea.

Errol's programs would be set months in advance, but I wonder? Any ideas on this Errol?

Best Regards,

John Auchettl

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Re: UFOs & Ghosts - LeFevre

From: Charlette LeFevre <clefevre@oz.net>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 03:50:27 -0700 (MST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 08:30:23 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ghosts - LeFevre

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 16:42:17 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Ghosts

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 22:18:34 -0000
>>Subject: UFOs & Ghosts

>Hi Nick,

>In answer to your question on whether I or Mike Hall came across
>such reports in the BB files, etc., I have to say, no, not once
>did we see anything specific dealing with ghosts.

>However, some interviews, etc. have mentioned "ghost-like"
>qualities, etc., but they were not referring specifically to
>ghosts, but how a disc, UFO, or entity appeared.

>A very interesting idea that would be fun for an annotation, but
>with many people lumping into Ufology the other fortean areas,
>it might start another stream of muddy water entering the pond
>of Ufology.

If I may comment,

Nick may be onto something.

I believe there is a small cross-over area between UFOs and ghosts - not in sightings but in that both, at times, deal with sentient entities of an ultradimensional nature and are perhaps often mistaken for each other. It may be interesting to see more studies between UFO sightings, strange animal sightings and other phenomenon. But lets face it - nobody reports to an agency if they see ghosts and last time I looked there wasn't a national database of unidentified plasma. Ghosts are just not issues of National Security. Take the occurrences during the Mothman UFO sightings and the Utah ranch, as examples of multiple phenomena but I doubt Project Blue Book would have reported ghost sightings, even if they had received.

Of note, the Seattle UFO/Paranormal Group recently has been seeing an advantage in working with serious minded ghost researchers because frankly they have extremely sensitive electronic equipment. Most ghost groups have ventured out into the field with infrared cameras, electronic field detectors and local Northwest groups have even been developing ion measurement instrumentation - not unlike what UFOlogists are looking into as a way for tracking the wake trail of a UFO in the atmosphere which would likely leave ions.

In addition to assisting with field research such as crop circle analysis, ghost group researchers are also being sought out for detecting paranormal disturbances in residences of abductees. I think they just might find something and break new ground in investigation of a cross over area that UFOlogists have not traditionally ventured. For some reason the existance of ghosts is more accepting that the existance of extraterrestrials. Aunt

Bertha doing her daily rounds over some insectoid in your room. Now I don't think we need to fear that somehow ghost researchers will convolute the image of UFOlogy as both are recognized in their respective fields. But who said it was ghastly to think a UFO researcher can work with a paranormal expert! Oh my!

Lets face it, any group that can assist in the research and collection of ground level data (albeit from a different perspective) I think would be worthwhile in the study of any phenomenon.

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Late Nite Chauvanism

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:19:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 08:33:05 -0500
Subject: Late Nite Chauvanism

...And I've been guilty of the most egregious type. I'd
assumed - what I remembered as an outline presented by Daniel
Sheehan for civil litigation was heard on the Rense Program or
C2C AM... no... I hang my head in earned shame. Errol - you
should have said something! You should have reminded me!

An excellent debate with a thorough discussion of the issues is
presented on ebk's Strange Days Indeed... very balanced!

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/sdiarchive/sdi093.ra>

Start looking about 25 minutes into the file. It's a fragment
(technical difficulties) but it's _enough_ of a fragment, and
it's the only place I think you'll find it on the internet!

Pros and Cons both get light! Additionally, much of what they
were talking about on that program seems downright *prescient*
given the occurrence of subsequent events... Go have a listen.
It's a short download. No hyperbole here!

...and Errol, I apologize, again.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 13:38:43 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 08:39:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 18:15:56 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

>I'm sending you a full length article on this case sometime in
>the next day or so Stuart. Dave C is the man to ask about
>Rendlesham as he's the most detached observer on the matter in
>the UK.

Andy,

Firstly, thank you for sending me that report. And may I congratulate you on a well constructed, well reasoned and researched piece of work. I do however consider it slightly flawed and there are one or two points that you may be able to clarify.

Despite an appearance of a balanced approach, your partiality does manifest itself from as early as the second paragraph. In setting the scene you are clearly telling the reader that this is an area where historically there has been just a little bit of flakiness over the years. Flying Dragons and Hounds of Hell do create the impression that another tale of myth making proportions is about to follow. It might well be a myth that a UFO crashed there but that is a matter of interpretation of solid fact.

Why do you "set the reader up" with a comment like "There is no smoke without fire", clearly intimating that there might be some substance to the story when it is obvious that you didn't believe that to be likely, probably before you even began your investigation? Likewise with your comment about the lights being explained "ludicrously as people out poaching hares" when there were indeed people out poaching and their activities and statements go on to form a substantive part of your case. It is interesting that you place so much weight on the words of (unconvicted) criminals whereas in your conclusion you state that one of the things that the case taught you was (again) never to trust material originated by ufologists. Nice to know where we stand in the hierarchy of sociopathic behaviour!

Your dismissal of the phantom helicopters as not being relevant is unconvincing. You acknowledge that over a hundred good sightings were made of this phenomena and that there is a still secret military report outstanding on the matter. And yet you dismiss it as a red herring because people weren't seeing helicopters but an unknown light of many shapes and colours. The way that reads is that witnesses have stated they saw helicopters but you're saying they didn't and it was something else. That seems a little presumptive and you offer nothing to back it up. But then you say there were helicopters but they still aren't relevant because the only link between them is the one made by Nick Redfern and you try and shake his claim. But you too also make that link when you state elsewhere that helicopters were sighted over a period of a year before the incident and stopped immediately after. A remarkable coincidence.

Furthermore, on the balance of probability, if someone claims they've "seen" a helicopter, part of their reasoning will have been based on the sound of the engine, a distinctive noise. In fact that would be my main criterion for making that judgement, particularly if it was dark.

You dismiss Keith Critchlow and his happy band of scientists' Geiger counter reading at Moel ty Uchaf as a one off and invalid because no readings were taken before the incident or for a period of time after. From a correct procedural point of view I'm sure you're right but nevertheless, it is intriguing and I would be reluctant to dismiss it out of hand.

The manner in which you deal with the testimony of Pat Evans the nurse is confusing. She saw no police and was certainly not stopped from going up the mountain that evening. You quote, "She saw not a living soul on the mountain that night." Yes she did. You tell us she saw the police and Huw Thomas although she didn't realise this at the time. Assuming the veracity of the BGS OS map that you quote, far from coming across as a convincing witness, it appears that she didn't have much of a clue at all as to what was going on!. You make this same implication by then dismissing her sighting of the lights she saw, a description by the way that is quite specific and detailed. Your grounds for dismissal are based on the fact that neither the police or Huw Thomas who were all near her at the time made any mention of seeing anything of note and therefore what she saw were the poachers lights which weren't worth mentioning. You can't have it both ways with her. She's either a reliable witness or an unreliable witness.

The manner in which you deal with these poachers lights is also confusing and unconvincing. Virtually everybody but one unnamed witness seems to be saying that there were lights pointing upwards. The poachers insisted their lights were pointing downwards and yet this part of their evidence you reject whilst accepting other testimony from them. "Logic and probability" dictates though that what people saw were their lights. Had they refocused their efforts away from hares to perhaps flying pigs? I'd also like to comment on their extreme bravery. Having been virtually directly above an earthquake that measured 4-5 on the Richter scale they seemed unconcerned and were happy to continue what they were doing for another 45 minutes. So they were both bad and mad?

I don't understand the significance of the fact that the RAF Valley Mountain Rescue Team decided to send only a three man team to investigate. The call to them came in 31 minutes after the 8:38pm earth tremor. Had the Police decided in that brief time that there had not been a plane crash after all? In which case why even bother dragging them out of their homes? Or was it just for show?

How do you know that the helicopters that continually flew over the area for a week after the incident were from the media? You make a statement without offering any fact.

Given the number of crashes over the years on or around that mountain, do you not think it might be a good idea for someone to think about moving the dam thing out of harms way?

Again Andy, I would like to express my appreciation for the obvious work and thought that went in to your report. But the bottom line is that you are expecting us to accept a quite remarkable series of natural and man made coincidences, with a number of loose ends thrown in. As a previous poster so ironically pointed out, if the boot was on the other foot and this was a landing and retrieval that you were trying to substantiate as opposed to debunk, then you'd be laughed off out of sight.

Stuart Miller

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Secrecy News -- 11/04/03

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THE MISCONCEIVED "WAR ON TERRORISM"

Bush Administration rhetoric on national security policy has long been characterized by an unusual woolliness of expression and an underlying conceptual confusion. Familiar examples range from the "axis of evil" that is not an axis at all to the President's explanation that terrorists are attacking us because they "hate freedom." This is not helpful.

Likewise, U.S. national security policy has been led astray by the notion of a "war on terrorism," argued former national security Zbigniew Brzezinski in a thoughtful speech last week.

The "war on terrorism" is a poor and misleading formulation because it is an abstraction, he said. Its misplaced concreteness obscures the nature of the enemy rather than clarifying it.

"Terrorism is a technique for killing people. That doesn't tell us who the enemy is. It's as if we said that World War II was not against the Nazis but against blitzkrieg," Brzezinski said.

By framing national security policy as a generic response to "terrorism," Brzezinski suggested, the Administration has made it harder to distinguish among different kinds of terrorist threats, to weigh the capabilities of particular terrorist organizations, to devise countervailing strategies and to allocate resources where they would be most likely to improve security.

The associated domestic security policies, he might have added, including classification and other information control practices, are increasingly out of step with real-world threats.

See the text of Brzezinski' speech, presented October 28 at a conference on "New American Strategies for Security and Peace," here:

<http://www.prospect.org/webfeatures/2003/10/brzezinski-z-10-31.html>

"Iraq is the central front in the war on Terror," said national security advisor Condoleezza Rice in an October 31 speech that actually capitalized "Terror," as if it were the name of the enemy. Her speech embodied both the abstraction and the blurring of distinctions that Brzezinski criticized. See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031031-5.html>

THE BUTLER TRIAL BEGINS

The trial of Thomas C. Butler, the distinguished infectious disease specialist charged with mishandling lethal biological agents and dozens of other charges, began yesterday. If convicted, he would spend the rest of his life in jail.

Almost all independent observers believe the government is prosecuting the case with an unduly heavy hand.

"As Dr. Butler's trial begins this week in Lubbock, Texas, responsible scientists will not remain silent," said several Nobel laureates in a statement issued yesterday.

"This respected colleague has been subjected to unfair and disproportionate treatment and the case is having a negative impact on the future of research in this crucial national security-related field," wrote Peter Agre (Chemistry, 2003), Sidney Altman (Chemistry, 1989), Robert Curl (Chemistry, 1996) and Torsten Wiesel (Medicine, 1981).

"We urge that all efforts be made immediately by both the prosecution and the defense to arrive at a mutually acceptable plea bargain that does not include prison time."

See the Nobel laureates' statement on the Butler case here:

<http://www.fas.org/butler/nobellet.html>

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO REVIEW SECRET CASE

In one of the stranger artifacts of the post-9/11 legal environment, the U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to review a lower court ruling in a case that remains almost entirely secret.

The very existence of the case was never supposed to have become public. The name of the plaintiff in the case (a "Middle Eastern man"), the identity of the defendants, the alleged offense, the case number, every court filing and every court ruling -- were all sealed from public view. Only a few minor details were inadvertently disclosed due to a clerical error by an appeals court clerk.

The legitimacy of this nearly absolute secrecy has been challenged in a heavily censored petition to the Supreme Court, filed last June and still pending.

"The Court should grant [the petition], not only to preserve and protect the public's common-law and First Amendment rights to know, but also to reinforce those rights in a time of increased national suspicion about the free flow of information and debate," wrote public defender Kathleen M. Williams.

A copy of the redacted petition for writ of certiorari in the case M.K.B. v. Warden, et al, is posted here:

<http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/scotus/mkbwarden62703cpet.pdf>

The background to this peculiar case was elucidated by Warren Richey in "Secret 9/11 Case Before High Court," Christian Science Monitor, October 30:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/1030/p01s02-usju.html>

ACCESS TO CRS REPORTS AT ISSUE

Two weeks ago, Congress abruptly terminated the limited public access that had existed for several years to the official database of reports prepared by the Congressional Research Service (Secrecy News, 10/28/03).

Now, with his trademark resourcefulness and ingenuity, Russ Kick of TheMemoryHole.org has given back much of what Congress had taken away.

Hundreds of recent CRS reports, copied from the now inaccessible database, have been posted here:

<http://www.thememoryhole.org/crs/>

Meanwhile, dozens of public interest groups from around the country are petitioning members of Congress to support continued public access to the CRS database.

"We urge you to work with CRS to restore at least the same level of access to CRS reports that your web site has provided in the past," the organizations wrote to Rep. Christopher Shays and Rep. Mark Green in a November 3 letter organized by the American Library Association.

See a copy of the letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/11/crs110303.pdf>

QUIST ON SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

A revised edition of a monumental government-funded study on the theory and practice of national security classification has been approved for release and published.

"Security Classification of Information, Volume 1: Introduction, History and Adverse Impacts" by Arvin S. Quist, originally published in 1989, has been updated and supplemented with additional historical background on the development of classification policy over the past century and more.

It was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear and National Security Information. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

The 156 page study encompasses the Atomic Energy Act-based system for classifying nuclear weapons secrets as well as the executive order-based procedures for classifying other kinds of national security information.

Following the work of scholars such as Harold Relyea of the Congressional Research Service, for example, and that of the 1997 Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy (the Moynihan Commission), among others, the Quist study both illuminates the historical roots of national security secrecy and recounts its evolution over the years.

However, the revised study, which was largely completed in August 2001, does not address the tumultuous changes in government information policy following September 11.

The new edition of "Security Classification of Information, Volume 1" is dated September 2002. But it was only recently cleared by the Department of Energy for public release, and the first copy was in fact released last week.

The full text is posted here, with kind permission of the author:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/quist/index.html>

Volume 2 of the Quist study, published in 1993, is also available on the FAS web site. The projected volumes 3 and 4 were never completed.

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Meteor Lands In Northeast Arkansas

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Subject: Meteor Lands In Northeast Arkansas

Source: Blytheville Courier News

<http://www.blythevillecn.com/articles/2003/11/04/news/news02.txt>

Meteor lands in northeast Arkansas

By PAT IVEY-Blytheville Courier News

While some Blytheville residents were enjoying what looked like a fireworks display in the western sky about 10 p.m. Monday, some Jonesboro residents thought the sky was falling.

According to Kelly Robertson, media spokesperson with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, a meteor fell from the sky, striking the earth very near the city of Jonesboro.

According to a report to ADEM from the National Weather Service in Little Rock, eyewitnesses reported seeing a greenish object falling through the sky. The impact caused homes in Craighead and St. Francis counties to shake, and resulted in several small fires in the Jonesboro area.

Robertson said no injuries or property damage was reported as a result of the meteor.

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Re: Trindade - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:25:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:36:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 00:18:34 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>Why are you referring to these outrageous debunking attacks,
>especially Noguez's as "superb and detailed" and "excellent" (as
>you state on your website)?? Noguez's is the most appalling I
>have ever seen - he wants to have the Trindade photos hoaxed by
>THREE HOAXING METHODS at the same time - montage AND double-
> exposure AND photography of cloud-vapor covered aircraft
>SIMULTANEOUSLY!! You can't have all three hoaxing techniques at
>the same time, or at the same time in this particular case
>(montage and double exposure are simply physically inconsistent
>and mutually exclusive).

I think if you read the article, he is simply advancing these as possible explanations, not combining them into one single explanation. Incidentally, I love your suggestion that Noguez was "hiding behind the Spanish language". It couldn't just be that that's the language he speaks, could it? I would have thought that with a population of 20 million Spanish speakers in the US, it wouldn't be too difficult to get it translated.

>As for the "similarity" of Trindade Photos 1 and 2 when
>inverted, you admit they are not identical, just "similar."
>Therefore the debunker hoax theory that the photographer took
>tiny little pieces of film-emulsion with identical copy images
>of a hoaxed UFO only about 1/10 inch (2 mm) in size and stupidly
>pasted one upside down by accident onto photos of Trindade
>island background is exploded as utter nonsense. The images are
>not identical, upside down or not, so they are not some kind of
>hoaxer paste-up error.

>
>From the classified CONFIDENTIAL intelligence report of March 3,
>1958, of Fleet Adm. Antonio Maria de Carvalho, Chief of the
>Brazilian Naval High Command, to the Navy Minister, prepared by
>intelligence officer Corvette-Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao
>(emphasis added):

>viii. Afterwards, the negatives referred to were shown to
>members of the SHIP'S CREW who had witnessed the phenomenon;
>they RECOGNIZED THE OBJECT appearing in the photos as identical
>with the one they had sighted in the air;

Surely a fairly pointless exercise, as the images were, as you note above, extremely small and in negative. I do not understand how anybody could have made a positive identification of anything under such circumstances. And it goes without saying that we don't have any details at all about the people who were supposed to have made this identification.

>I have measured what appears to be rapid rotational motion at
>the extreme edges of the object, amounting to something on the
>order of 400 to 800 degs/sec around a central axis, and the
>angular velocity of rotation changes from photo to photo (hence
>my 400 to 800 degs/sec figures).

What on earth is this all about? How can you possibly calculate

the rotational motion of an object from a few fuzzy photographs? How can you possibly deduce that the angular velocity of rotation changes from photograph to photograph? What evidence do you have the object was even spinning?

>Thus in the approximately 2
>seconds between photos estimated by reenactments conducted by
>the Brazilian Air Force with the photographer, the UFO could
>very easily have flipped over 180 degrees.

And what are these re-enactments conducted by the Brazilian Air Force? And how approximate is that two seconds? Did they just try to see how quickly you could take photographs with a Rolleiflex? Was whoever tried it as skilled with that model camera as Barauna was?

>Sorry Ken, the UFO was reported wobbling in flight and my
>analysis shows it was displaying very extreme rotational motion,
>so it simply must have wobbled so far it flipped over.

And the idea is that this UFO was piloted by some young ET tearaways who were driving so fast that they overturned the craft? This really is desperate stuff.

>So it
>should look similar but not identical - due to differing object
>motion blur and differing atmospheric haze between Photos 1 and
>2 - and should look upside down. The photos show the UFO turned
>upside down so that is what happened - the object turned upside
>down.

And you can work out velocity of rotation from four blurred, hazy, still photographs can you?

>By the way Sunderland went on board the Brazilian Navy ship
>after it docked hoping to confirm it was all a hoax - and was
>discombobulated to find that the Navy officers he talked to
>confirmed that the UFO incident did occur. Sunderland tried to
>denigrate that fact but couldn't.

I think John Harney has already answered this - Sunderland did not get any direct statements pro or con from crew members who might have been on deck at the time. He appears to have heard only second-hand reports from officers who were not on deck at the time the events supposedly happened.

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

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>solid fact.

You've got to remember this was written for a book. I was
putting UFOs in their folkloric context, as they will be seen in
a few centuries, just as we see accounts of 'flaming dragons' in
retrospect now. Just because we are living at a time of UFO
reports doesn't invest them with any special reality status.
It's an easy trap for the gullible to fall into.

>Why do you "set the reader up" with a comment like "There is no
>smoke without fire", clearly intimating that there might be some
>substance to the story when it is obvious that you didn't
>believe that to be likely, probably before you even began your
>investigation? Likewise with your comment about the lights being
>explained "ludicrously as people out poaching hares" when there
>were indeed people out poaching and their activities and
>statements go on to form a substantive part of your case. It is
>interesting that you place so much weight on the words of
>(unconvicted) criminals whereas in your conclusion you state
>that one of the things that the case taught you was (again)
>never to trust material originated by ufologists. Nice to know
>where we stand in the hierarchy of sociopathic behaviour!

Hey, it's called story telling Stuart, you've got to make it a
bit interesting. I could have told the whole story in precis
form in a page - but that would have been boring.

As for the poachers we now have tape (via R4) which confirms
what I was told off the record several years ago - the poachers
and the police were interchangeable in that area. Everyone was
at it!

>Your dismissal of the phantom helicopters as not being relevant
>is unconvincing. You acknowledge that over a hundred good
>sightings were made of this phenomena and that there is a still
>secret military report outstanding on the matter. And yet you
>dismiss it as a red herring because people weren't seeing
>helicopters but an unknown light of many shapes and colours. The

>way that reads is that witnesses have stated they saw
>helicopters but you're saying they didn't and it was something
>else. That seems a little presumptive and you offer nothing to
>back it up. But then you say there were helicopters but they
>still aren't relevant because the only link between them is the
>one made by Nick Redfern and you try and shake his claim. But
>you too also make that link when you state elsewhere that
>helicopters were sighted over a period of a year before the
>incident and stopped immediately after. A remarkable
>coincidence.

I think you should read some of Dave C's work on Phantom Helicopters. The only link between them and the Berwyn story is one which was forged - with no evidence - by certain ufologists. I think you'll find Nick R believes (more or less) my revised version of the investigation.

>Furthermore, on the balance of probability, if someone claims
>they've "seen" a helicopter, part of their reasoning will have
>been based on the sound of the engine, a distinctive noise. In
>fact that would be my main criterion for making that judgement,
>particularly if it was dark.

We'll have to disagree.

>You dismiss Keith Critchlow and his happy band of scientists'
>Geiger counter reading at Moel ty Uchaf as a one off and invalid
>because no readings were taken before the incident or for a
>period of time after. From a correct procedural point of view
>I'm sure you're right but nevertheless, it is intriguing and I
>would be reluctant to dismiss it out of hand.

Seemed reasonable for me to do so. I don't think any of the initial proponents that the event was 'earthlights' (and I was one of them, as was Devereux) still thinks there is any weight in that theory due to the new evidence which has emerged. It's a great circle, in a fantastic setting and I recommend a visit - but it's quite a way off where the alleged UFO was seen.

>The manner in which you deal with the testimony of Pat Evans the
>nurse is confusing. She saw no police and was certainly not
>stopped from going up the mountain that evening. You quote, "She
>saw not a living soul on the mountain that night." Yes she did.
>You tell us she saw the police and Huw Thomas although she
>didn't realise this at the time. Assuming the veracity of the
>BGS OS map that you quote, far from coming across as a
>convincing witness, it appears that she didn't have much of a
>clue at all as to what was going on!.

I don't think she did. But she was certain she saw 'not a living soul' (and her two daughter back this up) - the fact that she saw lights didn't indicate humans to her, as she was looking for a plane crash.

>You make this same
>implication by then dismissing her sighting of the lights she
>saw, a description by the way that is quite specific and
>detailed. Your grounds for dismissal are based on the fact that
>neither the police or Huw Thomas who were all near her at the
>time made any mention of seeing anything of note and therefore
>what she saw were the poachers lights which weren't worth
>mentioning. You can't have it both ways with her. She's either
>a reliable witness or an unreliable witness.

Not so. She was seeing something across over 2 miles of pitch black countryside. She was describing the meeting between the poachers and the police from *her* perspective. Neither police nor poachers reported anything out of the ordinary, either in contemporaneous reports or when I interviewed them year later.

>The manner in which you deal with these poachers lights is also
>confusing and unconvincing. Virtually everybody but one unnamed
>witness seems to be saying that there were lights pointing
>upwards. The poachers insisted their lights were pointing
>downwards and yet this part of their evidence you reject whilst
>accepting other testimony from them. "Logic and probability"
>dictates though that what people saw were their lights. Had
>they refocused their efforts away from hares to perhaps flying
>pigs? I'd also like to comment on their extreme bravery. Having
>been virtually directly above an earthquake that measured 4-5 on
>the Richter scale they seemed unconcerned and were happy to

>continue what they were doing for another 45 minutes. So they
>were both bad and mad?

And probably dangerous to know! The poachers lights were at the right place at the right time, by their own admission. They didn't see anyother lights on the mountain except for the bolides (all described in the BGS field notes). Therefore it's reasonable to assume that the upward pointing lights seen down in the valley were their's.

>I don't understand the significance of the fact that the RAF
>Valley Mountain Rescue Team decided to send only a three man
>team to investigate. The call to them came in 31 minutes after
>the 8:38pm earth tremor. Had the Police decided in that brief
>time that there had not been a plane crash after all? In which
>case why even bother dragging them out of their homes? Or was it
>just for show?

Probably just for an exercise. The MRT records indicate they saw nothing of interest. The police log show that they didn't know *what* had happened, thought it *may* have been a crash but because they'd checked with all civil and military radar and were told nothing was missing (all in the Police Log of which I have a full copy) weren't too excited but had to do *something*.

>How do you know that the helicopters that continually flew over
>the area for a week after the incident were from the media? You
>make a statement without offering any fact.

I don't. How do we know any helicopter we see is from anywhere? I'm basing that assumption on the fact that Dr Ron Maddison was taken up in a press chopper and TV and radio reports all had reports sent from choppers. No one reported seeing any specifically military choppers and not even MRT Valley could be bothered to get theirs out of the shed.

>Given the number of crashes over the years on or around that
>mountain, do you not think it might be a good idea for someone
>to think about moving the dam thing out of harms way?

Yes, mountains, like drugs, kill people and it's about time that the government did something. They lie around the landscape doing nothing all day and can't even be bothered to move when 'planes come along. Scandalous!

>Again Andy, I would like to express my appreciation for the
>obvious work and thought that went in to your report. But the
>bottom line is that you are expecting us to accept a quite
>remarkable series of natural and man made coincidences, with a
>number of loose ends thrown in.

Maybe so, but they are all extremely well documented 'coincidences' which fit together. As is most of reality when you look at it at 20-odd years distance.

>As a previous poster so
>ironically pointed out, if the boot was on the other foot and
>this was a landing and retrieval that you were trying to
>substantiate as opposed to debunk, then you'd be laughed off out
>of sight.

Not with the appropriate documentation. You also need to remember that the chapter you have read is a distillation of more than a thousand pieces of official documentation, tape transcripts etc. You - or anyone else for that matter - is welcome to look at it at any reasonable time.

People also need to remember that this event wasn't a UFO 'crash' until the likes of Margaret Fry and Tony Dodd etc forged it into one.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:26:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:42:34 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 18:39:10 -0000
>Subject: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Pilgrims,

Nick Pope wrote, whilst wiping away the sour grape juice:

>Some of British ufology's most colourful characters were
>featured, including Brenda Butler, the original investigator of
>the Rendlesham Forest case, self-styled social historians Andy
>Roberts and Dave Clarke, and former police officer turned UFO
>investigator Tony Dodd.

'Self-styled' - most entertaining. Dave is a trained and
qualified historian who works as one. I write books on social
history. I rest my valise!

>In throwing together this eclectic mix of ufologists, one could
>not help but feel that the Radio 4 team were deliberately
>playing them off against each other, thereby sending them up,
>albeit in a subtle and light-hearted manner.

How we laughed!

Dave and I have a long standing professional relationship with
the producer and presenter, David Lewis and Jerry Northern. Last
year we did a program on RAF personnel sightings for them, and
did all the recording, interviewing etc. Hardly what Nick says
above. We acted, and were paid, as consultants for both
documentaries.

We also saw and checked the script prior to transmission to
check for errors.

Incidentally, prior to this program we were approached by a
company doing a UFO show for one of the UK's more, er,
'imaginative' TV channels, Channel 5 (famous for its soft core
porn!). Rik from 'Monster Films' approached Dave and I to be
consultants for the show but, having more pressing matters to
attend to with the BBC we suggested they use Nick. Say thanks
Nick! (I can provide dated emails which show how much they were
offering etc, if anyone doubts this).

>Caught between the ufologists, the most interesting (if sadly
>underused) characters were Donald Moreland and Derek Coumbe, ex-
>Royal Air Force officers who gave straightforward and factual
>accounts of their involvement in the Rendlesham Forest incident.

Interesting then isn't it that both Moreland and Coumbe share
our sceptical view of the incident, based upon their own
experiences at the time; both expressed their view that the case
been exaggerated by UFO believers such as Nick.

As for Coumbe, his evidence demolishes Nick's claims that there
was radar evidence for the night of Halt's expedition into the
forest. He was present at the main Air Defence Radar unit and
had access to the radar picture and is emphatic that nothing

unusual was visible.

Does Nick now accept that is the case - bearing in mind Coumbe's first-hand knowledge of what went on that night?

I think we should be told.

>But in focusing on the ufologists - believers and sceptics alike
>- the programme illustrated that at opposite ends of the
>ufological belief spectrum, the fanaticism and dogmatism is
>remarkably similar.

And what part of the belief spectrum does Mr Pope inhabit?

The suggestion appears to be that he inhabits some lofty height and that his own beliefs don't have any influence upon his contribution to the subject, and that side that he takes on the matter - that's risible.....

Here's a Nick Pope quote on Rendlesham:

"Despite the fact that I am a non-conspiracy theorist and a rational guy...I am a believer in the Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis and I will go with the ETH on this one."

Hardly unbiased, or objective in his approach to the subject!

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 12:11:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:48:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Kaeser

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>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 10:47:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

<snip>

>Steven,

>The true nature of the AA film is one question, and the
>credibility of the cameraman's story is another one, it seems to
>me.

>As for the alleged crash site discovered following his
>indications, as transmitted by Ray Santilli, thank you for
>bringing your point of view, but to me it makes the matter more
>confusing, I am afraid. Let's try to summarize the story. In the
>book "Beyond Roswell", Michael Hesemann tells of his search of
>the site, together with Ted Loman and Wendelle Stevens, helped
>by an alleged agent from DNA. Then he cites your letter in which
>you say that, "with directions provided by Bob Shell, (Michael
>Hesemann) and Ted Loman", you were able to "locate the crash
>site with little difficulty". When reading that, I assumed that
>you were refering to the same location. But now you think that
>it was probably not the "right" site, meaning the site described
>by the cameraman. Is that your opinion ?

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to coordinate my trip to Socorro at the same time as any of the others. It's been a number of years since I was there and I'm going from memory here, but I don't think that anyone found a site that would exactly match the cameraman's description of the trip. He spoke of rough roads, going under a train trestle, and it took about 45 minutes to an hour after they left Socorro (all of this is from memory, so don't shoot me). When I first arrived in Socorro, I met with an individual at New Mexico Tech who had helped Bob Shell locate a site that they found interesting. It included a large rock wall with a huge section of it torn out by some "event", and was located in what appears to be a dry lake (or stream) bed. This area was popular with local rock climbers, who used these rock faces for practice. As a result, there were chalk marks on the rock face and a lot of tire tracks and footprints.

To get to this site, one travelled west out of Socorro, on the road toward Magdalena, and about a mile or so out of town you took a left onto a gravel road that went up over a small rise and then to the left you could see this very unusual section of rock wall with a large depression in it. This was the site that the spokesman at NMT had mentioned, and was confirmed when I sent pictures to Bob Shell later. However, there had never been any train tracks between the town and this location and it was only about ten minutes from the city limits, so it didn't fit the description of the trip given by the cameraman in his statement. I didn't travel further down the gravel road, since my vehicle wasn't really designed for off road use, but Bob indicated that there were some interesting concrete objects near the mine that the road led to, and the mine itself was sealed tight. I checked with the records at NMT and the mine was actually closed down in the 1947-49 time frame, but while an

interesting mystery to add to the mix, it didn't really relate to the AA 'film' per se.

The problem with this location is that it's too close to Socorro and the only train trestle is a rotting trestle that runs between Socorro and Magdalena which has been used to carry silver ore to Socorro from the mine sites. Those mines were also closed down in the late 40's. I should mention that the mine near the alleged crash site was not a silver mine and not owned by the same company as the Magdalena mines.

>>This being said, I've had a couple of messages from Bob Shell in >>the last couple of years regarding the site that you've >>identified, and he doesn't believe that its correct. Bob spent a >>number of weeks going through that part of New Mexico, along >>with ufologists from Arizona. I believe he also thinks that he's >>located the crash site, but without more provenance for the >>cameraman's images it really doesn't mean anything. Ray Santilli >>has ruined his own story through his actions, whether they were >>unavoidable or not.

>You say that Bob Shell now thinks that he has found >another site. Do you agree with him, and his new site? >Do you know where it is?

I haven't pursued it any further. Bob did more research into the identity of the cameraman and believes he identified someone as such. However, that person (who lived in the Florida, I believe) died several years ago. As Ed noted, Bob has dropped out of this mystery and is into other pursuits unrelated to UFOs. I didn't question him on the alleged location that he'd found, since he couldn't prove anything anyway, and have no opinion on whether it might be the actual site or not.

>If this is the case, there are now three sites in competition, >near Socorro: the one found by Hesemann and Loman, the one found >by Ed Gehrman, and the one found by Bob Shell! Do you agree that >this is the situation?

This is something like the search for the second Roswell crash site. I would agree that this is the situation, and only know that no one has managed to prove that their site is the "true" site.

I will add that Philip Mantle and Tim Mathews are still investigating the AA 'film' to a limited degree. Philip indicated articles are being written on their latest findings, and I think some of them won't support some of the conclusions reached in Beyond Roswell.

Steve

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Secrecy News -- 11/05/03

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** REPORTERS COMMITTEE ON THE "SECRET" SUPREME COURT CASE
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** NEW CRS REPORTS
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DECLASSIFICATION AND CHINESE NUCLEAR FORCES

The subjective, often arbitrary character of national security classification policy can be clearly discerned from the handling of two Freedom of Information Act requests for a 1984 Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) estimate concerning Chinese nuclear weapons systems.

Last month, the DIA released a declassified version of its 1984 China estimate to Hans M. Kristensen, a consultant with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Nuclear Program. See a copy here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/china/nuke/dial984.pdf>

A few years ago, however, the National Security Archive had requested the very same document which it published here in declassified form:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB19/09-01.htm>

To Mr. Kristensen's surprise, he found significant differences between the two versions of the document. "The new release reclassifies seven entire paragraphs" that were previously disclosed, he noted, as well as a few other brief passages.

At the same time, "notwithstanding these excessive and unnecessary withholdings, the new version also declassifies previously withheld information" such as an estimate of the 1984 inventory of Chinese nuclear weapons.

Mr. Kristensen said he plans to appeal the denial of the requested material on grounds that much of it has previously been declassified and released under proper authority.

Current information on Chinese nuclear forces may be found in the NRDC Nuclear Notebook in the November/December 2003 issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists:

<http://www.thebulletin.org/issues/nukenotes/nd03nukenote.html>

The same issue of the Bulletin also features a remarkable article on the "many ways U.S. government agencies thwart the Freedom of Information Act" by Jeffrey T. Richelson of the National Security Archive (not online).

REPORTERS COMMITTEE ON THE "SECRET" SUPREME COURT CASE

The Supreme Court yesterday directed the government to respond to a petition from a "Middle Eastern man" identified only as M.K.B. who is seeking review of the extraordinary secrecy surrounding his case (SN, 11/04/03).

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press had filed an amicus brief on November 3 urging the Court to intervene in the matter.

"This case is perhaps the most egregious recent example of an alarming trend toward excessive secrecy in the federal courts, particularly in cases that bear even a tangential connection to the events of Sept. 11, 2001," the Reporters Committee brief stated. See a copy here:

<http://www.rcfp.org/news/documents/20031103-mkbvwarden.pdf>

"M.K.B." is none other than South Florida resident Mohamed K. Bellahouel, reported Dan Christensen of the Miami Daily Business Review, who has provided the most in-depth media coverage of this unusual case beginning last March.

His latest story, "Plea for Openness," November 5, appears here:

<http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1067350987786>

MEXICO AND GUATEMALA

Mexico's ambivalent posture toward the violent conflict in neighboring Guatemala that extended over three decades is documented and analyzed by Kate Doyle of the National Security Archive based on newly declassified documents.

See "Mexico's Southern Front: Guatemala and the Search for Security," November 2:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB100/index.htm>

NEW CRS REPORTS

Thanks to the U.S. State Department, but no thanks to the U.S. Congress, several new reports of the Congressional Research Service have lately entered the public domain.

New CRS reports of note include:

"Computer Attack and Cyber Terrorism: Vulnerabilities and Policy Issues for Congress," by Clay Wilson, October 17:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32114.pdf>

"Africa's Great Lakes Region: Current Conditions in Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda," by Ted Dagne and Maureen Farrell, October 28:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL32128.pdf>

"Islamic Religious Schools, Madrasas: Background," by Febe Armanios, October 29:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21654.pdf>

CONGRESS BOTCHES PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRS

What was Congress thinking when it moved to terminate public access to a database of Congressional Research Services reports? Apparently, it thought it was doing Members a favor.

Under the new policy, Members will be able to select the particular CRS reports they wish to offer on their web sites and to provide links to those specific reports, which will be automatically updated.

This arrangement "maintains the direct relationship between Members and their constituents by enabling Members to learn

directly of constituent concerns, and by providing constituents with information that Members personally deem useful," according to a September 10 letter from the House Committee on House Administration.

"This modified approach also preserves the principle of selective dissemination and avoids legal and institutional dangers posed by wholesale publication of CRS products," the letter stated. See (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2003/11/crs091003.pdf>

But selective dissemination is a problem, not a principle. And the "legal and institutional dangers" of wholesale publication are a CRS fantasy that is refuted by the counterexample of the General Accounting Office. The GAO, another congressional agency, makes virtually all of its reports directly available to the public without adverse consequences.

Two months after the House Committee announcement, few if any congressional web sites have adopted the new "approach." Instead, members of the public are turning elsewhere for access to CRS products.

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 09:56:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:53:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:18:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 12:59:46 -0800
>>Subject: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>Fellow Listers,

>>Upon reading the below mentioned article, found here:

>><http://www.newsleader.com/news/stories/20031030/opinion/547723.html>

>>I felt compelled to write to it's author; below is a copy of the
>>e-mail I sent to him:

>Alright Mr. Warren! Another pretending and uninformed proto-
>dilettante smoked like a cheap cigar! Good Show!

>Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Dear Mr. Lehmborg & All,

Thank you! As I mentioned to a good friend and colleague, it's very difficult to maintain diplomacy when responding to writings such as that of Mr. Pfisterer, however; I do try to give the benefit of the doubt, and inform, rather than scold, as his ignorance on the subject was blatantly obvious.

Regards,

Frank Warren

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Filer's Files #45 -- 2003

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Filer's Files #45 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
November 5, 2003, Webmaster: Chuck Warren --
My website is at: <http://www.georgefiler.com/>

Sightings Continue Worldwide The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. This week's files investigate: Mars - that has ancient cyanobacteria life, New York City - sphere over the Helmsley Palace Hotel, Pennsylvania - craft took control of my auto, West Virginia - flying rectangle, Florida - an iridescent boomerang, Alabama - hovering metallic UFO, Ohio -cluster of lights, Wisconsin - maneuvering lights, Illinois -Flying disk, Minnesota -strange cloud and flying triangle, Texas - metallic sphere seen by many, Idaho - oval shaped UFO, New Mexico -very unusual atmospheric entry of unknown craft, Nevada -disk with evenly spaced lights, California -black flat object with circular base with top and Oregon's flying triangles. Overseas reports are from Canada - triangle cluster of lights, Alaska -red flying dot, Norway- three floating lights, Netherlands -high speed bright UFO, Iraq - object tracked and annotated by Air Operations Center, South Africa-round sphere, Singapore -four circling oval lights, Australia -red lights split, and in New Zealand - a huge disc buzzes house.

LARGEST SOLAR FLARE EVER RECORDED

A major solar eruption on November 4, 2003, at 12:40 PM (MDT) flung a cloud of expanding, hot gas into space. It was the largest solar flare every recorded. Fortunately, for Earth it came from region 486 that is the furthest portion of the Sun's western limb, thus minimizing the effects to Earth. "This solar flare was the largest I have ever seen" said Dr. Ernest Hildner, director of the NOAA/NASA Space Weather Center. The solar flares are expected to cause satellite communication problems and weather changes. See <http://www.live365.com/stations/earthchanges?site=earthchanges>

MARS - HAS ANCIENT CYANOBACTERIA LIFE

Dr. Serguei M. Pershin, Ph.D. an Investigator for the NASA Mars Polar Lander LIDAR experiment, Russia's first experiment on a US spacecraft claims he has discovered organic pigments on Mars relating to ancient photosynthetic organisms. ICAMSR Executive Director, Barry E. DiGregorio has written an exclusive article about his discovery in Spectroscopy Magazine. Hubble Space Telescope images of Mars show green patches each spring and key wavelengths were used in his analysis. Why is the discovery of organic pigments on Mars so important for the science of exobiology? Because it might still be there today, and perhaps that is what Dr. Gilbert V. Levin and Dr. Patricia Ann Straat found in their experiment 24 years ago with NASA's Viking Mars spacecraft. On Mars, during the Hesperian period of postulated oceans, lakes and rivers, there would have been sufficient energy input from solar radiation to support life with the characteristics of the cyanobacteria that dominate many

terrestrial and aquatic habitats on Earth, e.g. the cold deserts in Antarctica. The key to the survival of cyanobacteria are in part due to the pigments they have such as: Chlorophyll for converting solar radiation into food (photosynthesis). They can tolerate the extreme damaging effect of solar UV-B by synthesizing a variety of protecting pigments, which either screen or prevent the effect of the radiation.

There are a series of strange tunnels, possible structures and canals on Mars. NASA has provided the data, and you can decide for yourself, if Mars once had intelligent life. There is other strange phenomenon on Mars. When the data is analyzed there are surprising results. Dr. Pershin may have found porphyrins derived from chlorophyll and hopanoids that are found in cyanobacterial sedimentary deposits. These photosynthetic pigments are auto-fluorescent and all biomolecules have unique spectra which can be detected amongst other compounds within a community. Dr. Pershin has used a two-band, red/green radiance-ratio technique as a tool for detecting evidence of pigments and related compounds derived from any cyanobacteria-like organisms in sediments residual from possible former potential habitats on the surface of Mars covering a rather large area in the western Utopia Planitia region of Mars. It is well known that organic pigments and components have a visible and red part in fluorescence spectrum under the laser and solar UV-visible excitation. The question is: Are these pigments ancient or recent? Thanks to: ICAMSR Barry E. DiGregorio NEW YORK CITY - SPHERE OVER THE HELMSLEY PALACE HOTEL

MANHATTAN - The witness was on his break at work, at 10:10 AM, on October 28, 2003, and from the roof of his building saw a sphere very high up over The Helmsley Palace Hotel. It was silvery in color and did not move for at least two minutes so he called a coworker. They both watched it hover for another two minutes. It seemed to be fade in and out and began to move north very slowly and it disappeared behind a building. At 11:45 AM, I went back to the roof to look for it again, and this time two spheres merged into one in front of my eyes! It hovered around the same area as before, and moved away slowly, stopped and then once again disappeared behind a building. I went back to the roof at 12:20 PM, and did not see anything. I was about to leave when I looked straight up in the sky and saw what looked like a stretched oval shape, that reminded me of an airplane wing. It was brownish in color. It moved south at a faster speed, more like an airplane speed for 15 seconds. It then stopped and hovered for 30 seconds, then maneuvered in three very tight circles. At the last circle it disappeared behind a building. I watched until it reemerged and make another circle, only to disappear behind 5a building once again. Thanks to Peer Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/> UFOcenter

PENNSYLVANIA - CRAFT TOOK CONTROL OF MY AUTOPLAINS -- The object was low and stationary on October 14, 2003, at 7 PM. It appeared to be triangular in shape. It produced a white beam of light. There were red, white, and green flashing lights. We observed it for about 1 minute, then it disappeared suddenly without a trace. The object was completely silent as it hovered above. The weather at the time was light rain and windy, completely overcast.

INTERSTATE 80 WEST - On October 18, 2003, at 2 AM, between exits 24 and 25 on Route 80 the witness was looking up at Orion and saw the six sisters. Then suddenly there were three. The lights were getting bigger and brighter and closer. Panic started to grip me and I realized I'm seeing a UFO. There were three spheres of bluish white light that were just about the size of a dime at arm's length. The shapes were perfectly round as every abduction scenario I have ever heard raced through my head. I grabbed my mobile phone: no signal. I topped 95 MPH and my car began to shake as I tried to get close to other travelers. I glanced at the clock and it was 2 AM, and they were gone. I eased my auto around the next corner and freaked. All three balls of light were headed straight at me. This highway is split in half by some serious hills and valleys. You would have to be suicidal to drive the wrong way. However, they were at the tops of the trees ruling out a truck or car. I feared for my life. My steering wheel suddenly started twisting left and right, swerving me all over the road. I gripped it so tightly trying to keep control that I put a blood blister on my right thumb. The lights seemed to be controlling my auto and I was in absolute terror. I let my steering wheel go. They were more powerful than

me. I resigned myself to probing and let go of the wheel. The moment I let go, my car straightened out and the lights surrounded me. There was one on the front bumper and one on each side. They guided my auto and sent beams into my auto, attempting communication, and then they shot up into the stars and were gone. When I looked back at the clock it was saying about 2:15 am. It seemed much longer. I studied the one by my door that was perfectly spherical about two meters in diameter, made of a metal seamed in an intricate lattice. They all seemed to be identical. I felt vibrations like an electric shaver pulsing through me. I saw ripples of heat pulsing up and some sort of energy field that pulled my auto through the air and now was holding it. Between each sphere and my auto was this ripple, maybe some magnetic field that allowed them to control my auto. There was no sound, my engine had stopped and the power to my dashboard dimmed, all the lights just barely faded out. The spheres changed color from the white blue of twinkling stars to a dim silvery blue. The sphere in front changed to a pale washed out sea foam green. Then as if an aperture had opened, a beam of that same pale green light shot out through my engine to me. It felt as if someone had struck me with a bat. The sphere on the passenger side shot a beam through the door at the same level in the same green. It was very short and painless. When the beam stopped the sphere changed to the sea foam green. I turned and looked out my window to see the last sphere change to a deep sapphire blue. My auto was somehow in the air from the moment I let go of the wheel. It was some kind of force/magnetic beam.

I felt a slight bump as we touched down and the green spheres changed to a pulsing red and shot up into the sky. The blue sphere was still at my side. I could see the entire sphere with intricate lattice seemed to glow in a deep purple. The sphere was about eye level with me as if trying to stare me down. A bright light blinded me and I could feel its warmth and an electric like razor vibration. I was paralyzed with fear, and could hear a mechanical voice. That said, "Sorry for your loss, it is our loss as well." It turned red and shot into the sky then joined by the other two and they blinked out of sight in less than a second. When I say joined I mean as a group not into one unit. My auto started and it was now 2:15 AM. NUFORC Note: We are uncertain this is a serious report. It seems a bit "theatrical" to us. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

WEST VIRGINIA -FLYING RECTANGLE BECKLEY - Two friends were driving down S. Kanawha Street about 8:45 PM, on October 21, 2003, when they saw a huge glowing fluorescent green flash shooting down from the sky with a glow around it. There was a slight arch trailing behind it and then it suddenly shot straight down over the mountain. There was total silence. I thought some kids were on the golf course doing some unusual fire works that lit up the sky. I talked to a friend of mine later who said, He told me, "I saw the strangest a few minute5s ago..." His description was the same as mine. ((NUFORC Note: One of several reports of the same object. PD)) [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

FLORIDA - AN IRIDESCENT BOOMERANG MIAMI -- At 7:49 PM, a couple and their son were outside looking at the stars and how beautiful the sky was at 3 AM, on October 29, 2003. The husband saw a boomerang shaped shadow in the western sky moving south that had an iridescent glow that disappeared. After about five minutes, they saw the boomerang shaped object flying, but with orange lights. It was again in the western sky moving south quickly. There was an airplane moving east, and we thought there would be a collision, but all of a sudden the bo5omerang hovered and then disappeared. This was not a regular airplane. <http://www.ufocenter.com/> UFOcenter

ALABAMA - HOVERING METALLIC UFOCHEROKEE -- Enroute from Sheffield to Cherokee, around sunset at about 7:15 PM, a couple saw something strange in the sky on October 18, 2003. They pulled off the highway and got out to watch it hovering about 500 feet away on the other side of the highway. The object had no lights, and made no sound, but it reflected the sunset with a pinkish color. They thought the object was metallic and then it just vanished. It didn't fly away it just disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

OHIO -CLUSTER OF LIGHTSSAGAMORE HILLS -- At about 7:10 PM on October 30, 2003, a family was talking with some friends when

they saw about 8-10 bright lights in the sky. At first we thought they were helicopters, but then the lights started zigzagging and getting brighter. Every few seconds the color would change to red and white so the witness grabbed his camcorder and was filming. All of a sudden, the sky around the lights turned bright red for about five minutes, then it was over. I have the whole thing on tape.

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

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter continues to videotape UFOs behind his home and over a neighbor's farm. A spectacular Manta Ray like craft was captured flying at an estimated 2000 mph. Frames 1 and 2 can be seen at my website in these Weekly Files,

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

WISCONSIN - MANEUVERING LIGHTS

STEVENS POINT - Vincent R. reports, "I was traveling from the Mobil Gas Station on Highway 10 going east on October 26, 2003, when I observed a circular yellow-orange-red flashing light looking out my windshield on the left side of my truck at 6:30 PM." I watched the object fly above the tree line straight east of Wal Mart and disappear. Thanks to <http://www.ufowisconsin.com/>

HALFMOON LAKE - About 7:30 PM, I was night fishing off the shore of Halfmoon Lake and October 26, 2003, when the red and blue strobe lights were suddenly flying across the lake. They moved in random directions and speeds within two miles of me. At one point it changed to more like an orange/white sphere moving in my direction and back, strobing red & blue again very close to the tree line moving very erratically. Then it went down below the tree line, but not near the airport, after five minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

ILLINOIS - FLYING DISKCHICAGO -The witness just got off the phone with her husband on October 20, 2003, at 4:45 PM, who advised her to get out of the house, because it was a beautiful 84 degrees. Going out, she saw a disk-like object gliding slowly eastward toward Lake Michigan. It looked like a black balloon but it looked too big to be so high in the sky. Then it turned and I could see that it was not a balloon, but flat like a disk but not completely flat...and shiny with a kind of orange/gold circular shape in the middle. It kept flipping, over and over. It wasn't moving fast, just kind of gliding and I lost sight of it. <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

IDAHO - OVAL SHAPED UFOPOCATELLO -On October 13, 2003, a disc shaped object was seen at 10 to 15 thousand feet high at 11:50 PM. It first looked like an airplane, but the object turned or rolled, at this time it looked long shaped or cigar shaped, then it rolled to the right showing an oval shape, silver in color. The sun caught it just right and it reflected the sunlight. It then flew upward and within a second or two faded out. It vanished into thin air. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

MINNESOTA -STRANGE CLOUD AND FLYING TRIANGLE West Central -A couple was relaxing on October 3, 2003, when they noticed the sky turning a strange pink, so the husband got his camera and began to take pictures. A strange vertical cloud started near the bottom of a hill and seemed to be walking up the hill. It seemed to be 'body-like' in form and emitted some kind of 'Mental energy.' There was an unusual line left in the sky. The 'walking cloud' moved over the rise, and then zoomed off to the west. The sky returns to normal color. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research <http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>

COTTAGE GROVE -At 6:34 AM, on his way home from work early Sunday morning October 19, 2003, the witness noticed bright lights just above the trees. He realized they were too high to be attached to the ground. The object was hovering slowly and very low. When I reached my driveway and turned my engine off I could hear a low hum that was right above my backyard. There was a big black triangle with three lights that slowly traveled north. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]UFOcenter

TEXAS - METALLIC SPHERE SEEN BY MANY

LAREDO -- We had just finished playing a soccer match and we were laying on the grass on October 19, 2003. One team player sighted a metallic sphere up high in the sky at 12:30 PM. It was just hovering at a very low speed, moving in a southerly direction towards Mexico. Even though it was bright and sunny, we could see how it changed color several times. It went from a silver metallic color to a bright white back to metallic. It moved very slow for about 25 minutes until suddenly it just moved at a very fast speed in a straight southerly direction and vanished. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]UFOcenter

NEW MEXICO - UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY OF UNKNOWN

PINOS ALTOS -A high speed UFO was spotted on October 16, 2003, at 8:17 PM, flying a heading of 115 degrees straight to Restricted Area R-107A, at White Sands, N.M. A blue UFO with white borders, was first observed crossing part of the sky that changed color to a dark orange/red streak that broke up the farther east it flew. The width of the streak was about as wide as a pencil eraser held at arm's length. At the end of the visible streak, the object went invisible! The same exact sighting was seen the next night, ten minutes later at 8:26 PM. The observer stated, "I have seen many entries into the atmosphere by various different craft, but this is completely unlike anything I have seen before!" Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]UFOcenterNEVADA -DISK WITH EVENLY SPACED LIGHTS

LAS VEGAS -BJ writes, "On November 1, 2003, about 7:45 PM, I spotted something that I thought was a hotel that was decorated for Halloween." But I realized there were no hotels in the area, near Nellis Air Force Base on the west side of Sunrise Mountain. "The object was a round shape with evenly spaced lights around the bottom half, and above them was a brighter light." All of a sudden it moved, and it was just not there. I reported it to metro and they just told me to forget it. I'm a mature woman of good standing, and know what I saw, but I could not get them to understand. "It looked like a round saucer shape, with two sets of lights, and the one on top was very bright," she reports. Thanks to leanybj@hotmail.com

CALIFORNIA -BLACK FLAT OBJECT WITH CIRCULAR BASE

HAYWARD -- On October 16, 2003, around 5:34 PM, the witness was leaving work and saw a black object in the sky that at first glance was a hawk. A couple of minutes later, it was still in the same position. My office is located in the middle of an industrial park, and the object was just hovering as the sun set. I tried to determine its shape by the reflection of sunlight, but because it was all black, I could not see any reflection. The base was somewhat circular and flat, but the top was a bit strange looking. The object did not have any wings or tail. When the bus came I could still see the object in the sky in the same position, so I decided to call my co-worker who was still at work to go outside. She came back to the phone and told me she also saw a black object in the sky but it was not moving. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>]UFOcenter

OREGON -TWO NOISELESS FLYING TRIANGLES SCAPPOOSE -- At 11 PM, on October 30, 2003, the witness saw two fast moving noiseless flying triangles passing over their town. Both craft were much faster than a small prop plane low or a jet plane high, but much slower than a meteor. A similar sighting was reported last week. Both craft were hard to track, because again it appeared that the 'lights' on the craft were more reflective than self-luminous. The first craft was traveling from NW to SE towards Portland. The second craft was seen about 1 minute later traveling from SW to NE. Both were seen as they traveled away from us. The first craft had a 'light' at the front and 4 or 5 on each of the swept sides, but the trailing edge, if it was there, was completely dark. The second craft had only three lights, one at the front, 5the others at the trailing tips. The shape was determined by the placement of the lights only. They could have been triangular or chevron shaped.

We both find it quite odd that with as much time as we spend outdoors at night, we have had 3 sightings within a week, yet none for the previous 8 years here. My dad, who is an published astronomer and recently gave a talk on Mars at Princeton, told me a few days ago that he saw an identical object in 1956 in Pennsylvania. He saw the same, quiet triangular craft moving

noiselessly at extreme speed with a pale light at each tip. He says it was translucent and observed stars through it. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

CANADA -TRIANGLE CLUSTER OF LIGHTS YUKON -- While packing out on a sheep hunt in the Yukon Territory at 3 AM my guide and I saw a cluster of lights moving across the sky, 20 degrees above the horizon on October 21, 2003. I told him, here comes a airplane. He said "That is odd" because we were in the upper part of the Yukon near Mount McDonald and you do not see many airplanes. Suddenly the cluster of light stopped dead about 3 miles away. Then, it started darting around, up and down, then sideways. Then stopped again. We watched it for about five minutes, then it darted around again, then stopped and held steady. The lights were red, blue and white. Through my rifle scope it was a triangle of 12 lights all of equal brightness. As we5 walked on we could see it for about thirty minutes.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN -- On Saturday, October 25, 2003, a deer hunter walked out of a farmer's field located 25 kilometers east of Regina and was waiting for a ride at 7:00 PM, when he noticed a light suddenly appear. It was heavily overcast with clouds down to about 300 - 400 meters and the light just winked on. It was orange-yellow and was the same brightness as Mars. The light slowly started to move north and would accelerate and slow down. It traveled about 20 degrees north before it came to a dead stop and reversed direction. It moved in the same odd accelerating/slowing down motion as it flew back south. Several farm dogs were barking frantically, as well as cattle "screaming" and coyotes howling frantically as well. This light made this traverse several times and I never heard any noise. I had the odd sensation that it was looking for something. At 7:10 AM, it moved back to the same place were it appeared and faded out. The animals stopped making noise as the light faded out. I called the Regina airport, but they had no information. Thanks to Brian Vike [<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/home.html>] CANADA HBCCALASKA -RED FLYING DOT

ANCHORAGE -A group of students at the Hanshew Middle School bus stop saw a red light moving across the sky on October 22, 2003, at 7 AM. One girl among the six people at the bus stop said, "There it is." The witness says, "I looked up and saw a red dot moving and then it started gaining altitude very rapidly and stopped and started moving to the left. Then, I saw another red dot moving towards it. When the first light disappeared, so did the second. My friends and I saw a red light that flew straight up very fast and disappeared. No plane can climb that fast." Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

NORWAY- THREE FLOATING LIGHTS

ASKER -- It was a dark, starry morning on October 22, 2003, at 6:30 AM, when a 60 year old woman observer looked up and saw three lights floating up in the sky, some 100 meters above her. It was totally soundless and flying south. The lights were soft, but distinct. The space between the lights was firm. There is no air traffic in the area. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

UK/ENGLAND --A FAST RED LIGHT SHOT ACROSS THE SKY VALE, GUERNSEY

The witness was looking at the night sky on October 26, 2003, at 11:05 PM, from his mates car when a red light shot across the sky leaving a vapor trail. It looked like a fighter plane, but also like a meteor, and was traveling straight from the east. It was traveling at least mach speed or probably more judging by looking at the normal jets in the sky. Other jets can't compare in terms of speed! It flew across the sky in two seconds. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

NETHERLANDS -HIGH SPEED BRIGHT UFODRIEBERGEN -

A 40 year old resident from Utrecht, on Thursday night October 16, 2003, at 8:45 PM saw a huge, bright, coherent light in the crystal-clear sky. The white light appeared between the height airliners usually fly and satellites, according to the witness. It moved extremely fast in a straight line into space and disappeared. "I never witnessed such a high speed in all my life," said the witness. No sound was heard. Thanks to Toine Trust Site [<http://www.ufoplaza.nl/>] www.UFOPlaza.nl

IRAQ OBJECT TRACKED BY AIR OPS CENTER BAGHDAD -- On October 17,

2003, An unidentified flying object was tracked by radars in use by the Coalition Forces at the Air Operations Center in Qatar. There was no visible observation of any UFOs. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

SOUTH AFRICA -ROUND SPHERE CAPE TOWN -The observer was standing in the office driveway and looked towards Table Mountain and saw a round sphere that looked like a weather balloon. It was quite low flying below the tip of the mountain peak and speeding along in a horizontal path on October 17, 2003, at 4:54 PM. It flew in a horizontal line and started to accelerate at an awesome speed and we were unable to follow as it disappeared. A very eerie feeling came over us after realizing that it was no weather balloon. [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

SINGAPORE -FOUR CIRCLING OVAL LIGHTSA UFO report was shown on Singapore television news on October 30, 2003. Many Singaporeans had noticed the UFO and reported it to the television hotline. According to the news, they contacted Singapore aviation authority but received no explanation. Basically, there were four oval lights circling and merging and then circling again. A similar craft was seen the week before.

AUSTRALIA - STROBE LIGHTS SPLIT AND FLY OFF PERTH -Four witnesses in a shopping center in Nollamarr saw a low flying jet pass by noisily heading north at low altitude on October 24, 2003, at 7:15 PM. The witnesses noticed two red strobe lights in the distance also coming from the south, like the jet had. The strobes were alternating on and off and they disappeared as if they had gone behind a cloud. However, the night was cloudless. They then reappeared to the east, still bearing north. The lights were much brighter than stars, but there were only the two red strobes, no green lights. As they came closer to our position they showed themselves to be very bright. They passed by us with no sound, behaving as if they were a part of the same craft. They appeared to bank slightly and drifted apart slowly as they flew northeast and northwest respectively. The sighting took five minutes. Thanks to Stuart Durkin Television and Video Producer Winter Creek Media PH: 9344 8806 MOB: 0409 376 728 [<http://www.wintercreek.com.au/>] www.wintercreek.com.au

NEW ZEALAND -HUGE DISC BUZZES HOUSEMOSGIEL -- Lee Blackmore writes, "My first unexplained sighting happened in a small town in South Island called Mosgiel in 1978, when I was 14 years old. It was about 8:15 PM, sometime in October, and very warm and I was making my mother a cup of tea. At first I heard a rumbling sound similar to thunder, and as the rumbling got closer the windows started to shake. The lights in the house were flickering on and off and the TV reception was going haywire. I was looking up at the sky above the trees when they were bent over as if pulled to the ground by their tops. A huge shadow was coming over the house, and the thunder like sound had changed to a low whoop whoop. As the shadow grew larger and larger you could see faint grayish colored lights. The shadow was now a definite shape, out lined by the grey lights. A huge disc was only about 30 meters above the house (probably higher but it sure was close and very large). It filled up the sky. The trees were still doing their dance. Swinging back and forth like crazy. As the disc passed over the house, three very bright lights were visible from the back. One red, one green and one yellow. Octagon in shape and looked like honeycomb. The sound seemed overwhelmingly loud, but in reality it wasn't. The sound felt like it was in my head not in the room. Very disorientating. The disc then speed off south at an alarming rate, towards Dunedin, over Saddle Hill. The lights in the house had stopped flickering and the trees were calm again. I am not sure at what point the sound stopped. Overall this experience took only two minutes. Over the next week there were reports in the paper and on the radio. Reports as far south as Tairāwhiti (60 km away). I had the chills all through this experience and also now, writing about it." Thanks to Lee Blackmore [<mailto:lablackmore@optusnet.com.au>] lablackmore@optusnet.com.au

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Carol White writes: "I have had allergies, joint pain and respiratory problems that seem related to air pollution, chemtrails, grass or trees. I start sneezing, coughing, and my eyes and my nose runs. I've spent a fortune trying to get relief, but your Isotonix [<http://www.filer.isotonix.com/>]OPC-3 is the only product that has cleared my problems. The cost of a dollar a day for was well worth it!" [<http://www.filer.isotonix.com/>]<http://www.filer.Isotonix.com/> [<http://www.filer.isotonix.com/>]OPC-3

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Stalked By A UFO & Visitations

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Stalked By A Unidentified Flying Object on Highway #16 In
British Columbia, Canada.

The original report below, sighting in Houston, British Columbia
came from Mr. Peter Davenport at the NUFORC:

(<http://www.ufocenter.com/>)

as he thought I would be interested in looking into the case due
to it being in the area where I live. HBCC UFO called the lady
who filed the report to Peter and I had a long conversation with
her. I did not realize just how much more there was to the
case. Also the lady who I named Connie in this report will
writing up a full version of all events that have taken place
over the years.

I would like to express my many thanks to Peter Davenport for
passing along this case to me for follow-up and to the kind lady
for taking the time to have a wonderful conversation with me.

Houston, British Columbia

Date: August 8, 1998
Time: 2:00 a.m.

It was 2:00 a.m. and I was headed East on the Yellowhead
Highway, Hwy 16. I was just a few miles outside of Houston. I
had just left the little town of Smithers and I was looking for
a Fair Grounds that I had thought they had there to stay
overnight with 5 horses that I had brought out of Alaska. I had
traveled this highway lots of times and usually stayed in
Vanderhoof or Quesnel but the road had been bad coming down the
Cassiar Hwy and had slowed me down. My traveling companions
besides the 5 equines consisted of my SharPei dog (CharChar) and
1 cat (Sally). It was my traveling companions that alerted me
to something unusual in the beginning. Char started howling in
a strange way and was looking out the rear window. I could see
a strange white glow on her when I turned around. At first this
registered as light coming off my front running lights on the
horse trailer, the problem being they are orange, not white.
Still did not register with me that there was anything unusual
yet. Then Sally, the cat, started making strange noises I never
had heard before and she actually jumped up on the seat in front
with me then jumped back to the back and went under the seat.
Her hackles were up at the time.

Meanwhile, Char is running from the back rear window to me and
whining and her hackles are up. I was at this point starting to
get spooked. I had slowed down considerably looking for the
Fair Grounds and had been leaning forward on the steering wheel
(there was some ground fog in the valleys there too). It was at
this time that I realized the truck was glowing with a white
light and the ground around me also was. It was like I was in a
big spotlight with one of those new blue-white headlights they
have out now.

I leaned forward and looked up and realized that there was
something over me. It was as larger than a large full moon in

size in the sky and was a glowing green color with this large white light in the middle. Like a stupid idiot I really slowed down and rolled my window down and listened. I heard no engines.

At this point I am trying to justify this with a meteor, crashing plane, helicopter, anything but imagining that I could be the perfect "UFO medical experiment on wheels, 5 equine, 1 feline, 1 canine and 1 hominid." This my daughter later reminded me of and we had a good laugh, however I failed to see the humor in it at the time it was happening. I don't think I directly thought of this however I know it had to be in my mind.

The object suddenly removed the light from me and then sped forward. I was at this point going up a hill and it appeared to be going to the top of the hill to land. It was at this point I actually saw 3 points of light that were red or orange on the edge. I thought they might have been engine exhaust or after burners. It was a little unclear with the fog I was going in and out of. This was not a heavy fog, more like a mist. It hesitated at the crest of the hill then suddenly made a sharp turn and headed due North from me. It was at this point that I realized that I had come to a complete stop in the Highway.

Myself and Char were just staring at this thing. I can't tell you what was running through her mind but I can tell you I was now scared.

It went through this mist and went right up and over a small mountain there. I could see the glow of light from beyond the mountain like it had landed. I got going again quite quickly and stopped in the next town to call my husband. He is in the USAF and while I am relating all this to him it was at this time I realized that the entire Convenience Store was now quiet. Everyone in there was listening to me! One of the customers in there told me that there had been sightings in the area all Summer! Well I ask if there was a RCMP close at hand because I still thought that maybe I should report it.

The clerk in the store he did not think the office for just reporting would be open at this time so I just determined I would call later. There were 2 logging truck drivers there that said that I could park between them if I was still scared since they would be there until 6:00 when the mill opened. This is exactly what I did.

The next morning I started off again headed for Arlington, Washington. Somewhere before Prince George I spied a RCMP on the side of the road running radar and it was a woman.

I thought this would be the chance to talk to someone so I parked on the side of the road and approached her vehicle. I had made sure that I had picked up one of my Business Cards first. (I run a horse transport business so I do a lot of traveling at night. It is easier on the horses especially in the Summer. I also had lived 17 years in Alaska so I knew this Hwy and this was a first for me on it.)

When I came up the first thing out of mouth was that here was my business card, that I did not do drugs nor rarely drank and certainly had been doing neither the previous night. She listened to my tale then handed the card back to me and kind of chuckled. Without saying anything to me she got on the radio back to Houston, BC, Canada and told them I would be calling in a report. I interrupted her to ask if it would be a problem if I called once I got to a land line in Washington and she said yes. Well this went better than I had expected. I really thought that she might have been calling out the "paddy wagon" with the straight jackets for me. It was at this time after speaking on the radio she got out of the car and looked at me straight on. She then proceeded to tell me she believed me and did not think that I was a "NUT" since if I was a nut seeing things at night then they had 2 RCMP's that were the same and were seeing things in broad daylight. She said that a craft had been sited in the same area just a few days before.

I proceeded on feeling much better actually. When I got to Arlington, Washington at a motel I called the desk at the RCMP's at Houston and gave them a full report.

Visitations By Little People

The story is real but the names in this report below are fictitious for obvious reasons.

Connie Driver of the vehicle who had the amazing encounter in Houston, British Columbia.

I telephoned the witness as I had a number of question I wanted to ask her. She lives with her husband on their ranch in North Carolina. The lady was such a pleasant person to talk with, also owns her own business and has degrees in anthropology and archaeology from the University of Houston, Texas. As far as I am concerned she is a very credible witness who gave a number of details in her report that only residents in my area would know about.

As we chatted about what took place that early morning, she went on to tell me about some other frightening experiences which has followed her throughout her life. The sad part to the story is that not only is she being effected, but members of her family and now her young grandchild as well. When I hear about children being involved with such events it saddens me. It is bad enough for adults to deal with the strange happenings, but to know that children are having visitations, etc.. it really does break my heart.

The lady went on to say that her daughter was joking with her about her being a rolling medical experiment on wheels, as she was carrying her pets, horses and of course herself. When her daughter said this, Connie didn't find it very amusing due to what has, and still is, going on in her family.

Connie told me she has had some other troubling times in her family. Her son had an experience and Connie as well. Connie said she called them her little people. She told me she had many dreams, not so much vivid ones, but dreams. But she was very upset when her son, then three years old and when all of them were living in Alaska. It got so bad that she took her son to a psychologist thinking a three year old couldn't make up such a story if something wasn't taking place. Connie not knowing at the time when she made the appointment for her son that the psychologist was a child specialist. The psychologist said to Connie that her son kept talking about this "thing" over and over while they were in the psychologist office. The lady psychologist told Connie you would not believe how many children come through her office telling a similar story, of these unusual experiences. Connie mentioned to the psychologist that even when she was a child, and now an adult she still has her dreams about her visitors or little people. Connie told me that her husband doesn't even want to hear about any of the experiences anymore, mainly due to not being able to do anything about them (a feeling of helplessness). But it wasn't until the summer of 1987 when Connie and all of her children went to Barnes and Noble book store in Austin Texas to pick up a book she was interested in reading. While looking around the book store, her young son asked his mother if he could go and look at some of the children's books. Connie said yes, but told him that he was not to wander off and stay where she was able to keep him in her sight. As the youngster made his way to the children's book section he went around a corner, or a different book section which displayed other book topics. All of a sudden all of the shoppers in the book store could hear a young child yell out, "here's my monster Mom"!

Connie's son came running back to her with a book in his hand, again yelling out, "here's my monster Mom". What the little boy was holding in his hands was a copy of Mr. Whitley Srieber's book, Communion. On the front cover of the book was this young boys monster, a being with large dark almond shape eyes. Connie told me after her son gave out the loud yell you could have heard a pin drop in the book store as everyone was looking in their direction. Connie took the book from her son, went through the check out and paid for the copy. She wanted to have an idea of what was frightening her child. It wasn't until she got home and later that evening when laying in bed reading a book she had already started did she realize the book in her hands was another one by Whitley Srieber. She had not put two and two together and was rather surprised.

Connie went on to say that now her six year old granddaughter is going through the same things as her son had. Judy tells her Mother and Grandmother that there are little old men who visit me in the night. More information will be coming on how the

little girl is doing.

Connie told me when she was a little girl she was terrified of the dark and insisted on having the lights on when she was sleeping, and she told me it is still like this today. Also she doesn't sleep very well.

Connie also discussed some other bizarre things that happened to her over the years of these visitations. One time while still living in Alaska she had a frightful nightmare, woke up the next morning with a burn mark on her tailbone. This burned circle on her back stayed with her for approximately two weeks and she did seek medical help over it. Connie also told me that she has had bad nose bleeds since she was a child, and the same with her son. On one of Connie's trips this last year something extraordinary took place. She was having excruciating headaches and had nightmares before she had left home, matter of fact she woke up the night before she left on her trip and saw beings standing in the doorway. Her nose bleeds became very severe and her husband said we are going to have to take you in to see a doctor when you come back off the road trip.

Connie at this time was transporting horses and was calling her husband on the telephone. On one call she made to her husband at a stop over at a motel, Connie said that her nose was very stuffed up, bad pain above her eye and was taking aspirin for the pain. She said she was continually blowing her nose and getting more blood from her nostril the more she blew until her left nostril was completely stuffed up and no air could pass through it. Finally still trying to clear her sinuses she blew into a tissue a couple more times when something broke free. To her surprise in her tissue was a piece of material approx: one half inch long, one quarter inch wide and had the strangest little nodules on the material. Connie said the debris felt like bone and was pinkish in color. Seeing she was frightened, on her own and upset, Connie flushed the material down the toilet at the motel. Ever since that day she discarded this bit of material, she has had no more problems.

A sad part to this story is that Connie had to help with her grandmother. At the time the doctors thought Connie's grandmother was mentally ill and wanted to have her committed. This was due to her seeing things at her home during the nights. She also walked around with a flashlight all night long Connie told me. As we know with the abduction experience it seems to run through the families, sometimes starting with the grandparents to their children, to their children and on and on it can go. So was Connie's grandmother having visitations? Even after Connie's grandmother had passed away and the house was bought by another family member, strange happenings still go on to this day in that home.

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Robert Guenette of 'Monsters! Mysteries Or Myths?'

From: Louise A. Lowry <ShnSassy1@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 12:59:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 15:47:10 -0500
Subject: Robert Guenette of 'Monsters! Mysteries Or Myths?'

Robert Guenette, 68; Developed Newsreel Style for History Films

November 5, 2003
LA Times

By Dennis McLellan, Times Staff Writer

Robert Guenette, an Emmy Award-winning documentarian who pioneered depicting great events in history as if they had been filmed by modern newsreel cameras with productions such as "They've Killed President Lincoln" and "The Crucifixion of Jesus," has died. He was 68.

Guenette, co-founder of the International Documentary Assn. and the Los Angeles Media & Education Center, died of brain cancer Friday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

During his 50-year career as an editor, writer, director and producer, Guenette made hundreds of hours of documentaries that have appeared on the three major networks, PBS, HBO, Showtime and in syndication.

He won two New York-area Emmy Awards for writing and producing "Faulkner's Mississippi," a 1965 documentary narrated by Montgomery Clift. He produced "Monsters! Mysteries or Myths?" a 1974 investigation into the existence of the Loch Ness monster, the Abominable Snowman and Bigfoot.

Narrated by Rod Serling, the show remains the highest-rated documentary in television history. He produced "Victory at Entebbe!" a star-studded 1976 dramatization of the daring Israeli commando raid and rescue of Jewish hostages from Arab terrorists in Uganda. It aired as a TV movie on ABC five months after the rescue and was later released theatrically outside the United States, becoming what is said to be the first full-length feature film for theatrical release that was shot on videotape.

In 1985, he produced, with Bill Graham, the first outdoor rock concert in the Soviet Union, "A Rock 'n' Roll Summit," for Showtime.

Guenette produced and co-wrote the landmark "They've Killed President Lincoln," which aired on NBC in 1971 and which earned him and co-writer Theodore H. Strauss an Emmy for outstanding achievement in cultural documentary programming.

The documentary marked the first of many that Guenette produced for David L. Wolper's production company.

Wolper told The Times this week that, after a decade of making documentaries, "we were running out of stock footage to make shows and I said, 'Why don't we make a show where there wasn't any stock footage?'

"Guenette took the idea of making a traditional documentary by presenting history as it might have been seen if cameras had been available and "brought it to fruition" with "They've Killed President Lincoln," Wolper said.

"He created a way to do it properly, and we did a whole series of those shows." Under the umbrella title "Appointment with Destiny," Wolper's company made seven one-hour documentaries that aired on CBS.

Guenette produced four of them: "The Crucifixion of Jesus," "The Plot to Murder Hitler," "Cortez and Montezuma: Conquest of an Empire" and "Peary's Race to the North Pole."

"We would not film anything unless a camera could have been there," said Wolper, adding that "we dirtied up the film so it didn't look like it was brand new. It looked like a newsreel."

When John Wilkes Booth shoots Lincoln in "They've Killed President Lincoln,"

Wolper said, it was filmed as if a newsreel crew had been standing right outside the presidential box at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. "They hear the shot, you see the camera running in, and the camera whips up and sees Booth" jumping down to the stage, he said. The camera then follows Lincoln's body as it is carried across the street and interviews are conducted with bystanders.

As a producer, Wolper said, Guenette "knew exactly what he was doing, and he didn't waste any time: He did the work, he did it terrifically, and he did it on time and on budget."

Born in Holyoke, Mass., on Jan. 12, 1935, Guenette left home at 16 and traveled by bus to New York City to become an actor. Instead, he joined what he called "the 16-millimeter explosion."

Working his way up from gofer to assistant editor, he became a film editor for the CBS TV series "Conquest" and "Omnibus." He later was director and associate producer for NBC's "White Paper" and "The DuPont Show of the Month" series.

As a network news producer for CBS in 1962, he directed and was associate producer for "Our War in Vietnam," an early look at U.S. involvement in the escalating war in Southeast Asia.

In 1994, Guenette and Robert Leeburg co-founded the nonprofit Los Angeles Media & Education Center, to help bring the diverse population of Los Angeles together through the arts.

"It was, for him, about giving back to the community," Leeburg said Tuesday.

In 2001, Guenette received the International Documentary Assn. Pioneer Award for Distinguished Lifetime Service to the Documentary Community. Guenette's wife, Frances, who served as vice president of Robert Guenette Productions, died in 1994.

In addition to Leeburg, Guenette's longtime partner and colleague, he is survived by his son, Mark D. Guenette; and his brothers and sisters, Sheila Kurtz and Gary, Terry, Bruce and Sharon Atwell.

A public celebration of Guenette's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at 1551 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles.

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Jac/Jack/Steve Lassiter/Sheridan/Solomon

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 19:12:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 15:49:47 -0500
Subject: Jac/Jack/Steve Lassiter/Sheridan/Solomon

I had intended to write an article about this character, owner of Anglia Earth Mysteries (and NOT connected in any way, shape or form with Norfolk UFO Society (NUFOS)). However, John Sayer of NUFOS appears to have beaten me to it and written an article about (?-wotsisname?) which can be read at:

<http://www.abel.net.uk/~sayer/sol.html>

It occurs to me that he may be known under more names (he seems to have more names than "Old Nick!"), so please take a close look at the photograph at John's site and see if you know him under a different name that we don't yet know about. Some of you will have met him at Rendlesham, where he spends a lot of time in his camouflaged Ford Transit van. He is also mixing with croppy, Reiki, channeling, and seemingly any form of new-age activity groups.

If anyone knows similar characters linked to UK ufology (does anyone know if Armen Victorian/Henry Azadehdel is still active?), or has more information about (?wotisname?), feel free to email me off-list.

I have copied in (?wotisname?) on 6 of the email addresses that he has used in the past, in order that he can have the opportunity to explain his multiple identities. If I get a response, I'll pass it on to the List.

Joe McGonagle

Mail list administrator
<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/ufologyinuk>

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Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Beau

From: **Jerome Beau** <jbeau@noos.fr>
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 20:23:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 15:52:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story - Beau

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2003 23:31:13 +0000
>Subject: Re: Giant Triangle-Multiple Witness Story

>even the Brazilian Navy investigation of the case seems to
>have been unable to turn up the name of any serving member of
>the crew who actually saw the event. In fact this caused a
>member of the Brazilian federal parliament to complain that
>the investigation was inadequate.

Hello John,

Do you have the source for that ? As far as I know, Magalh=E3es asked the Brazilian Federal Parliament for informations about the event. The answer was negative, but not because of an inability to provide such info : the secret status of such info prevented to release it [Aur=E9lio Zaluar, "UFO OVNI Documento", October/December 1979].

>At one point a Brazilian military spokesman is quoted as
>saying that the military had no reason to prevent crew from
>talking about the incident, and it does seem that reporters
>had access to the ship and crew when in docked.

Regarding this point, the "O Estado de Sao Paulo" of February 23rd says: "The 'Saldanha da Gama' sailed this morning before any newspapermen had a chance to interview crew members about the incidents at Trindade."

Jerome

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:04:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 15:54:56 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 09:56:11 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:18:05 -0600
>>Subject: Re: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 12:59:46 -0800
>>>Subject: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>Fellow Listers,

>>>Upon reading the below mentioned article, found here:

>>><http://www.newsleader.com/news/stories/20031030/opinion/547723.html>

>>>I felt compelled to write to it's author; below is a copy of the
>>>e-mail I sent to him:

>>Alright Mr. Warren! Another pretending and uninformed proto-
>>dilettante smoked like a cheap cigar! Good Show!

>Dear Mr. Lehmborg & All,

>Thank you! As I mentioned to a good friend and colleague, it's
>very difficult to maintain diplomacy when responding to writings
>such as that of Mr. Pfisterer, however; I do try to give the
>benefit of the doubt, and inform, rather than scold, as his
>ignorance on the subject was blatantly obvious.

The sentiment is wonderful, sir, but it's clear you gave better
than you got. A few more like you and the Committee for the
Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons will have to
work a lot harder to keep their befuddled numbers up! <LOL>

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Jaafar

From: **Judy Jaafar** <judy@gaia66.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 20:05:12 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 16:00:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Jaafar

>From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 13:38:43 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

>>From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 18:15:56 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

<snip>

Dear (American) listers,

I am sitting here gob-smacked, to say the least. It seems you are getting one side of the story only, Andy Roberts' side. Andy and Dave came to Rendlesham and Berwyn long after the event, and in their customary fashion as debunkers who do not believe in ufology at all, only the social phenomenon of "ufologists" (as they proudly confess themselves), they proceed to deconstruct the research of others who were on the ground, at the time.

All I can entreat you do to is to find out for yourselves what the witness testimony really is, and what the original investigators filed as official reports. They may or may not have come to mistaken conclusions, but they are every bit as valid as the conclusions that Roberts and Clarke have come to, if not more so. And to say that Clarke is the most detached observer of Rendlesham in the UK - well that might be very accurate. His detachment is so detached that it might well be unattached completely.

Please contact Margaret Fry (the original investigator) for Berwyn Mountain, although she is now elderly and infirm, and that makes her an easy target for debunkers:

Ronald.fry@btopenworld.com

and Jenny Randles for Rendlesham:

nufon@currantbun.com

I have visited Rendlesham myself many times and researched the case more than Clarke and Roberys have ever done, and proved to my complete satisfaction that the lighthouse was not the culprit. I don't believe ETs were responsible either, but that's another story altogether.

Regards

Judy Jaafar
BUFORA

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 21:54:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 21:06:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Roberts

>From: Judy Jaafar <judy@gaia66.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 20:05:12 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

Pilgrims,

Judith wrote:

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>that makes her an easy target for debunkers:

>

I totally agree. Ask Margaret for some evidence, any evidence
other than the anecdotal and she can't provide it. Nor could she
when she wasn't elderly and infirm. Because she never collected
any.

She tells a good story, and is quite happy to contradict taped witness
interviews.

If you like stories about aliens that Margaret picked up in 'shops and
pubs', with no taped interviews or indeed any other proof then
Margaret's your girl.

If you believe her anonymous phone calls from anonymous
'military' witnesses, then you should believe Margaret's
view of what took place.

When asked by the R4 people if she could provide any proof
or if it was possible for R4 to meet any witnesses the interchange
went:

Can I meet any of these people?

No.

Have you any proof you can show me?

No.

If that's good enough for you...

>Ronald.fry@btopenworld.com

>

>and Jenny Randles for Rendlesham:

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>nufon@currantbun.com

I think you'll find that Jenny is broadly in accordance with the sceptical

view on the case. But I'm sure when she is able to she will post her own comments.

>I have visited Rendlesham myself many times and researched the
>case more than Clarke and Roberys have ever done, and proved to
>my complete satisfaction that the lighthouse was not the
>culprit. I don't believe ETs were responsible either, but that's
>another story altogether.

You certainly have investigated it more than I Judith. But not more than David I don't believe. If you've proved something to your (complete) satisfaction that's fine. Your satisfaction doesn't necessarily relate to objective reality (cue ghost of Colin Bennett in the background).

It's good to see senior BUFORA officers relying on such thorough evidence and opinion as given above.

Our modus operandi is to use contemporaneous documentation backed up with on site investigation and taped witness interviews.

That's clearly not what Margaret does, or what Judith apparently advocates.

Perhaps Judith (or Margaret) would be good enough to provide some non-anecdotal, recorded witness statements with named individuals, I'll go out, buy a hat and eat it!

Happy Trails

Andy

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 18:54:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 21:14:40 -0500
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>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:26:31 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 18:39:10 -0000
>>Subject: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

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CSICOP: I don't know if I should propose an alternate,
unofficial meaning to the acronym or not (currently, The
Committee for the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate
Persons), since I don't want to wander off in a silly or
juvenile direction. But I do have one, and it's easier to
pronounce.

CSICOP: The Committee of Sneering Incompetents Comprised Of
Phools.

On the other hand, "Cyclops" (CSICOP) might work even better. I

like it better than a phrase built from an acronym.

Off-topic? Unimportant? No. The mainstream media has its "True Believers" catch phrase which is bandied about with regularity, is easily understood by everyone, and bothers a lot of people in ufology. It probably came from the one-eyed Sneering Incompetents at "Cyclops" who sit around and dream up this stuff. And if you don't think it has much affect on people, think again... CSICOP is in the business of persuasion, ie, marketing - not idiocy or science.

Dave Morton

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List Address Change Today

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:50:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:50:59 -0500
Subject: List Address Change Today

Gentle Subscriber,

As of 18:00 Eastern today, the ufoupdates@sympatico.ca List address will no longer be valid. The address will revert to:

ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net

please adjust your address books accordingly and ensure that the 'To:' line in out-bound submissions for the List reflect the change.

Later today any mail addressed to the @sympatico address will bounce.

I cannot stress how pleased I am to be leaving Sympatico's 'service', along with many, many other Sympatico users who have been subjected to totally un-caring mis-management by a complacent corporate giant.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto
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From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 01:08:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:51:50 -0500
Subject: 'Contrail' Info Requested

Hi all,

Last year Peter Davenport reported the following from CNN. Does anyone have additional information for this?

Thanks,

Don Ledger

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((TEXT OF CNN NEWS STORY APPEARS BELOW))

NORAD investigates vapor trail reports
Thursday, November 28, 2002 Posted: 5:52 PM EST (2252 GMT)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (CNN) -- Fighter jets scrambled in an unsuccessful attempt to investigate a contrail of unknown origin first seen over the Caribbean and later reported over the midwestern United States, the Department of Defense said Thursday.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command scrambled the jets soon after unverified reports were received around 4 p.m. Wednesday that the contrail, seen near the Turks and Caicos Islands, was headed northwest toward the United States, said Lt. Cmdr. Curtis Jenkins, a spokesman for the Colorado Springs-based group.

A contrail is a white trail of condensed water vapor that sometimes forms in the wake of an aircraft.

The jets were scrambled from more than one base and more than one location, he said, though he did not know how many jets or from how many locations.

Commercial airline pilots later reported the contrail over Florida and then over Indiana, after which no more sightings were reported, he said.

The jets attempted to intercept and identify the source of the contrail, but no visual or confirmed radar contact was made, he added.

"I don't know that anybody was predisposed to think it might be some thing or the other," he said. "We don't even know that it was a thing. It was just simply reports of contrails. We don't even know that it was the same one. We had reports from different places and NORAD did its job and tried to find out."

NORAD is coordinating with the Federal Aviation Administration and is continuing to investigate the reports, he added.

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From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 07:13:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 07:30:51 -0500
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answering any of the questions you raised.

It's most amusing to see how, every time sensible well
documented research is presented in the media, what happens.

All those who either think they *should* have been involved
immediately slide out of the woodwork in an attempt to raise
their stock. This gives them the illusion that their absence
from these programs was in some way inconsequential or
immaterial, when in reality, as I previously noted, it's just
sour grapes. You have fun with Channel 5 Nick. I'm sure 'Monster
Films' documentary will be just as revealing as the Radio 4
program.

Happy Trails

Andy

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trumpet them from our thatched rooftops, and herald the *honor*
that has been so imposed (...let them know!)?

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EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
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JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put

one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

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The "UFO believers" statement is what gets me every time, and I guess me trying to "enlighten him" is more for my benefit than his. I agree, it is doubtful that "he will pay attention," however; on the flip-side, my mind was once stuck in that same "closed box" many years ago. I too was part of the "social phenomenon" that "shot down" any ideas outside what I was taught to be the "norm"; for no rational reason I might add, just

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because, as Mr. Pfisterer put it, "we have our heads screwed on tight and our brains in place, fully functioning and know better."

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I didn't check "local Colorado Springs newspapers," perhaps there is something there.

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>>>>>Subject: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>>>Fellow Listers,

>>>>>Upon reading the below mentioned article, found here:

>>>>><http://www.newsleader.com/news/stories/20031030/opinion/547723.html>

>>>>>I felt compelled to write to it's author; below is a copy of the
>>>>>e-mail I sent to him:

>>>>>Alright Mr. Warren! Another pretending and uninformed proto-
>>>>>dilettante smoked like a cheap cigar! Good Show!

>>>Dear Mr. Lehmborg & All,

>>>Thank you! As I mentioned to a good friend and colleague, it's
>>>very difficult to maintain diplomacy when responding to writings
>>>such as that of Mr. Pfisterer, however; I do try to give the
>>>benefit of the doubt, and inform, rather than scold, as his
>>>ignorance on the subject was blatantly obvious.

>>The sentiment is wonderful, sir, but it's clear you gave
>>better than you got. A few more like you and the Committee for
>>the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons will
>>have to work a lot harder to keep their befuddled numbers up!
<LOL>

>>Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Dave & All,

>CSICOP: I don't know if I should propose an alternate,
>unofficial meaning to the acronym or not (currently, The
>Committee for the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate
>Persons), since I don't want to wander off in a silly or

>juvenile direction.

I believe you just did. (But that ok, the water's fine). :^)

>But I do have one, and it's easier to pronounce.

>CSICOP: The Committee of Sneering Incompetents Comprised Of Phools.

>On the other hand, "Cyclops" (CSICOP) might work even better.

>I like it better than a phrase built from an acronym.

>Off-topic? Unimportant? No. The mainstream media has its "True Believers" catch phrase which is bandied about with regularity, is easily understood by everyone, and bothers a lot of people in ufology. It probably came from the one-eyed Sneering Incompetents at "Cyclops" who sit around and dream up this stuff. And if you don't think it has much affect on people, think again... CSICOP is in the business of persuasion, ie, marketing - not idiocy or science.

>Dave Morton

I think part of the problem, aside from "ignorance on the subject," is that people, along with the media have "blurred the meaning of the term 'UFO.'" I have found myself "clarifying my usage of the term," which is always in the verbatim. In fact many of us who have chosen to investigate/research the subject have changed its definition. Personally, if "I mean an extraterrestrial spacecraft" I don't say "UFO." In my view they are opposites, as one is "identified," and "one isn't."

If one says, "I 'believe' some UFO's are extraterrestrial craft," then the verb applies. To say, "I believe in UFO's," is the same as saying, "I believe in the Empire State Building." Neither makes any sense.

Regards,

Frank Warren

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Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 15:39:08 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:38:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files - Miller

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 16:09:29 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sequel To BBC's The New X-Files

Andy

Thank you for taking the time to reply.

>You've got to remember this was written for a book. I was
>putting UFOs in their folkloric context, as they will be seen in
>a few centuries, just as we see accounts of 'flaming dragons' in
>retrospect now. Just because we are living at a time of UFO
>reports doesn't invest them with any special reality status.
>It's an easy trap for the gullible to fall into.

There's a time scale gap between us here. You talk about this as if it were a current phenomenon. I think that has been going on for thousands of years. Have you read "The Yahweh Encounters" by Ann Madden Jones? As good an explanation as to what went on in the Old Testament as any other I've heard.

>As for the poachers we now have tape (via R4) which confirms
>what I was told off the record several years ago - the poachers
>and the police were interchangeable in that area. Everyone was
>at it!

I don't feel this statement helps your case. You are saying in effect that everyone in and around those villages is or was dishonest which then inevitably goes on to cast doubts about the truthfulness of their statements. I'm not being obtuse here or standing atop Berwyn and claiming the moral high ground. I know what isolated rural village life is like. But in this incidence it might have been better to paint them as twice a day Chapel worshipers.

>I think you should read some of Dave C's work on Phantom
>Helicopters. The only link between them and the Berwyn story is
>one which was forged - with no evidence - by certain ufologists.
>I think you'll find Nick R believes (more or less) my revised
>version of the investigation.

But you made a connection yourself between the two events. You noted that these helicopters seemed to stop appearing immediately after the Berwyn Mountain incident.

>And probably dangerous to know! The poachers lights were at the
>right place at the right time, by their own admission. They
>didn't see any other lights on the mountain except for the
>bolides (all described in the BGS field notes). Therefore it's
>reasonable to assume that the upward pointing lights seen down
>in the valley were their's.

Sorry Andy but I feel here you're getting into dangerous ground. You're prepared to accept what they say about where they were but not prepared to accept what they say about what they were doing, namely pointing their lights downwards. How can you apply logic, common sense, and probability to a subject such as this

when you believe the following:

>Everything persuades me that humans and the world around them
>are stranger than we can possibly imagine.

Your actions belie your words. You're open minded enough to recognise that not all is as it sometimes appears on Planet Earth and yet you try to draw "safe" conclusions. And on the basis of the above, it appears that in doing this you are prepared to be selective about what witness testimony you accept and reject.

>I don't. How do we know any helicopter we see is from anywhere?
>I'm basing that assumption on the fact that Dr Ron Maddison was
>taken up in a press chopper and TV and radio reports all had
>reports sent from choppers. No one reported seeing any
>specifically military choppers and not even MRT Valley could be
>bothered to get theirs out of the shed.

Well at least an honest response which I am grateful for. I'm teaching you to suck eggs here but if I was preparing a paper like the one you did, I'd try and make sure every nuance and comma was defensible, because if it isn't, then you're in trouble. I firmly believe that every one who writes or publishes in the UFO field should have an opposite "Buddy", if you're a believer than a sceptic on the other side and vice versa, and when you've written something you hand it to that person and say, "Rip it apart". Fat chance of course but the end result would as likely be a raising in the standard of published material.

>Maybe so, but they are all extremely well documented
>'coincidences' which fit together. As is most of reality when
>you look at it at 20-odd years distance.

I disagree - it doesn't all fit together and that in affect is the basis of my criticism. It appears that you have tried to shoehorn it all in so it does all "jigsaw" up together. It's like having two ferrets in a box and then trying to put the lid on the box. One ferret sticks his head up and you push him back down and then the other one bobs back up and so on. You can't get the lid on the box and I'm afraid you haven't convinced me that you've closed this case. There's a ferret's head sticking out somewhere. Having made that comparison I would now urgently state to any animal lovers on this site that I do not regularly stuff ferrets into a box and attempt to "squeeze them down" as that would be cruel, and also a criminal waste of my time. Gee, ferrets, pelicans, what are we coming to? .

>People also need to remember that this event wasn't a UFO
>'crash' until the likes of Margaret Fry and Tony Dodd etc forged
>it into one

I would accept without question that all is not right on "our" side of the argument either. I take your point about Margaret Fry from another post. She did not come over too well in the programme. And as for the testimony of the soldier who apparently escorted a crate down to Porton Down, well, without being able to substantiate any of the detail then acceptance of his testimony is an act of faith. And yep, wouldn't you know, testimony as good as that always seems to be unverifiable. I don't however have a problem with the fact that the crate was driven down as opposed to helicoptered down. "They" don't, so they tell us, move processing waste about by air but by road and rail because it's considered safer and an Entity from another world who might be carrying all sorts of unpleasantness with him would also be treated as bacteriologically unsafe until otherwise proven. But yes, opening the crate in front of one of the people that had driven it down does seem unlikely. But hey, we're British and full of eccentricity.

Stuart Miller

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 16:15:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:40:22 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 07:13:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>All those who either think they *should* have been
>involved immediately slide out of the woodwork in an attempt
>to raise their stock. This gives them the illusion that their
>absence from these programs was in some way inconsequential or
>immaterial, when in reality, as I previously noted, it's just
>sour grapes. You have fun with Channel 5 Nick. I'm sure
>'Monster Films'' documentary will be just as revealing as the
>Radio 4 program.

Hello Andy, and All,

Typically passage of time allows some evidence to emerge, but also permits the obscuring and suppression of sensitive stuff.

We see wild claims being made - and famously debunked while the issue is still live - but only much, much later does it emerge that those were planted and sponsored by people in the establishment or by 'security' agents - see:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/wb2.html>

Looking at totality of the Berwyn event we see:

a) reports of mystery lights in sky / mystery helicopters etc over wide area of NW UK for some months before - ceasing at the Berwyn event.

b) on the night, amateur astronomers reported anomalous low-flying "meteors" from various parts of UK (one chap in eastern England phoned a colleague to the west and between them got a track on their "meteor" - it was headed towards the Berwyns (point X)).

[a) and b) have been suppressed in the record - mainstream scientists are easily scared by establishment threats of ridicule - see <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/ukgmbias.txt>]

c) on the night, a medium strength "earthquake" at point X.

d) on the night, circling "lights in the sky" above point X.

e) on the night, "large circle of orange light" (with smaller white lights moving around it) at point X.

f) on the night and long afterwards, "establishment/security" presence - under various deniable guises - at and around point X.

g) years afterwards - a continuing "refurbishing" of the records, and maybe more importantly, continuing alteration of perceptions of the event - the BBC program being only the latest. (to check the ease with which memory is altered - see <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/percepts.html#realities>)

Detailed perceptions of the Berwyn event seems to be following an all too familiar descent into obfuscation, but, from a longer-range and wider viewpoint, the events - however reported or "explained" - are statistically anomalous to say the least. Indeed b) seems an especially impossible "explanation" - since meteorites may explode or diverge but never converge with other meteorites. Ask astronomers for the odds on rocks from different parts of the universe agreeing to meet up over a Welsh mountain!

Only recently began examining UFO scene, but am struck by the obscurity and obfuscation in this area of general scientific interest (if you've got questions re: "Perceptions" science 'agenda' you can check:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/answers5.html#gulf>).

Best regards,

Ray Dickenson

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Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 17:13:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:51:24 -0500
Subject: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 01:28:24 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Pilgrims,

Further to my earlier reply to Nick's post I frittered a little of the void between birth and death doing some first hand research into Nick's claims.

It seems that Nick is not telling the truth.

Nick wrote:

>I too have a good relationship with the Radio 4 team (and >actually, the presenter's name is Gerry Northam).

This is completely and utterly not true. The sorry story of Nick's spurious claim is as follows:

According to David Lewis today (David Lewis was the producer of File on Four) he had had no contact at all with Nick Pope until last week.

Nick had been told about the documentary by his chum, the amusing Lord Hill Norton who File on Four were at first going to interview but later chose not to.

Nick then immediately rang David up to see if he could get in on the act.

The key point here is Nick called them - not the other way round. Nick then was angling for R 4 to interview him but asked them 'not to think of me as a media tart' (!)

R4 listened patiently to what Nick had to say but declined to take up his offer because:

- a) He wasn't central to the case
- b) He had not investigated the case himself
- c) He came across as one of the believers rather than an impartial investigator

So, to re-iterate, rather than Nick having a 'professional relationship' with R4 he chose to lie, as he had only had *one* telephone conversation with R4, when he called them.

This, unlike the stories spun by Nick, is checkable fact.

If Nick doesn't agree with this version of events I suggest he provides us with his checkable facts which back his claim up. With his 'professional relationship' with David and Jerry this shouldn't be too much of a problem!

Otherwise he should tell the truth. What this says about the nature of anything in Nick's books is open to speculation.

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Secrecy News -- 11/06/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 15:11:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:57:24 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/06/03

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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TENSION ERUPTS ON INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

More than ever before, the quality and performance of U.S. intelligence are today being called into question. But at this time of urgent questioning, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has little or nothing to offer the American public.

Unlike its House counterpart, the Senate Intelligence Committee hasn't held an open hearing for months. Nor has it issued any kind of preliminary findings or provided other insight.

If it vanished suddenly, how would anyone know?

The Committee web site also hasn't been updated for months. The most recent Committee press release, issued by Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) last July, complains of "press leaks by the CIA in an effort to discredit the President" -- an eccentric reading of events, to say the least. The web site provides a link to executive order 12356 on classification policy, which was revoked more than eight years ago, but there is no link to its successors. There is a spelling error ("jurisdiction") on every page.

<http://intelligence.senate.gov/>

Judging by the available external evidence, this Committee is not in good shape.

Unsurprisingly, a degree of tension has developed between the majority Republicans and the minority Democrats on the Committee. It came to a head this week in response to an uncirculated draft memo written by a minority staffer that urged a more aggressive posture for Committee Democrats, which might culminate in an attempt to establish an independent Commission on intelligence and the Iraq war, an option Congress has previously rejected.

"We have an important role to play in the revealing the misleading -- if not flagrantly dishonest methods and motives -- of the senior administration officials who made the case for a unilateral, preemptive war," the uncirculated draft memo stated.

More in sorrow than in anger, and more in gleeful spite than in sorrow, Senators denounced what they viewed as an expression of partisanship.

"It is a disgusting possibility that Members of the Senate would actually try to politicize intelligence, especially at a time of war, even apparently reaching conclusions before investigations have been performed," said Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ).

Senators aired their views of the matter on November 5 here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s110503.html

Meanwhile, in a genuinely constructive act of bipartisan oversight of intelligence, two House subcommittee leaders this week challenged the CIA's refusal to comply with their request for a copy of the recent report by David Kay on the search for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

"We do not understand why you are refusing to provide Mr. Kay's report," wrote Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) in a November 3 letter to DCI George Tenet. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2003/11/cia110303.pdf>

PENTAGON REPORT ON ARMS SALES

A newly disclosed Department of Defense report provides data on arms sales and military services exported to foreign countries in 2002.

"This report provides the most detailed official accounting available of specific U.S. weapons systems exported or licensed for export to governments or private buyers around the world," said Matt Schroeder of the FAS Arms Sales Monitoring Project, which obtained the report from DoD in declassified form under the Freedom of Information Act.

The DoD report and a companion report from the State Department are posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/asmp/profiles/655-2002/6552002.html>

MURDER WILL OUT: WAR CRIMES RESURFACE

With grimly coincidental timing, several news accounts of atrocities in wartime have recently been published, thanks to the journalistic acumen of their authors as well as the availability of historical records.

A U.S. Army unit was allegedly responsible for killing hundreds of civilians in Vietnam in 1967, according to an investigative series published by the Toledo Blade:

<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=SRTIGERFORCE>

A reported 1951 massacre of Korean prisoners of war by U.S. Marines, long covered up, was uncovered by Eric Longabardi, Kit R. Roane, and Edward T. Pound in a November 3 story in U.S. News and World Report:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/031103/usnews/3korea.htm>

A Bedouin girl was raped and murdered by an Israeli army unit in 1947, according to an account by Aviv Lavie and Moshe Goralii published last week in the Israeli daily Ha'aretz:

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/355227.html>

BUTLER TRIAL PROCEEDS

The controversial trial of infectious disease specialist Thomas C. Butler on charges of mishandling biological agents is proceeding in Lubbock, Texas this week.

Valuable daily coverage of the trial is being provided by David Malakoff of Science Magazine. In one odd tidbit, Malakoff noted that Butler's defense is proposing to call former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee, who was himself the target of an aborted espionage investigation, as a witness. See:

<http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/feature/data/butlertrial.shtm>

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Other resources on the Butler case are available here:

<http://www.fas.org/butler/index.html>

BIOWEAPONS AND BIODEFENSE TRANSPARENCY

The Sunshine Project, a public interest group opposed to development and use of biological weapons, has established a new initiative to advocate transparency in biodefense research.

The Bioweapons and Biodefense Freedom of Information Fund (to which I am an adviser) will promote publication of declassified and unclassified biodefense documentation in the interests of public awareness and government accountability on this crucial topic. See:

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

ODDS AND ENDS

The House Intelligence Committee held a hearing yesterday on the need to increase diversity among employees in intelligence agencies. The prepared testimony from that hearing, as released by the Committee, is available here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/index.html#lang

But some of that testimony was altered before presentation at the instruction of the Justice Department, reports Shaun Waterman of United Press International. "Congressional Democrats said the Justice Department had recalled the testimony because some of it conflicted with the administration's position on affirmative action." See:

<http://www.upi.com/view.cfm?StoryID031105-072047-9682r>

A bill introduced in the House this week would promote the exchange of personnel between federal and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies. The bill envisions, for example, that CIA employees could be detailed to local law enforcement agencies, and vice versa. See the JTTF Enhancement Act of 2003, introduced by Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Martin Frost, here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/hr3439.html

Free speech advocates this week filed an amicus brief in a proceeding challenging the provision of the USA Patriot that could permit FBI access to library and bookseller records in counterterrorism investigations. See:

http://www.abffe.com/amicus_brief.pdf

John Prados looks at JFK and the 1963 Diem coup in the latest document reader from the National Security Archive:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB101/index.htm>

One more from the Congressional Research Service: "International Terrorism in South Asia" by K. Alan Kronstadt, November 3:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21658.pdf>

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Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 12:06:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:46:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update - Sandow

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 12:57:57 -0800
>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

<snip>

>The drawings are exact rendering of the actual terrain and the
>unusual material on rocks and ledges. There is more than a trace
>of the cristobalite. There are tons of it scattered over a large
>area and this deposit is the only one like it in the world as
>far as I can tell. Cristobaite is not found under these
>conditions, no matter what Ray Stanford would like to have you
>believe.

<snip>

Ed, as ever, you're doing great work on this. Congrats, and I'm
looking forward to seeing even more evidence. Is there any
chance a scientific team can retrace your steps, and support
your conclusions?

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:05:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m05-001.shtml>

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 00:30:43 -0300
>Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 07:10:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade - Mori

>>From: Brad Sparks
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 00:18:34 EST
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 2 Nov 2003 09:12:49 -0300
>>>Subject: Trindade
<snip>

>>Hi Ken,

>>Why are you referring to these outrageous debunking attacks,
>>especially Noguez's as "superb and detailed" and "excellent" (as
>>you state on your website)?? Noguez's is the most appalling I
>>have ever seen - he wants to have the Trindade photos hoaxed by
>>THREE HOAXING METHODS at the same time - montage AND double-
>>exposure AND photography of cloud-vapor covered aircraft
>>SIMULTANEOUSLY!! You can't have all three hoaxing techniques at
>>the same time, or at the same time in this particular case
>>(montage and double exposure are simply physically inconsistent
>>and mutually exclusive). Even the infamous CSICOP would not dare
>>to propound such Menzelian pseudoscience, though debunkers do
>>tend to operate on the principle that several bad explanations
>>are better than having no good single explanation. Anti-UFO
>>pseudoscience is matched only by the pro-UFO pseudoscience of
>>GSW which still gets cited as if legitimate even after the
>>scandalous Calgary photos blunder years ago exposed it all as a
>>sham - why not cite George Adamski as a serious photoanalyst??

>>If Noguez had any scientific understanding of optical physics
>>and photography he would realize that it is physically
>>impossible to make a double exposure darker than the surrounding
>>sky - you cannot subtract light in a double exposure you can
>>only add light! It is a fundamental fact of science and math,
>>addition is not subtraction (C. B. Moore please take note!). So
>>far he has successfully hidden behind the Spanish language so
>>that English language analysts generally remain unaware of these
>>scientifically absurd claims and thus haven't taken them apart.

Hi Ken,

I see no response to the fact that Noguez proposes the
pseudoscientific notion that a double exposure could subtract
light and create a darker object in the Trindade photos. Can you
find any competent photographer or optical physicist who will
say that a double exposure can subtract light?? Find me one
Ken!

>>As for the "similarity" of Trindade Photos 1 and 2 when
>>inverted, you admit they are not identical, just "similar."
>>Therefore the debunker hoax theory that the photographer took
>>tiny little pieces of film-emulsion with identical copy images
>>of a hoaxed UFO only about 1/10 inch (2 mm) in size and stupidly
>>pasted one upside down by accident onto photos of Trindade
>>island background is exploded as utter nonsense. The images are
>>not identical, upside down or not, so they are not some kind of
>>hoaxer paste-up error.

>>And all this photo-montage pasting would have had to be done in
>>a hurried hoax while inside a makeshift darkroom aboard the
>>Brazilian Navy ship just minutes after the UFO sighting without
>>any "UFO" being sighted. And then the hoaxed UFO images would
>>have to pass muster with the Navy witnesses to the UFO (when
>>there wasn't a "UFO" ??) who were shown the freshly developed
>>photos by the Trindade post commander immediately afterwards and
>>who confirmed it looked like what they saw (didn't see??). In
>>bright light on deck in mid-day with everyone staring at the UFO
>>images on the negatives anything looking like pieces of film
>>with fake UFO images glued on top of each island scene photo
>>would have been glaringly obvious.

>>From the classified CONFIDENTIAL intelligence report of March 3,
>>1958, of Fleet Adm. Antonio Maria de Carvalho, Chief of the
>>Brazilian Naval High Command, to the Navy Minister, prepared by
>>intelligence officer Corvette-Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao
>>(emphasis added):

>>viii. Afterwards, the negatives referred to were shown to
>>members of the SHIP'S CREW who had witnessed the phenomenon;
>>they RECOGNIZED THE OBJECT appearing in the photos as identical
>>with the one they had sighted in the air;

>>xi. A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who
>>SIGHTED the object, including the photographer, civilians and
>>members of the SHIP'S CREW.

Here again Ken I see no response from you to these facts in the
Brazilian Naval High Command's March 3, 1958, report to the Navy
Minister confirming that Navy crew members witnessing the UFO
phenomenon shown in the Trindade photos.

>>I have measured what appears to be rapid rotational motion at
>>the extreme edges of the object, amounting to something on the
>>order of 400 to 800 degs/sec around a central axis, and the
>>angular velocity of rotation changes from photo to photo (hence
>>my 400 to 800 degs/sec figures). Thus in the approximately 2
>>seconds between photos estimated by reenactments conducted by
>>the Brazilian Air Force with the photographer, the UFO could
>>very easily have flipped over 180 degrees.

>>Sorry Ken, the UFO was reported wobbling in flight and my
>>analysis shows it was displaying very extreme rotational motion,
>>so it simply must have wobbled so far it flipped over. So it
>>should look similar but not identical - due to differing object
>>motion blur and differing atmospheric haze between Photos 1 and
>>2 - and should look upside down. The photos show the UFO turned
>>upside down so that is what happened - the object turned upside
>>down.

>>By the way Sunderland went on board the Brazilian Navy ship
>>after it docked hoping to confirm it was all a hoax - and was
>>discombobulated to find that the Navy officers he talked to
>>confirmed that the UFO incident did occur. Sunderland tried to
>>denigrate that fact but couldn't.

>Hi,

>I'm very glad that you recognized the similarity between the
>images of the UFO. Here in Brazil, I couldn't find one ufologist
>who dared to admit that as something relevant.

>But please allow me to say that your suggested explanation to
>this similarity has some problems. You suggest that the UFO
>flipped upside down, and this explains why its image seems to be
>inverted on two consecutive photos. You realize that this
>hypothesis implicate that this was a peculiar type of UFO, where
>the presumed shadows also get upside down along with it. I guess
>you must admit that this is an odd ad hoc explanation.

You do not discuss my measurements of roughly 400 to 800 degs/sec rotational blurring. You need to get out of the 50's mindset of pseudoscientific debunkery and move into the world of 21st century science. I measured the rotational blur on the Trindade UFO long before I found Martin Powell's theory of inversion of the images from Photos 1 to 2. The physical flipping over of an actual object in motion explains the otherwise unexplained violent 400-800 degs/sec rotation. A hoaxer accidentally inverting a paste-up UFO image on a photo does not create any blurring and so hoaxing does not explain the violent rotational blurring.

Thus the flipping over of the object is not an "ad hoc" explanation simply designed to explain away some difficulty, but is a logical physical consequence of the measured rotation which was discovered first before anything about the image "inversion." This is scientific reasoning. The rotational blurring at the edges is physical evidence supporting the fact the object flipped over. There are no "shadows" in the overcast sky illumination -- here you are refuted even by debunker Capt. Sunderlund who admits "the disc ... shows no shadow effect." There is a dark patch on the bottom or top of the object (depending on the flipping) which is obviously too dark and too small to be a shadow, and is in an exposed location rather than under a sheltered spot under say the equatorial "Saturn ring" (of course it is not actually the shape of Saturn or its rings but this is a handy term of reference).

The telltale giveaway that this is rotational blurring (as with an object flipping over) is the fact the blurring is greatest at the extreme edges of the object and that the image at those edges is dispersed up-and-down vertically in the direction of the rotational motion rather than laterally as with rectilinear bulk motion of the object in flight (which is also present, see below). The amount of rotational blur is proportional to the distance from the axis of rotation. The farther away from the center the more the blur, an unmistakable effect.

Why is the UFO "dome" approximately 30% flatter in Photo 2 and than in Photo 3? You need to explain this needless complication in any hoax theory Ken. If it was a hoaxer taking duplicate photos of the same object why would the shape change at all? How can you explain that from a debunking perspective? Anyone can see the UFO is flatter initially. The answer is simple: The object came in at high speed then slowed down, so the initial images show LATERAL MOTION BLUR (contrary to Capt. Sunderland's nonsense that there was "no lateral blurring as would occur with any reasonable shutter speed").

Here is where quantitative science comes in, listen carefully now: The amount of flattening is a lengthening of the object in the horizontal direction of flight motion of at minimum approximately 0.3 degree of subtended arc (the dome is about 1 deg wide at widest, 30% of 1 deg is 0.3 deg), which occurs during the 1/125th second exposure time. Therefore, based on linear-motion-blur the object is traveling about 37 degs/sec across the sky ($125 \times 0.3 = 37.5$ degs/sec). It's simple physics.

Completely independent of that linear-motion-blur measurement I measured the flight path of the UFO in the sequence of photos and found it moved very roughly 50 degrees between Photos 1 and 2 across the sky over the ocean and the Trindade island, as it started slowing down according to the witnesses' testimonies, and it is about 25 degrees between Photos 2 and 3, showing that indeed the UFO did slow down just as the witnesses stated. The Brazilian Navy reenactment with photographer Bara=FANA arrived at an estimate of about 2 seconds between each photo, hence the rough AVERAGE angular velocity of the UFO between the first two photos is about 25 degs/sec, slowing to about 12 degs/sec between the second and third photos. Therefore the PEAK angular velocity could well have been 37 degs/sec or more depending on the variations of speed, to average out to 25 degs/sec over the entire interval between the first two photos.

This is in exact agreement with the completely independent linear-motion-blur analysis: The linear-motion blur that lengthens and flattens the "dome" indicates the UFO was moving at about 37 degs/sec. The flight path across the sky shows the angular velocity reached a peak of roughly 37 degs/sec, perfect

agreement to well within any order-of-magnitude error margins in this preliminary analysis. This is quantitative science Ken, not debunking pseudoscience.

How did the supposed hoaxer Bara=FAAna manage to arrange the photo images of a supposedly nonexistent UFO to so closely simulate and conform to the realistic physics and flight dynamics of an actual high speed UFO-type object in complex motion -- when he certainly did not know or understand such scientific principles and no one on earth until today in 2003 has ever even discussed these parameters of the Trindade photos before??? Needless to say any "Twin Bonanza" civil aircraft rotating at 400-800 degs/sec is a doomed vehicle with a life expectancy of seconds before crash impact or midair disintegration and was not photographed here.

But there is more.

The Brazilian Navy IGY vessel Almirante Saldanha with photographer Bara=FAAna aboard was anchored approximately 1 km from the island mountains that the witnesses reported the UFO flew over and circled around before heading back out to sea. With this rough distance to the UFO the approximate angular velocities I measured (above) varying from around 12 to 37 degs/sec will give us the UFO's actual linear speed. Simple physics calculation shows the speed of the UFO at that distance would therefore have been roughly 500 to 1,400 mph, based on two independent methods of analysis. The MOTION BLUR analysis gives the high 1,400 mph speed at 1 km distance because it is easier to see and measure the maximum speed blurring than it is to see blurring at slow speed. The PHOTOGRAPHIC ANGULAR DISPLACEMENT analysis gives the varying 500 to 1,400 mph speeds at 1 km distance.

It just so happens that the Brazilian Naval intelligence service's reconstruction of the object's flight path over the island and timed reenactments with Bara=FAAna at the Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service in Feb. 1958 resulted in an estimated speed of 900 to 1,000 km/hr or about 600 mph roughly, an overall average speed through the photo sequence -- again in perfect agreement with the two methods of analysis I performed giving a varying speed from about 500 to 1,400 mph.

The Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service also examined the original negatives and found no evidence of fraud or tampering. Nor do I find any evidence of photomontage or other hoaxing and I specifically must refer to the fact that there is no evidence whatsoever of DIFFERING GRAIN STRUCTURE or GRAIN DENSITY between the film inside the UFO images and the surrounding sky, nor any sign of EDGES of a photomontage paste-on. This is regardless of whether Bara=FAAna might have rephotographed a supposed photomontage to hide the pieces of hoaxed "UFO image" film glued on top of the original negatives -- the edges of the pieces of film and the differing grain structure would still show up. The reason this is so is very simple: Film negative is transparent or translucent not opaque, hence the pasting of a transparent or translucent piece of fake "UFO film" on top of the negatives of the Trindade island scenery would effectively DOUBLE THE GRAIN DENSITY because you would now see BOTH the grains of the "UFO image" superimposed over the grains of the underlying original negative, with very few instances of a grain on top perfectly positioned to hide a grain (of usually widely varying size) on bottom. In 1958 no one even dreamed of anyone analyzing this kind of thing. With today's optical scanning and enhancement systems one can examine grain structure of film down to micron resolution level on a desktop computer.

So your hoax theories are toast from a scientific standpoint. The grain density and structure of the UFO images are an integral part of the Trindade island photography, and must have been photographed together, at the same time, and a photomontage is thus an impossibility. Again I must point out a double-exposure is also a physical impossibility because double exposures cannot subtract light and darken the image. When I began my latest investigation I believed that examination of first-generation copies would immediately reveal signs of hoax and settle the controversy. That did not prove to be the case (unlike Barra da Tijuca which is conclusively a hoax).

Scientific studies by my Trindade Research Project in the U.S.,

with help from many abroad, are still underway and will not be ready for publication until next year some time, at present estimates. Hence I cannot provide more beyond this preliminary report at present, but believe me many more surprises are in store besides the above. Quantitative values are being further refined and error margins established and reduced as further research tightens the photographic parameters. Many studies are under way including topographic, photogrammetric, photometric, and historical investigations. It is time-consuming and expensive, and without major resources of large institutions with big budgets.

>Could it be? Maybe. A few gentle people already e-mailed me with
>the same explanation for the inversion, which means that a few
>more people also recognized the similarity and the apparent
>inversion, and to explain that, they also seriously consider a
>flipping UFO who also manages to flip its image, from different
>angles, distances and speeds.

>In any case, before we get into explaining the inversion, we
>must first confirm it. I repeat that I'm very glad that you and
>others recognized the similarity, something that a lot of people
>may have deliberately denied. But this similarity has to be
>analyzed on first prints, and if possible - and wherever they
>may be -- on the original negatives. I urge anyone who has access
>to first prints to analyze this and share the results.

I have been analyzing first-generation prints made from the negatives from two different sources.

>I must answer your question of why I referred to Noguez's work as
>"excellent", "superb and detailed". That's obviously because I
>think it is so. You say that Noguez "wants ... three hoaxing
>methods at the same time". From what I read, Noguez suggested
>these methods, not necessarily at the same time.

Sorry you read it dead wrong, Noguez combines all three mutually exclusive and contradictory hoaxing theories into one rambling discombobulated scenario: In his "Conclusion" section, Noguez flatout asserts as fact, not suggestion or hypothesis, that the friends of photographer Bara=FAAna suggested to him doing a hoax after they listened to UFO stories while on Trindade island during the week of Jan. 8-16, 1958, purportedly taking advantage of reports of EM effects, etc. (how were EM effects part of the photo hoax??). Noguez then claims that they wanted to use photos of a mist-covered Twin Bonanza aircraft (supposedly "saucer looking") but that they did not have any such aircraft photos on board the ship. There is in fact not a shred of evidence anyone took any such Twin Bonanza photos or that such photos ever existed in Brazil, this is a theory concocted by Martin Powell in 1999, the first anyone heard of it. And Powell's theory, which Noguez does not dispute in any way, is that of a DOUBLE EXPOSURE of the hypothetical fogged-Twin Bonanza aircraft superimposed on the Trindade island backdrop -- a scientific and physical impossibility because as I've pointed out a double exposure cannot subtract light to render a darkened image it can only add light.

So Noguez asserts that they had to make a "substitution" of the film of the Trindade island inside Bara=FAAna's Rolleiflex camera with the film of the Twin Bonanza. But how then would this new film show any Trindade island scenery if that island film was what was being taken out as useless? And WHAT FILM of the Twin Bonanza?? Noguez had just said that no such Twin Bonanza film was on board the ship, utterly contradicting himself! Noguez then goes on totally oblivious to this flagrant impossibility and absurdity: He says this "substitution" of film would be done by Bara=FAAna through the trickery of "prestidigitation," that Bara=FAAna would also do the "photomontage" and take the photos, and that they had to find the right moment to make the film switch. If Bara=FAAna was simply switching film of a saucer-like fogged Twin Bonanza with the Trindade scene film, why did he need to do a "photomontage" too?? You only would do a photomontage aboard the ship if you are trying to alter an image on film that is retained in some sort of custody, which is not necessary if you are completely switching rolls of film.

Noguez completely omits the crucial fact here that the ship's captain suddenly decided to order the IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT of the UFO photos right on board the ship right after his crew had

seen the UFO -- despite the fact the ship HAD NO DARKROOM. How could the hypothetical hoaxers, Bara=FAna and Company, have possibly anticipated the captain's decision to immediately develop the UFO film, that was sure to risk exposing any hoax or skullduggery??? This meant Bara=FAna could not at his leisure concoct a photo hoax back at home in his own lab with all the time and equipment at his disposal over days or weeks. Here he would have had to hurriedly carry out the hoax in the 10 minutes he was inside the ship's lavatory turned into a darkroom on the spot. He would not have available any prepositioned materials for a hoax in this darkroom because it did not exist as a darkroom moments before.

And let me remind you that the Navy personnel verified that the UFO film images matched what crew members had just seen minutes before. Again, from the classified CONFIDENTIAL intelligence report of March 3, 1958, of Fleet Adm. de Carvalho, Chief, Brazilian Naval High Command, to the Navy Minister, prepared by the Naval intelligence service (emphasis added):

"viii. Afterwards, the negatives referred to were shown to members of the SHIP'S CREW who had WITNESSED the phenomenon; they RECOGNIZED THE OBJECT appearing IN THE PHOTOS as IDENTICAL with the one they had SIGHTED in the air;"

Still oblivious to this pastiche of logical impossibility, Noguez goes on to assert that the "moment" for switching film in Bara=FAna's Rolleiflex camera came when Bara=FAna's friends created a ruckus on deck pretending to see a UFO when supposedly there was none, on Jan. 16, 1958. Bara=FAna "pretended" to take UFO photos, claims Noguez. Well again WHAT FILM was being switched into the camera as a hoax? Again, as I just pointed out, Noguez admits they did not have any photos of a fog-shrouded Twin Bonanza (and could hardly have anticipated Powell's theory 40 years into the future in any case).

Yet Noguez keeps insisting on inserting this Powell double-exposure-fogged-aircraft hoax theory into the story where it does not fit -- read Noguez' article don't take my word for it. So why did they need to make a film "substitution" or switch at all? Substituting what for what??? Why did Bara=FAna need to do a "photomontage" aboard the ship as Noguez keeps insisting? Where did Bara=FAna supposedly get his fake "UFO images" to mount in a photomontage onto the negatives of Trindade island scenes in the 10 minutes he had in the makeshift darkroom? What the hell is Noguez trying to say in all this babbling slanderous nonsense!!! One thing is for sure though, if you keep saying words amounting to hoaxing, lying, fraud, enough times in a paragraph it doesn't matter whether it makes any logical sense or not, the message conveyed to the lay person will be slanderous (and I include written media in "slander").

>You also say
>that the has "successfully hidden behind the Spanish language so
>that English language analysts generally remain unaware ... and
>thus haven't taken them apart". I do recognize the importance of
>the English language, but to say that anything that isn't in
>English is being maliciously "hidden" is to go a bit too far.

I didn't say it was "malicious" but I will say it is "convenient" that Noguez' pseudoscience remains inaccessible to English language researchers who cannot translate from Spanish, and therefore have had no opportunity to dissect and refute his farrago of nonsense. It is not my responsibility to translate Noguez' work it is his responsibility as the author -- and even more so it is his responsibility to remove all the colossal and ridiculous scientific errors and falsehoods (again double exposures cannot subtract light so anyone such as Noguez asserting double exposure as even a "possibility" in the Trindade case is peddling pseudoscience as bad as anything coming from George Adamski or GSW).

>Other than that, you write that the UFO was only a couple of
>millimeters, and in the same message quotes that the members of
>the ship's crew recognized it. Some eye. Noguez mentioned this
>curious element on his work, including a graphical representation
>of the UFO on the negatives, which he represented as a "-". Of
>course, this lacks much precision, as we all know that even in an

>enlarged photo the UFO is not very clear, and that Barauna spoke
>about how he had to treat the film to make the UFO more visible,
>so in the original, untreated negative we may presume that it
>probably was a very blurred and unclear "-". Some eye indeed.

<snip>

My point was that handling pieces of film possibly as small as 2 mm or 1/10 inch in size would be extremely difficult to do and to paste onto dripping wet negatives just developed, all in 10 minutes' time inside a tiny ship's lavatory turned into a darkroom moments before.

I did not say it would be difficult to see such a small piece of film, and the suggestion is patently ludicrous.

Do you know anything about optics or physics??

If you have normal 20/20 vision, a 2 mm object held out at arm's length is about 1/3 the full-Moon in size, do you seriously expect me to believe no one aboard the Brazilian IGY ship could see that?? And to increase the UFO image's apparent size to twice the Full Moon just hold the damn thing four inches from your face and you'll be able to see all the details of the UFO image's shape.

Sometimes I read the most ridiculous arguments and this one is at the top of the heap. If you cannot see the UFO image on the film even at four inches from your face then you might just have 20/200 vision or worse, and be legally blind to say nothing of being scientifically challenged.

Brad Sparks

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Back Issues UK UFO Magazine?

From: Keith Chester <projectbluebook@erols.com>
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 05:07:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:14:24 -0500
Subject: Back Issues UK UFO Magazine?

Hello List,

Does anyone have any of Graham Birdsall's UFO Magazine issues they would like to sell?

I'm looking for two issues. Will pay full newsstand price.

Thanks,

Keith

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MK ULTRA

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 12:07:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:20:16 -0500
Subject: MK ULTRA

On the 3rd October 1995 ,President Clinton publicly apologized to the thousands of people who became victims of MK ULTRA and other mind-control experimental programs - MK ULTRA did exist. See:

MK ULTRA at The WHY? Files - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

(Includes short video of President Clinton's public apology)

Geoff Richardson

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 14:08:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:22:19 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 07:13:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>All those who either think they *should* have been
>involved immediately slide out of the woodwork in an attempt
>to raise their stock. This gives them the illusion that their
>absence from these programs was in some way inconsequential or
>immaterial, when in reality, as I previously noted, it's just
>sour grapes. You have fun with Channel 5 Nick. I'm sure
>'Monster Films'' documentary will be just as revealing as the
>Radio 4 program.

Hello Andy and All,

Quick PS to last (6th or 7th Nov)

Today's "Feedback" (BBC R4 13:30 GMT) contained unanimous criticism of the program for its "dumbed-down debunking" approach.

The production team refused to come and answer the criticism but issued a prepared statement which revealed more than they meant to.

It claimed absolute impartiality but concluded that the Berwyn event had a more "rational" (non-UFO) explanation.

BBC team admitted (unwittingly) that they (and Andy?) think the UFO subject is "irrational"

So much for BBC impartiality

Best regards,

Ray Dickenson

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Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 11:13:20 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:24:06 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Balaskas

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 01:08:18 -0400
>Subject: 'Contrail' Info Requested

<snip>

>Last year Peter Davenport reported the following from CNN. Does
>anyone have additional information for this?

<snip>

><http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/Central/11/28/contrail.scramble/index.html>

>((TEXT OF CNN NEWS STORY APPEARS BELOW))

>NORAD investigates vapor trail reports
>Thursday, November 28, 2002 Posted: 5:52 PM EST (2252 GMT)

<snip>

Hi Don!

I forwarded your e-mail to my friend Dr. Wayne Evans, an adjunct professor in atmospheric science at York University and scientist with the Canadian Government who has direct knowledge of such matters (he has observed and recorded rapidly forming contrails at altitudes higher than known aircraft can fly). Below is a somewhat cryptic reply Wayne sent to me this morning regarding my request for his comments or any new leads about this mysterious vapour trail that NORAD investigated.

"There was a JAG episode on TV on channel 11 about a month ago where he was flying the Aurora aircraft at Mach6 over North Korea. See that episode and it will tell you all. Wayne"

A few years ago during a talk here at York University by Canadian astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield, he told us that when he was with NORAD's 425 Squadron, he was often sent out to intercept such knowns. On one such occasion he intercepted a long range Soviet Bear bomber with his CF-18 fighter which he escorted back out of Canadian airspace.

Nick Balaskas

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New NIDS Paper From Jacques Vallee & Eric Davis

From: Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 10:50:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:27:51 -0500
Subject: New NIDS Paper From Jacques Vallee & Eric Davis

For Ufologists and SETI people to ponder. Here is the abstract.
The full paper is on the What's New section of the NIDS website:

<http://www.nidsci.org>

Regards
Colm Kelleher
NIDS

Incommensurability, Orthodoxy and the Physics of High
Strangeness:

A 6-layer Model for Anomalous Phenomena

by

Jacques F. Vallee and Eric W. Davis
National Institute for Discovery Science
Las Vegas, Nevada

Abstract

The main argument presented in this paper is that continuing study of unidentified aerial phenomena ("UAP"), including "apparitions" of a religious or spiritual nature, may offer an existence theorem for new models of physical reality.

The current SETI paradigm and its "assumption of mediocrity" place restrictions on forms of non-human intelligence that may be researched in our environment.

A similar bias exists in the ufologists' often-stated hypothesis that UAP, if real, must represent space visitors.

Observing that both models are biased by anthropomorphism, the authors attempt to clarify the issues surrounding "high strangeness" observations by distinguishing six layers of information that can be derived from anomalous events, namely

- (1) physical manifestations,
- (2) anti-physical effects,
- (3) psychological factors,
- (4) physiological factors,
- (5) psychic effects and
- (6) cultural effects.

In a further step they propose a framework for scientific analysis of unidentified phenomena that takes into account the incommensurability problem.

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Re: Andros Island Case? - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 18:31:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:59:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Andros Island Case? - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2003 14:23:55 -0700
>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2003 22:09:17 -0300
>>Subject: Andros Island Case?

>>Does anyone have any data or information about a UFO filmed over
>>Andros Island in the Bahamas?

>>I'm trying to find out if the photographer is still alive.

>Hello Virgilio:

>Do you have a date for this, at least an approximate one?

May 21, 1996 - Andros Island, Golden Key.

I'm looking to see if the UFOs filmed had the "UMMO" logo)-(

If so, I will try to contact witnesses.

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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UFO Data Treasure Trove Lands At Texas A & M

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 21:15:28 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 09:07:17 -0500
Subject: UFO Data Treasure Trove Lands At Texas A & M

Source: The Los Angeles Times

<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/front/la-na-ufo2nov02,1,405069.story>

Treasure Trove of UFO Data Lands at a Texas University

By Lianne Hart
Times Staff Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- In 1967, as unmanned orbiters landed on the moon and Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first successful heart transplant, a \$500,000 federally funded investigation of UFOs was well underway at the University of Colorado.

Led by prominent physicist Edward U. Condon, a team of scientists attempted to determine once and for all if UFOs existed.

Eight boxes of raw data collected during the two-year study were made public by Texas A & M University in September, providing a behind-the-scenes look at what is arguably one of the most curious government investigations ever.

"We had quite an organization set up to look into reports of UFOs. It was all taken pretty seriously," said Roy Craig, the chief field investigator for the project, who donated his records to the university. "I went into the project hoping that I could find some actual, physical evidence that would pass muster."

To Craig's disappointment, he said, most sightings of alien spaceships could be explained by science. Among his file folders stuffed with meticulous, handwritten notes are artifacts such as a silvery material said to be taken from an alien spacecraft. It turned out to be a hunk of magnesium. A rusty muffler that flew off a lawn mower had some believing they'd seen a tiny spaceship with a tail of fire.

"Guys like Roy did what they could to come up with a result they could hang their hat on," said Hal W. Hall, curator of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Collection at Texas A & M. "Anybody can come in and look at the appointment books, memos and field notes _ real background of what went into the report. They'll see the enormous amount of work that took place as they applied scientific principles to the evidence."

The project results, which came to be known as the Condon Report, were an outgrowth of classified Air Force investigations that came under criticism as UFO sightings increased in the 1960s

"Some of the congressmen got convinced there were flying saucers out there and the government was keeping secrets from their constituents. They wanted to know whether it was anything they should be concerned with for national security," Craig said.

In 1966, more than 30 Condon commission staffers _ including university professors, psychologists and scientists from private

laboratories _ began sifting through thousands of UFO reports, then went on field trips to collect evidence and interview witnesses. Experts in radar and meteorology were drafted to help explain mysterious flashing lights. Elaborate laboratory tests were conducted on puzzling materials and photos of elliptical objects in the sky.

In September 1968, Craig wrote himself a note and put it in a file folder: "The existence of either alien flying vehicles or unknown natural phenomena is not indicated by evidence as we have examined. We are left with no artifact of alien cultures, no direct or indirect physical evidence of anything extraordinary, few [if any] pictures that cannot be shown to be fake ... and many examples of impressive reports which lost their strangeness as their claims were investigated."

This view was reflected in the more than 1,000-page Condon Report released in January 1969, which the Air Force used to close its own investigation of UFOs. The report was denounced by UFO believers, who called it a sham meant to calm a jittery public. A former project member criticized Condon, who died in 1974, for taking an anti-UFO stand from the start and wrote a book called "UFOs? YES! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong."

More than 30 years later, the Condon Report still rankles those who study UFOs.

"It's clear to many of us in the field that the government is trying to get the minds of the American people off the UFO phenomenon. It would not be surprising if the Condon Report was sort of a red herring," said Peter Davenport, director of the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center, which has posted 23,000 sightings on its Web site since 1995. "When one looks at the cases that the Condon commission settled on for investigation to the exclusion of other more dramatic cases, a reasonable person would come to the conclusion that these people did not want to get to the bottom of the phenomenon."

Still, Davenport said, he and other UFO authorities _ who call themselves "ufologists" _ can't wait to read the notes and materials donated by Craig. "It's a treasure trove for someone like me," Davenport said. "Going through the pages line by line, comparing it with what we know, it's like gold mining. Every once in awhile you come up with a gold nugget."

Craig, now 79 and raising llamas on a ranch in Colorado, said that he relished his time as a government ufologist. "Dr. Condon was sorry he had any part of it, but I had fun. It's a historic study that will never get outdated. I don't think anything is ever going to happen during most people's lifetimes that will change the conclusions of the study."

Skeptics can think what they may, Craig said, but "we gave it an honest try."

If you want other stories on this topic, search the Archives at:
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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright 1992, Frank Rice

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 05:42:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 09:11:58 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:27:53 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 5 Nov 2003 18:54:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

<snip>

>I often ponder the deep philosophical question, "Should I write
>to this guy?" when I see a load of malarky in the press. I
>usually conclude that it would do no good. He won't really pay
>attention anyway. But I appreciate your effort to straighten him
>out... at least a little bit.

>I did get a reply from him by the way, albeit a very short one;
>he said, "Hi, Thanks for your long and detailed letter. I
>appreciate it. Fred."

>The "UFO believers" statement is what gets me every time, and I
>guess me trying to "enlighten him" is more for my benefit than
>his. I agree, it is doubtful that "he will pay attention,"
>however; on the flip-side, my mind was once stuck in that same
>"closed box" many years ago. I too was part of the "social
>phenomenon" that "shot down" any ideas outside what I was taught
>to be the "norm"; for no rational reason I might add, just
>because, as Mr. Pfisterer put it, "we have our heads screwed on
>right and our brains in place, fully functioning and know
>better."

Hello Frank and others,

Several things here.

I see you got browned-off by the ignoramus with the "true
believers" article. That seems predictable.

Like you, I cringe when I see "true believers" and UFOs in the
same context, doubly so when that is the title of a news item.

Almost without fail, you have a lazy writer who has never and
will never really look into these matters.

One rather unwelcome friend-of-a-friend insists on the
'little-green-men' kiss-off whenever she wants to remind
herself how much more intelligent she is than those about
her. She looks like the next-best thing reverse viagra, which
may or may not be relevant. She obviously needs somebody else
to down upon.

No amount of explanation or qualification seems to change such
a person. For that reason, I really have to question the
utility of writing to a writer, so bone-assed dumb as to
title an article "UFO True Believers" or whatever it was.

Frankly, I just let those sort be, and pay more attention to

the honest skeptics. At the very least they ask interesting questions! One of these is (for example)

"Do Flying Spin? If so, do the occupants get dizzy?"

The most interesting ones offer potentially testable hypotheses:

"Are 'UFO Believers' more or less educated than the general population?"

The answer (never mentioned by the schlock writers BTW) is: Yes, definitely.

Now! If I had to beat a deadline to write an article about religion say, I would probably be every bit as lazy. I might even use a phrase similar to 'true believers'. Having two in the family (brother and sister), and after 12 years of Catholic School, I could at least pretend to some familiarity with the topic... a highly skeptical one indeed!

I might even dash off some screed using the same bar napkins as the fellow you wrote to did. What I try not to do, is to invite a dialogue with a bonehead, an obvious nut, or some boring self-serving hack.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Crashed UFO Conference Update

From: Ryan Wood <majesticdocuments@lb.bcentral.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 17:42:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 20:09:38 -0500
Subject: Crashed UFO Conference Update

www.majesticdocuments.com:

UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Update:
Rooms Are Available at the Sunset, Speakers All Confirmed,
And Proceedings Are Being Printed.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Broomfield, CO November 6th, 2003 Now is the time to act; there is space at the UFO Crash Conference (720-887-8171); there are still rooms at the Sunset Station (888-786-7389), and the excitement is accelerating.

George Noory from Coast to Coast AM will be there hosting a live feed from the conference on Friday night along with Linda Howe. Additionally, several other national reporters will be in attendance along with local Las Vegas newspapers.

The speakers are all confirmed and excited about sharing their insight and unique expertise. Arcturus Books will be there with the latest in UFO related literature too!

Dont miss the banquet and keynote speech by Michael Lindemann. His talk - "Humorous Reflections of a Has-Been Ufologist," will include the never-before-revealed official government list of Top Ten Reasons UFOs Crash, plus excerpts from the secret Air Force training film, What To Do If An Alien Appears. Be forewarned: the truth may make you twitch with amazement. Time allowing, Michael will also offer serious reflections on the multi-faceted UFO contact case of Stan Romanek. A unique experience is guaranteed for all.

You can register on-line at:

<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/conference.html>

Or call me directly at 720-887-8171.

This UFO conference promises to one of the best of the year, we want you there and delightfully surprised with the quality, professionalism and powerful new UFO evidence.

Sincerely,

Ryan S. Wood

Conference Organizer

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Close Encounters Of The Japanese Kind

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <socex@terra.com.br>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 09:40:46 -0500
Subject: Close Encounters Of The Japanese Kind

Source: Japan Today

<http://www.japantoday.com/e/?content=feature&id=544>

[See image at site]

Matt Wilce

TOKYO -- Every January more than two million people crowd the grounds of Harajuku's Meiji Jingu to celebrate the New Year, but these revelers aren't the only beings checking out the shrine.

On Oct 11, 1999, roughly 60 transparent rings appeared in the sky over the shrine and were witnessed and photographed by Junichi Kato and his OUR-J UFO group. On other occasions, unidentified shapes and lights have been spotted in the area with remarkable frequency, leading to its reputation as one of Japan's alien hotspots.

"I'd seen groups of six or seven objects several times before, but nothing like that," says Kato, leader of the UFO research group, describing the October 1999 sighting.

The sense of excitement Kato felt on witnessing the scene is evident in the smile that spreads across his normally serious face as he lays out pictures of the unusual aqueous-looking rings in the small office the group rents in Suidobashi.

"It was the first time I'd seen anything like it and everyone just gasped. There were so many we couldn't count," says Toshie Nakagawa, one of "several hundred" members of the OUR-J group that was founded in January 2000. "We were speechless all we could think was UFOs really do exist," adds Kato. The group's pictures of the rings were later published in UFO Magazine and the sighting remains one of their most impressive.

Meiji Shrine popular with UFOs

Kato, who's a regular salaryman by day, notes that his group has a high success rate with their field trips to Meiji Shrine, but is quick to point out that "UFOs fly everywhere" and he dismisses the idea that they are attracted only to specific spots.

"Meiji Jingu definitely has a mysterious aspect and for some reason UFOs do appear there frequently. The most common at the shrine are the ones that look like pachinko balls," he concedes.

Kato's remarkable record in witnessing unidentified objects has led to him being credited with some kind of alien telepathy. "I often get asked by TV shows or reporters to do a UFO call' and summon them up, but I wouldn't exactly call it telepathy," he says. "That implies two-way communication and really involves the separate question of whether UFOs are alien in origin or not. The American military came up with the definition of UFO and there are many cases where an object can be disqualified based on various factors. It doesn't necessarily follow that a UFO is alien in origin, from another planet, or piloted by extraterrestrials, and it's important to make that distinction."

But if he's not chatting with aliens or inviting the UFOs to make a trip to Tokyo, how does Kato explain his remarkable success in sighting, filming and photographing UFOs?

"Some people say that if you don't believe in UFOs then you can't see them I don't think that's true at all," he states, surrounded by shelves of books in English and Japanese on everything from "sky fish" to the Roswell landings. "The first step is to go to a place that is quiet, with open skies and where you can concentrate. Then you just need to focus on the feeling that you want to see a UFO."

Kato draws an analogy with wildlife cameramen or fishermen who go out into the wild with a desire to see or catch a particular rare species and have a high success rate but can't exactly explain how they know where to drop line or set up their tripod.

It came from outer space?

It was Kato's first close encounter at age 5 in a field in Akita Prefecture that began his lifelong interest in watching the skies. As he was playing baseball outside with his brother and some friends, a strange light appeared above them. "It was a large elliptical orange thing, kind of like a bike wheel, although I'm not sure if it was rotating."

Unbeknown to the youngsters at the time, the same day more than 50 people at Akita Airport witnessed a similar phenomenon a golden disk suspended in midair for about 10 minutes that prompted air-traffic controllers to warn incoming flights of a possible obstacle above the runway. A local film crew shooting a documentary at the airport captured the scene on film, providing them with a major scoop and evidence of the encounter, which Kato claims made it into the Guinness Book of World Records, although it no longer appears to be listed.

The mid-'70s saw a flurry of similar UFO activity over Japan, including the sighting of a dark object hovering above the Imperial Palace. The suspected UFO was reportedly witnessed by the National Police, who watched from their nearby offices. Increasingly frequent UFO sightings led to the country's first official investigation conducted by the Japanese Air Force in 1977, although their findings reportedly proved inconclusive.

"In Japan, most UFO groups are cults or religious groups, we're not like that," Kato says, bemoaning the lack of serious ufologists here. "I make it clear to members that they shouldn't hide their interest from their families, this isn't something to hide," he adds, noting that his own family thinks his ufological exploits are "normal."

"There's nobody doing the kind of rigorous investigation work that British and American investigators do," Kato says.

Nevertheless, his guest lectures at universities and OUR-J's work in collecting sighting reports and conducting surveys make them one of the leaders in the field and have won Kato recognition overseas.

"Kato has worked hard to keep OUR-J's members focused on the more pragmatic and scientific aspects of UFO study. At the same time he has not done it in a dry' or rigid manner and seems to have both the passion and personality to pull it off," says Peter Robbins, author of "Left at East Gate" and editor of UFOcity.com.

Beyond the stars

While OUR-J works hard to put a reputable face on UFO research in Japan, suspicion of those who believe in such phenomena remains common. The prevalence of cults and new religions with bizarre belief systems continues despite the high-profile crimes of the Aum Shinrikyo sect. When Clonaid announced earlier this year that their third human clone had been born to Japanese parents, 60 members of the Raelian Movement caused a stir marching through Hiroshima in celebration. The Raelians, who believe that human life is the product of an alien cloning experiment, received one of their highest donations from an unnamed Japanese woman her \$57,000 contribution equaled more than half the total amount they raised in the U.S. last year.

"Japan is such a tightly regimented society that many individuals who claim to be seeking explanations for UFOs and related phenomenon are really looking for a belief system that points toward answers to the increasingly difficult problems surrounding us. A race of more evolved beings somewhere out there' who could help us to solve our problems can exert a tantalizing draw on otherwise intelligent and grounded individuals," comments Robbins, who has more than 25 years experience in the field.

Nick Pope, a British Ministry of Defense employee who conducted official investigations of UFO sightings, agrees that "often, an individual or a group of individuals can have a disproportionate influence on the subject, especially in a monopoly or near monopoly situation.

For example, if one UFO group is sufficiently influential, it can effectively set the ufological agenda through a magazine, conferences, website and access to the mainstream media. As media becomes more global, and as Internet access grows, I would expect national factors to become less significant."

Kato laments that many of the so-called UFO experts in Japan still refer to discredited or outdated research, particularly the work of George Adamski. A bestselling writer on the topic in the '50s and '60s, Adamski popularized the bell-shaped flying saucer and was once described as "a crackpot from California" by Time magazine.

"The Japanese mass media still promote the Adamski-type of UFO and so that's what people say they think UFOs look like when we conduct surveys," says Kato. "This kind of misreporting undermines serious ufology."

OUR-J's own data, compiled from detailed report forms they collect from people who have seen UFOs and their field trips, shows that the most common type of UFO spotted above Japan bears a striking resemblance to the humble pachinko ball. Other common types include ovals and lemon-shaped objects, which Kato describes as being surrounded by a nebulous field. Reports of Adamski-type UFOs make up less than one percent of all sightings. "The ring type [seen at Meiji Shrine] is the strangest that we've seen," he notes.

A regular on a cable TV show about the paranormal, Kato refuses to be drawn on whether he has personally had a close encounter with an alien. "No comment," he answers before elaborating. His reluctance to give a definitive answer is partly due to the influence that the media can have on shaping perceptions of the UFO phenomena. "In the 1950s, Adamski popularized the idea of human-like aliens that were peaceful in intent," he says. In the 1960s, abduction reports became common, as did descriptions of "gray-type" aliens.

"Movies and the media have a lot of power and can force a particular perception on people. It's better not to have the image of what aliens might be fixed by the media. It's better that we think for ourselves what extraterrestrials are like," Kato says, the alien key chain and magnets on his office whiteboard hinting that even ufologists are not immune to the commercialization of our extraterrestrial neighbors.

"With UFOs usually several people witness the same thing, you can take photos and film, and people can agree that they have seen something strange. There is documentary evidence you can examine," Kato concludes. "With extraterrestrials it's hard to establish the truth; anyone can say, 'I am an alien,' but how do you prove it?" Perhaps, as they say, the truth is out there.

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Re: MK ULTRA - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 09:16:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 10:26:25 -0500
Subject: Re: MK ULTRA - White

>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 12:07:41 -0000
>Subject: MK ULTRA

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>See:

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>(Includes short video of President Clinton's public apology)

Thanks, Geoff! One of our colleagues has so many involuntary
experimental surgery scars from her MK experience that she looks
like a walking hieroglyphics tablet!

There is no doubt about the reality of mind control programs.

Interesting too that many of the MK survivors feel very strongly
that at least some UFO activity is Earth-based, used to shift
attention and blame from Earthling criminals to aliens.

Eleanor White

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Re: Andros Island Case? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 06:36:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 10:29:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Andros Island Case? - Hatch

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 18:31:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

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>>Do you have a date for this, at least an approximate one?

>May 21, 1996 - Andros Island, Golden Key.

>I'm looking to see if the UFOs filmed had the "UMMO" logo)-(

>If so, I will try to contact witnesses.

Hello again Virgilio:

I have nothing at all listed here for any case around or about that date and time. If I ever read about the matter, and the 'UMMO' symbol came up, that might explain everything.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 14:43:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 10:38:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Hale

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 17:13:32 -0000
>Subject: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>If Nick doesn't agree with this version of events I suggest he
>provides us with his checkable facts which back his claim up.
>With his 'professional relationship' with David and Jerry this
>shouldn't be too much of a problem!

>Otherwise he should tell the truth. What this says about the
>nature of anything in Nick's books is open to speculation.

All,

I feel the 21st Century Ufologist should always let the world know exactly how the media got in touch with you, and if you did not make the call yourself, then this is unacceptable in these times of competing media frenzy - just think, you could get your opinion aired before your opponent!

And perhaps when on the radio, they might also like to discuss UFOs.

Roy

"The trouble with facts is that there are so many of them."
--Samuel McChord Crothers, The Gentle Reader

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From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 10:41:08 -0500
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>Geoff Richardson

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Dear Geoffrey:

The best I can recall is one US President or another, barfing
upon the lap of some equally forgettable Japanese diplomat.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 15:55:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 09:48:49 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 16:15:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Pilgrims,

Ray wrote:

>Typically passage of time allows some evidence to emerge, but
>also permits the obscuring and suppression of sensitive stuff.

<snip>

>Only recently began examining UFO scene, but am struck by the
>obscuration and obfuscation in this area of general scientific
>interest (if you've got questions re: "Perceptions" science
>'agenda' you can check:

My investigation of the Berwyn case stands on its merits and on its fully documented investigation. I'm happy to discuss specific points on or off-List. I appreciate there will always be individuals who are not happy about various aspects of the explanation.

Without being too blunt all I suggest is that they do some research, come up with referenced and documented evidence, from real people, which contradicts my findings. Then we have the basis for a genuine debate. Otherwise it's opinion vs fact I'm afraid.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 16:02:22 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 09:51:51 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 14:08:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Pilgrims,

Ray wrote:

>Today's "Feedback" (BBC R4 13:30 GMT) contained unanimous
>criticism of the program for its "dumbed-down debunking"
>approach.

Then we look forward to someone doing a better documentary.

>The production team refused to come and answer the criticism but
>issued a prepared statement which revealed more than they meant
>to.

Ray, how do you know it 'revealed more than they meant to'? Go on, how? That's just your opinion.

>It claimed absolute impartiality but concluded that the Berwyn
>event had a more "rational" (non-UFO) explanation.

Stating the facts, i.e. that there was no UFO component to the Berwyn case is hardly being impartial. It's telling the truth!

>BBC team admitted (unwittingly) that they (and Andy?) think the
>UFO subject is "irrational"

Why did they admit it 'unwittingly'? What a ridiculous thing to say! Of course believing in aliens having visited earth, (without evidence) and the whole circus that belief has engendered is irrational. Like believing in fairies, or the Loch Ness Monster - all irrational beliefs. You might not like that fact but I'm afraid that's the case. When there is some evidence other than the fuzzy, the anonymous, the belief based, then it will be a rational subject.

You've not been involved in ufology for long have you Ray?

And as for the BBC, well, everyone knows they are a state asset whose agenda is to keep 'the truth' from the rest of us. Surely that's obvious?

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 16:24:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 09:54:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Roberts

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 14:43:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

Pilgrims,

Roy wrote:

>I feel the 21st Century Ufologist should always let the world
>know exactly how the media got in touch with you, and if you did
>not make the call yourself, then this is unacceptable in these
>times of competing media frenzy - just think, you could get your
>opinion aired before your opponent!

>And perhaps when on the radio, they might also like to discuss
>UFOs.

As usual, whether by chance or design, Roy misses the point.
Which was that Nick Pope made a statement which was utterly,
fundamentally wrong. If that's the sort of stuff you care to
believe, in the face of evidence to the contrary, then good luck
to you!

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Bright

From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:24:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 09:57:48 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Bright

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
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>but issued a prepared statement which revealed more than they
>meant to.

>It claimed absolute impartiality but concluded that the Berwyn
>event had a more "rational" (non-UFO) explanation.

Hi Ray and listers,

Did the BBC team explicitly state that by "rational" they meant "non-UFO"? Or, were they merely stating that they considered the case for an Extraterrestrial hypothesis (which should not be taken to be synonymous with the term UFO) is not supported by evidence of sufficient standard to forward it as a "rational" conclusion?

>BBC team admitted (unwittingly) that they (and Andy?) think the
>UFO subject is "irrational"

Did the BBC team broaden their statement to refer to all UFO research? Indeed, how could the study an 'unidentified' object be considered "irrational"? On the other hand, a conclusion of ET visitation would be so, in the absence of evidence to support that claim.

It seems more likely that the BBC statement was intended to refer to this specific case, and was issued in response to criticism of a particular conclusion that they considered "rational" on the balance of evidence presented.

Best, Dan

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Dan Bright
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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:05:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 09:56:12 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Pope

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 07:13:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 01:28:24 -0000
>>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>>I'm afraid that with Brenda Butler talking about
>>interdimensional portals, and you and Dave Clarke talking about
>>flying lighthouses, this came across as 'Battle of the Buffs',
>>with the neutrals laughing at the fanatical dogmatism prevalent
>>at the opposite and extreme ends of the belief spectrum.

>>Have another listen to the programme, and I think you'll realise
>>that the Radio 4 team were deliberately setting the die-hard
>>sceptics against the true believers, and ever so slightly
>>sending all of you up in the process.

>Well, you're entitled to your opinions Nick, despite not
>answering any of the questions you raised.

>It's most amusing to see how, every time sensible well
>documented research is presented in the media, what happens.

>All those who either think they *should* have been involved
>immediately slide out of the woodwork in an attempt to raise
>their stock. This gives them the illusion that their absence
>from these programs was in some way inconsequential or
>immaterial, when in reality, as I previously noted, it's just
>sour grapes. You have fun with Channel 5 Nick. I'm sure 'Monster
>Films'' documentary will be just as revealing as the Radio 4
>program.

List,

This is Andy's second reference to Monster Films in recent posts. A previous post also referred to Channel 5 as being famous for its soft core porn. The inference seems to be that a UFO documentary made by a production company with a funky name, and appearing on Channel 5, will be light entertainment as opposed to a serious documentary.

The quality of any UFO documentary depends on a number of variables. These include the ability of the researchers, the technical staff, the producer and director; the size of the budget; the time available for the project; the consultant used, etc.

The background to all this is that I'm involved with a UFO documentary being made for Channel 5, while Andy's involved with one being made for BBC 2's Timewatch series.

Both these programmes will be aired next year. I hope that everyone judges them on content, not by the channel on which they're broadcast, or the name of the production company.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Yukon Triangle Report

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 13:44:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 10:22:26 -0500
Subject: Yukon Triangle Report

Mount McDonald, The Yukon, Canada

Date: October 21, 2003
Time: 3:00 a.m.

I received a report from Peter B. Davenport at the NUFORC:

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

as he thought I might like to look into this sighting report.
I would like to thank him for allowing me to look into this case.

Original report from Peter:

While packing out on a sheep hunt in the Yukon Territory at 3:00 o'clock in the morning my guide and I saw a cluster of lights moving across the sky at about 20 degrees above the horizon. I told the guide here comes an airplane. He said "that is odd" because we were in the upper part of the Yukon near Mount McDonald and you do not see many airplanes there especially at 3 in the morning. Suddenly the cluster of light stopped dead still in the sky. It appeared to be about 3 miles away. Then it started darting around, up and down, then sideways. Then stopped again. We watched it for about 5 min then it darted around again, then stopped and held steady. Lights were red, blue and white. I viewed it through my rifle scope and it was a triangle of 12 lights. Lights were white through the scope and all of equal brightness. As we walked on we could see it for about 30 min. As we walked we entered some willows and lost sight of the object. When we came out it was gone. It was the most unbelievable thing I have ever seen.

Below Follow-up by HBCC UFO Research

HBCC UFO Research telephoned the witness to take a follow-up report from him. The witness is a VP with a major company and was a delightful gentleman to talk with. He began by telling me that he has never witnessed anything like what they saw on October 21, 2003 when they were near Mount McDonald in the Yukon. He went on to say he has never been witness to a UFO before. He told me he was very familiar with all different types of aircraft and what he saw that night was certainly no normal aircraft.

Whatever it was the two men saw that early morning certainly confounded them both and he said it was truly an unidentified flying object. The fellow felt the object was intelligently made due to the perfect shape of the lighting on the craft.

The night the men were walking out with the sheep they had got on the hunting trip, the witness said the northern lights were just beautiful. The aurora were dancing across the night sky changing all different colors, from turquoise to green, red and swirling all over the sky. Because the men were carrying a good sized load on their backs, they stopped every 15 minutes to have a short rest and as they sat they would look up at the sky to watch the amazing light show which was taking place above them.

While taking one of their breaks they noticed four stars in a row stretching out in a straight line across the sky running south to north. Both men thought this looked rather unusual as they had not noticed them before when they took their short break. The fellows never really gave it much more thought and continued to watch the northern lights until one of the four lights at the north end of the line flashed extremely bright. The guide said to his companion, did you see that? I was told it was just as if someone had used the flash on a camera, but many times brighter. Both of the men wondered what caused such a bright flash, thinking maybe it was a meteor burning up very quickly. All of a sudden the next star from the end flashed brightly, then the next, and the next until all four stars flashed an extremely bright light. After that, each of the points of light flashed only one time, and approx: 30 minutes later the men still moving slowly along, taking breaks when needed, the hunter noticed what he thought was an airplane coming in their direction from the north and moving slowly. The man I talked with said they weren't that far from the Arctic Circle, only approx: 200 miles away. They were in the true wilderness.

At this point the guide said, this is really odd as I don't usually see aircraft up here at this time of night. Maybe a float plane during the daytime. The witness said from where they were located it looked like a cluster of lights because of the distance they were away from it at that time. As they watched the cluster of lights stopped dead in the sky and then started to dart around, moving sideways, up and down, and even traveling on a slight angle. All these maneuvers covered a large area in the sky. After the object carried out all these different types of movements it finally came back to the same spot in the sky and stopped again. After approx: 5 minutes went by, the object started moving again flying in a similar pattern. Both men looked at each other in shock at what they were seeing.

The hunter put his rifle scope on the object and could see it was a triangle in shape. He also said it wasn't an equal triangle, but it looked more like if you were looking at a Tee Pee. The gentleman said there were two lights which he figured were at the top point. These lights were fairly close together, as the triangle shaped object spread itself out, you were able to see two more lights about half way down the craft, still on the outside edge of it. When it came to the widest part of the triangle there were a number of lights running straight across the bottom edge of it. His impression was that the lights were forming the dimensions of a large craft of some kind. At the closest point the men were to the craft, they estimated the distance from them to the object was approx: 3 miles away. Also the craft was approx: 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon. No sound could be heard, mind you the fellow said there was a small river running close to them. As for the size of the object, he estimates it may have been close to the size of a 747 airliner. Also the witness noted that the lights seen on the object were red, blue and white in color. Also noted was how the lights moved....all together in a triangle formation.

Due to the men wanting to keep moving along as the packs were heavy with meat and other supplies, they would travel through willows, etc. and at this time would lose sight of the object for a short period. When they cleared the forested area the object could still be observed. The fellows still traveling along through the bushes and when they came to another cleared area, they looked and the craft was gone. The man told me now when he thinks back on it, he wished he had sat and watched it until it moved off. But due to them walking all night with loads on their backs and still had approx: an hour to get back to the horse and then another 2 hour horse ride back to camp... they thought it best to continue.

The fellow said this was an amazing experience.

HBCC UFO is also trying to contact the guide to gather more information on this event.

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:15:06 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 10:27:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 05:42:17 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:27:53 -0800
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

<snip>

>>I often ponder the deep philosophical question, "Should I write
>>to this guy?" when I see a load of malarky in the press. I
>>usually conclude that it would do no good. He won't really pay
>>attention anyway. But I appreciate your effort to straighten him
>>out... at least a little bit.

>>I did get a reply from him by the way, albeit a very short one;
>>he said, "Hi, Thanks for your long and detailed letter. I
>>appreciate it. Fred."

>>The "UFO believers" statement is what gets me every time, and I
>>guess me trying to "enlighten him" is more for my benefit than
>>his. I agree, it is doubtful that "he will pay attention,"
>>however; on the flip-side, my mind was once stuck in that same
>>"closed box" many years ago. I too was part of the "social
>>phenomenon" that "shot down" any ideas outside what I was taught
>>to be the "norm"; for no rational reason I might add, just
>>because, as Mr. Pfisterer put it, "we have our heads screwed on
>>right and our brains in place, fully functioning and know
>>better."

>Several things here.

>I see you got browned-off by the ignoramus with the "true
>believers" article. That seems predictable.

>Like you, I cringe when I see "true believers" and UFOs in the
>same context, doubly so when that is the title of a news item.

>Almost without fail, you have a lazy writer who has never and
>will never really look into these matters.

>One rather unwelcome friend-of-a-friend insists on the
>'little-green-men' kiss-off whenever she wants to remind
>herself how much more intelligent she is than those about
>her. She looks like the next-best thing reverse viagra, which
>may or may not be relevant. She obviously needs somebody else
>to down upon.

>No amount of explanation or qualification seems to change such
>a person. For that reason, I really have to question the
>utility of writing to a writer, so bone-assed dumb as to
>title an article "UFO True Believers" or whatever it was.

>Frankly, I just let those sort be, and pay more attention to
>the honest skeptics. At the very least they ask interesting
>questions! One of these is (for example)

>"Do Flying Spin? If so, do the occupants get dizzy?"

>The most interesting ones offer potentially testable hypotheses:

>"Are 'UFO Believers' more or less educated than the general population?"

>The answer (never mentioned by the schlock writers BTW) is: Yes, >definitely.

>Now! If I had to beat a deadline to write an article about >religion say, I would probably be every bit as lazy. I might >even use a phrase similar to 'true believers'. Having two in the >family (brother and sister), and after 12 years of Catholic >School, I could at least pretend to some familiarity with the >topic... a highly skeptical one indeed!

>I might even dash off some screed using the same bar napkins as >the fellow you wrote to did. What I try not to do, is to invite >a dialogue with a bonehead, an obvious nut, or some boring self->servicing hack.

Hello Listerians,

This post is about slaying dragons - the all-powerful dragons of anti-Ufology, which slay the truth and harden the minds of so many in the general public.

The point I was trying to make earlier, about Cyclops and the Government, is that they are waging a propaganda war - not a war of Science and Reason - when it comes to UFOs or "Alien Spaceraft".

Rationality is only superficially involved: They have to make a case which can be understood and believed (Professor Moore precisely calculated the balloon's trajectory, purple toy tape was used on the radar reflectors producing heiroglyphic symbols, and other seemingly rational statements).

After the case has supposedly been made, make the reader feel smugly superior to those UFO loonies: They just want attention, they have "the will to believe", they are silly people, they don't practice science, they are "True Believers".

Now John Q. Public can feel informed and superior. He can brush off any "flying saucer" claims with an air of confidence believing that he's an informed and thoughtful adult, while the True Believers are silly but harmless, and certainly don't know what they're talking about. And any attempts by a True Believer to persuade him to the other view of UFOs are simply the desparate attempts of a child to validate the monsters under his bed or the "real" dreams he had the night before.

The propaganda from the government and Cyclops makes the uninformed reader feel good! And that is a vital ingredient in their recipe.

I am very impressed with Frank Warren's letter to the writer of that "True Believer" article. It might even do some good - and I hope it does. But let's understand the full context of the game, here: The writer was infected with Falsehoods and an Attitude. If we come to the game with nothing more than disproving facts, it's like showing up for a league softball game with no uniforms and a misunderstanding of the rules of slow-pitch softball. Even if we win the softball game, we'll probably be laughed at by one and all, and dismissed as serious contenders.

I take Frank Warren's letter, and others by Friedman, Maccabee, Rudiak, etc, etc, very seriously because I understand the truth of what they're saying, and the hard work they've put into acquiring that truth. But some of the listeners (newspaper readers, etc) have a negative "Attitude" which was created by propaganda and probably cannot be dealt with through Science and Reason. The "Attitude" problem can only be turned around using the same weapon the other side uses: Propaganda.

That's why I proposed "The Committee of Sneering Incompetents..." and the organization called "Cyclops" (CSICOP).

But this approach is beneath us, right? We're mature, thoughtful, rational, scientific, intelligent adults - not a bunch of martini-guzzling Ad-Agency people trying to sell aspirin, bras, and cars.

Well, I have to ask the question: If we're so smart, and know much more of the truth than the average John Q. Public, why is the all-powerful dragon known as "The True Believer Concept" still alive and well, and slaying our truth day after day, year after year?

Why is it that when a UFO conference or Roswell anniversary is covered by television news, the focus is on the guy with the alien head or someone else wearing a tinfoil hat - all the "True Believers"?

I'll tell you why:
It's because we're not in that business, not playing that game, and not even addressing the problem in a way which permits a solution. If there were an offshoot of Ufology dedicated to the propaganda side of things, and if it were well-funded with a budget of several million dollars per year, progress would be made in slaying that dragon which irritates and humiliates so many.

Full or even partial Disclosure of the UFO phenomenon doesn't seem to be on the horizon. In the meantime, major funding and a group of dragon-slayers are needed. They would need to be intelligent, well-informed, and understand propaganda or marketing. Without such a function operating in the world of Ufology, the "True Believer" concept (and worse) will continue to be believed by the public and promoted by ignorant writers, smugly confident of their position, and probably immune to rational persuasion.

The outstanding research which has been done needs to continue, but a different group of people needs to address the emotional side of Ufology.

Example: Which sentence makes you feel better?

1. The CIA claim that U-2 flights accounted for half of the UFO reports is absurd, and here's my evidence.
2. Most Ufologists are keenly aware of UFO reports, and the many professionals who reported them (such as airline pilots, astronomers, and so forth).

(By the way, many thanks to Bruce Maccabee for researching and publishing that U-2 material! I knew the CIA claim was absurd, but had no facts to support it.)

The U-2 research was crucial. I was easily able to understand it, and enjoyed reading it. But most citizens don't flock to a scientist's website looking for evidence - pro or con - of a statement in a television documentary on UFOs. What's missing is another group to take such material and package it for John Q. Public in emotional terms.

If that's not done, "The True Believer Concept" dragon will continue to breathe fire, incinerating the truth.

Dave Morton

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Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:23:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 10:57:57 -0500
Subject: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

Hi All,

For the longest time I have been unable to find the 'originals' to the 'thumbnail' sized photos shown on the 'Physical Evidence' pages/section of the A.I.C. (Abduction Information Center) Website - anywhere on my hard drive.

Until now, all that has been available for viewing on those pages were the tiny, hard to see 'thumbnails' that were made from the much larger originals.

The reason I am writing this note is; I found the larger originals! Found them and posted them to the A.I.C. webpages.

Squeamish Beware!

The photos themselves can prove disturbing to some folks. If photos of bruises or cuts upsets you or makes you want to toss your cookies, this is not a gallery you'll want to see. For those with stronger constitutions it is, I hope, a thought provoking set of photos of the marks and scars suffered by some abductees, reportedly sustained during a UFO abduction. These photos of marks that - until proven one way or the other - strongly hint at a disturbingly real, physical phenomenon, stand as a strong challenge to any and all purely 'psychological' explanations for some of the reports of UFO abduction.

I invite you all to check the photos out for yourselves. Go to:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/default.html>

Click on the button marked, 'Physical Evidence'. There are three pages in the section. Some of you may wish to spend a little more time at AIC and I highly recommend that you spend it in the P.O.V. section studying some the material that is archived there. In any event, I hope your visit to A.I.C. is educational, informative and eye-opening.

Regards,

John Velez
Webmaster - Abduction Information Center

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>>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>Nick had been told about the documentary by his chum, the
>amusing Lord Hill Norton who File on Four were at first going to
>interview but later chose not to.

>Nick then immediately rang David up to see if he could get in on
>the act.

List,

Given Andy's recent interest in my media activities (Radio 4, Channel 5, etc) I thought I'd take the opportunity to set the record straight. Let me say at the outset that while he has the facts wrong, I'm sure he's not deliberately lying.

I heard about the Radio 4 documentary from Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of the Defence Staff and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee. I wasn't sure from Lord Hill-Norton's letter whether or not Radio 4 wanted to interview me, so I telephoned the producer, David Lewis.

It transpired that Radio 4 wanted neither an official government spokesperson, nor someone from the Ministry of Defence's UFO project speaking in a private capacity. They wanted ufologists, and preferably ones with rather extreme views. The plan was to recruit colourful characters from opposite and extreme ends of the belief spectrum, such as Dave Clarke, Tony Dodd, Andy Roberts and Brenda Butler. Accordingly, the show came across as 'Battle of the Buffs', with the True Believers and the Die-Hard Sceptics being played off against each other.

What the Radio 4 team wanted from me was details of the testimony of two ex-military personnel, Nigel Kerr (RAF Watton) and Malcolm Scurrah (RAF Neatishead). David Lewis discussed this with me, and subsequently asked me to provide contact details for these two individuals. I forwarded these and we then discussed the possibility of working together on a future show. I have no idea whether he'll follow this up, and if he does, I don't know whether I'll have time to accede such a request.

In view of the fact that I used to run the British Government's UFO project, I'm frequently contacted by the media. While most requests are for interviews, some are for contact details of military personnel, while other approaches are aimed at checking factual issues concerning, for example, military Standard Operating Procedures.

I find the implication that I'm a 'media tart', desperate to get on as many TV shows as possible, hilarious. If anything, I've been trying to cut back on media work. I recently resigned my

position as Military Affairs correspondent on Eye Spy Magazine, and passed an interview request from ITV's This Morning show to a ufologist.

I'm telephoned or emailed, virtually on a daily basis, by newspaper journalists or researchers from TV shows. The pressure of Ministry of Defence work and other private business commitments means that while I try to help where I can, this isn't always possible.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Dominican Republic UFO Crash?

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 07:48:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:05:39 -0500
Subject: Dominican Republic UFO Crash?

Source: El Nacional - The Dominican Republic
Date: 11-7-2003

Alleged Crash Of Two Objects In The Dominican Republic

Chunks of iron and other metal from the primeval universe fall constantly to earth. Upon making contact, they give off a bright light whose flames dissipate immediately. For this reason, eyewitness commentary in this part of the country does not dismiss the possibility.

The object was seen from Santiago by cameraman Noendi Valerio of Channel 25, who claims having recorded the beam of light from his home in this city's Los Reyes sector.

In Navarrete, several residents claimed to have seen the column of smoke given off by the alleged spaceship, which has still not been found in the impenetrable mountainous area of the communities of Fundacion, Paradero and Arroyo Blanco. However, the Civil Aeronautics Accident Investigation Board is continuing the search at the site where the accident supposedly occurred.

They believe it could have been an agricultural aircraft. However, no rice grower has reported an accident - something they always do to collect the insurance on their crop dusters.

This morning, an aircraft from the Dominican Air Force (FAD) flew over the area, but had reported nothing as of midday.

Participating in the Search and Rescue operation are members of all of the Dominican state's security organizations, according to a press report from the Civil Aeronautics press office.

The area in which the event allegedly occurred was surveyed by reporters from this newspaper yesterday. It is extremely cloudy and the rains have not ceased. Despite of this, the impenetrable vegetation has not kept local residents and Brigades of the Police, the National Army, the Civil Defense and the Red Cross from continuing the search.

Residents of Gajo Alto, at the highest point of the mountain, claim having seen the beam of light but did not hear any detonation.

Nothing has been recorded in the Dominican Republic's airspace and the radars of the Gregorio Luperon Airport of Puerto Plata, which are rather broad in their coverage, have no information about aircraft which flew over the area on Wednesday night.

Another theory which hasn't been dismissed is the possibility that elements linked to the drug trade were flying below the radar and finding a forested area in which to hide.

At El Lirial, residents claim that an airplane would pass over the area every night at the same time, but after last night's event, nothing was found. Faced with the possibility that a drug cargo could be involved, several people offered themselves as volunteers to search the mountainous region.

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UFOs Taped In Jujuy Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 07:49:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:11:33 -0500
Subject: UFOs Taped In Jujuy Argentina

Source: Diario Pregon (San Salvador de Jujuy)
Date: 11-03-2003

UFO PRESENCE SEEN AND RECORDED

A journalistic team of the Canal America 2 'Informe Central' program saw and recorded several UFOs at a location near Maimara and the images are being shown on the Sunday edition of the program.

The experience was made known to Pregon by Alfonso Bidondo, who guided the team to the site at which the contact event took place, only scant kilometers away from Maimara and on the side of National Hwy. 9.

Bidondo, who has been devoted to UFO reseach for some years, claims being able to establish telepathic contact with the crews allegedly aboard these objects.

"The folks from Canal America asked me to take them to see UFOs in order to film them and see if this subject is real. I told them that indeed, my telepathic contact with the vehicles led me to that spot in the early morning hours. We were at the site and while they interviewed me, the vehicles told me that they were about to appear behind me. We turned around and one of the vessels was up above. They were very startled and managed to record it," claims Bidondo.

The team - he detailed - was formed by producer Marcelo Peralta, host Martin Ciccoli and cameraman Alfredo Ghilanda.

A Very Large Light

When consulted about the characteristics of the objects seen, Bidondo described them as "a very big light that passed slowly above us and then vanished. It must have remained for some 15 seconds and then disappeared. Then other lights appeared. Then the sky clouded and we headed back."

Showing the videotaped images of the experience in La Quebrada, he explained that some members of the news crew "still couldn't believe it. It was the first time they had seen UFOs and it seemed an impossibility. But then they became witnesses and were totally amazed.

"Jujuy," explained Bidondo, "is in one of the most important places on the planet as regards the UFO phenomenon because we are in a magnetic "tube" through which craft transit [...] the atmosphere and electromagnetic field in which northern Argentina is submerged is also an influence." Despite this, he adds, "the UFO subject is taboo in Jujuy."

Bidondo revealed that at the end of the month, a camera crew from the Infinito TV network will visit the area to produce a segment on the experiences which have occurred here and regretted that residents of Jujuy do not grant the phenomenon the importance it merits. "When they hear these subejcts mentioned, people laugh because they don't have information," he

noted, adding that "very serious treatment is given to the subject" in developed countries like the U.S. and the European Union.

Video-grab of the object recorded in Maimara, showing one of the UFOs recorded.

UFO contactee Alfonso Bidondo
at the office of Diario Pregon

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Re: UFO Data Treasure Trove Lands At Texas A & M -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 08:26:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:13:12 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Data Treasure Trove Lands At Texas A & M -

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 21:15:28 -0700
>Subject: UFO Data Treasure Trove Lands At Texas A & M

>Source: The Los Angeles Times

><http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/front/la-na-ufo2nov02,1,405069.story>

>Treasure Trove of UFO Data Lands at a Texas University

<snip>

>Skeptics can think what they may, Craig said, but "we gave it an
>honest try."

Perhaps Craig gave it an 'honest try'. Clearly Condon didn't!

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Re: MK ULTRA - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 9:59:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:15:06 -0500
Subject: Re: MK ULTRA - Aldrich

>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 12:07:41 -0000
>Subject: MK ULTRA

>On the 3rd October 1995 ,President Clinton publicly apologized
>to the thousands of people who became victims of MK ULTRA and
>other mind-control experimental programs - MK ULTRA did exist.
>See:

>MK ULTRA at The WHY? Files - <http://www.thewhyfiles.co.uk>

>(Includes short video of President Clinton's public apology)

Hi Geoff,

Please tell me what the Presidential apology of Oct. 3rd, 1995
has to do with MK ULTRA?

Here is a transcript of the remarks which were made at the
acceptance of the report on human radiation experiments on 3
October 1995, the date of video clip on your site.

<http://tis.eh.doe.gov/ohre/roadmap/whitehouse/appa.html>

The context is clear, is it not?

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Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 10:08:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:18:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Lehmborg

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 16:24:25 -0000
>Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 14:43:06 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>Pilgrims,

>Roy wrote:

>>I feel the 21st Century Ufologist should always let the world
>>know exactly how the media got in touch with you, and if you did
>>not make the call yourself, then this is unacceptable in these
>>times of competing media frenzy - just think, you could get your
>>opinion aired before your opponent!

>>And perhaps when on the radio, they might also like to discuss
>>UFOs.

>As usual, whether by chance or design, Roy misses the point.

While that -might- be true, I think it may be -your- point has the bad
design with little *chance* of being made.

>Which was that Nick Pope made a statement which was utterly,
>fundamentally wrong.

Utterly? Fundamentally? If I said this I'd expect to be accused,
rightfully, of canted (and therefore suspect) histrionics and
contrived hyperbole. I think it's plain you've gone on overmuch
with regard to the implications of a statement like "I too have
a good relationship with the Radio 4 team," and the spin that
you clumsily put on that sentence with regard to 'who called who
first' is not remotely supported in Mr. Pope's utterance,
indicated nowhere in the testimony of principals provided by
you, nor has it justified an uncalled for broad-brush of Mr.
Pope as a poser, pretender, and ufological panderer...

In the end you have failed to support your irate attack on Mr.
Popes contention that he had a *good* relationship with "Radio
4", and come off as a little petty and mean-spirited -- likely
piqued at Mr. Pope's rational estimation of contributions to
your own program in another thread...

>If that's the sort of stuff you care to
>believe, in the face of evidence to the contrary, then good luck
>to you!

A belief in "Flying lighthouses," don't require similar leap of
untested faith?

Is there quality evidence with regard to UFOs? Verily, the
quality anecdotal evidence, compounded with the vetted
photographic evidence, and then added to the documented
historical evidence, gives every indication that a ufological

contention regarding that phenomena is more real than not...
Moreover, when the preceding is framed by the serious artistic
evidence, qualified by the available physical evidence, and then
compellingly buttressed by the conclusively personal evidence
(if you have some, I do...), one can only be annoyingly
astonished by the continued reluctance of -some- to face the
highly strange music that just cannot be -forever-
marginalized... yet continues to be...

Does the information available justify attention by the
mainstream to perform a more *in depth* investigation of UFOs?
Absolutely"! Does it get it? No. Why? That's your
contribution, sir. Be not proud.

>Happy Trails

One thing I've noticed about your "happy trails" is their ironic
dearth of any mirth.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 17:04:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:24:30 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>,
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:24:26 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Bright

>Did the BBC team broaden their statement to refer to all
>UFO research? Indeed, how could the study an 'unidentified'
>object be considered "irrational"? On the other hand, a
>conclusion of ET visitation would be so, in the absence of
>evidence to support that claim.

Hello Dan, and All,

Friday's "Feedback" had unanimous criticism of Berwyn program's
"dumbed-down, debunking" approach.

The prepared statement of the production team claimed
impartiality and went on to say that its approach was "perfectly
rational".

They clearly did not think any UFO scenario (never mind ETH) was
worth considering.

Presumably "rational" was meant to describe their piecemeal
labeling & dismissal of evidence or even ignoring evidence. I.e.
the build-up over some months - then, on the night - the
coincidence of anomalous (directed?) "meteors" and an
"earthquake" etc.

Don't wish or claim any "ufology" experience or know-how, just
examine all available evidence logically - an approach we can
modestly claim some successes with, even in the face of
opposition and denial by "mainstream" science establishment.
<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/answers5.html#agenda>

Experience shows that establishment claims of "rationality"
almost always covers-up an irrational clinging to yesterday's
"safe" paradigm.

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#egs>

Regards,

Ray Dickenson

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:04:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:42:50 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Roberts

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 02:43:07 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Pilgrims,

Nick wrote:

>Given Andy's recent interest in my media activities (Radio 4,
>Channel 5, etc) I thought I'd take the opportunity to set the
>record straight. Let me say at the outset that while he has the
>facts wrong, I'm sure he's not deliberately lying.

Can you accidentally lie?

I guess we'll all just have to disagree about how desperate Nick was to get himself on R4.

>I find the implication that I'm a 'media tart', desperate to get

Yet those were your exact words to David Lewis, Nick!

Happy Trails

Angry Robot

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Notes From The Borderland Magazine

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 12:04:58 -0500
Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

Dear EBK and Listers,

I am pleased to announce the release of the latest issue of Dr Larry O'Hara's magazine "Notes From The Borderland".

The magazine is over 60 pages with many interesting articles on which more below.

The article you may wish to read is my exposure of disinformation experts within ufology. My 12,000 word article is completely footnoted.

The Flyer

Once again, Notes from the Borderland returns to ufology, covering a story many want to read but nobody else would dare feature.

We proudly publish The Usual Suspects: Anatomy of a disinformation campaign in ufology, by veteran ufologist Max Burns. Max reveals the extreme depths some in ufology sank to in order to shut him up concerning the March 1997 Howden moor ufo.

One usual suspect David Clarke - formerly of the Sheffield Star newspaper, already discredited for disgusting reporting of the 1989 Hillborough tragedy and relentlessly targeting framed anarchist Mark Barnsley. Another is convicted drug supplier/armchair ufologist Andy Roberts - specialities hoaxing and disinforming to order. Both are put in the dock. Burns clinically outlines eight different disinformation strategies used against him, including witness contamination and intimidation. The process culminated in Burns being framed and sent to prison.

Featuring a galaxy of players, from Jenny Randles to Nick Pope, Burns concludes that Roberts & Clarke are not genuine (if even sceptical) ufologists, but something else entirely.

Get chapter and verse in this breakthrough article which will grip all genuine UFO enthusiasts across the country, and hopefully be followed by action.

NFB is essential reading for all those concerned about government/state cover-ups, disinformation campaigns and security services and police malign activities.

Other articles include MI5 and recent Royal scandals, shoking new evidence on the 1999 Copeland nail bombings; a pro-Special Branch BBC series by Peter Taylor panned; direct action group the Wombles resisting a police fit up; and updates on the Brittish National Party; plus Donal MacIntyre/David Shayler.

Notes from the Borderland has already covered ufology in the underground classic At War With The Universe, co written by Larry O'Hara and Steve Booth.

Documenting Nazi thug and agent provocateur Tim Hepell's disinformation and destruction strategies inside British UFO groups. As it happens Hepple/Matthews reared his head in

relation to the March 1997 UFO sighting but in a role junior to Roberts/Clarke. Obviously too busy organising Alien Nazi line dancing in Wigan.

AWWU also covers flying saucers, triangles, alien and military hypotheses, and many hoaxes/sightings. Buy it.

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All the best,

Max Burns

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 12:17:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 14:37:40 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:15:06 EST
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

<snip>

>This post is about slaying dragons - the all-powerful dragons
>of anti-Ufology, which slay the truth and harden the minds of
>so many in the general public.

>The point I was trying to make earlier, about Cyclops and the
>Government, is that they are waging a propaganda war - not a
>war of Science and Reason - when it comes to UFOs or "Alien
>Spacecraft".

This dragon is sitting on top of a pretty impressive treasure
hoard. CSICOP is justifiably proud of how much money it rakes
in, as this article shows at this URL:

http://www.secularhumanism.org/library/shb/kurtz_17_1.htm

"The cost of the building is \$1.6 million, which the Center
raised with a bank loan. This needs to be paid off. The
estimated renovation costs will run approximately \$500,000. We
wish to redo this space so that it is a signature building. In
addition to functioning as our West Coast regional rallying
point, the L.A. Center will also house our new national media
center. This will create programming for television and radio
and serve as a resource for rapid media response. From this
center, we expect to develop a prestigious board to rate the
scientific accuracy of movies and television shows."

Another CSICOP web page says of this facility:

"The Center for Inquiry is dedicated to promoting critical
inquiry and human enrichment. Located in Hollywood, California,
the Center includes offices plus a meeting room that can seat
over 120 people. The Center runs a wide range of programs
including conferences, social activities, lectures,
publications, support groups, debates, and cultural events."

In the description of all of the nifty stuff this "Temple of
Reason" does, there's no mention of any budget for scientific
work. That's because CSICOP doesn't do science; it does
propaganda. It takes a lot of science to overcome millions of
dollars worth of propaganda.

In contrast, the J. Allen Hynek Center For UFO Studies,
apparently manages to scrape enough money together to do some
scientific work but to my knowledge doesn't have a branch office
with a "media center" in Hollywood or a conference room that can
seat 120 people.

I think this explains why the score is usually dragons 10,
dragon slayers zero.

But even dragons have cash flow problems, apparently. If you want to help CSICOP in their hour of financial need, see:

<http://www.cfiwest.org/deleted/donate.htm>

If you don't donate NOW, here's what you'll be missing:

"The first floor, with its state-of-the-art auditorium and its stage and revenue potential; its library, reading room, conference room and book-store will have to wait."

How could anyone be so callous as to not support a worthy humanitarian cause like enhancing CSICOP's revenue potential?

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Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 19:53:28 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 14:41:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Roberts

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Absolutely"! Does it get it? No. Why? That's your
>contribution, sir. Be not proud.

Verily! Always interested to read Alfred's posts, as it's not
often you get to read English as she was spoken on one of Queen
Elizabeth's warships!

Like others, Alfred, you're entitled to your opinion and
interpretation of what took place. I've said my piece and Nick's
responded. Ultimately David Lewis was the one who knew what went
on and reported it as posted.

>>Happy Trails

>One thing I've noticed about your "happy trails" is their ironic
>dearth of any mirth.

Pleased you understand irony Alfred.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C. - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 14:50:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:16:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C. - Groff

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:23:26 -0500
>Subject: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

<snip>

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/default.html>

>Click on the button marked, 'Physical Evidence'. There are three
>pages in the section. Some of you may wish to spend a little
>more time at AIC and I highly recommend that you spend it in the
>P.O.V. section studying some the material that is archived
>there. In any event, I hope your visit to A.I.C. is educational,
>informative and eye-opening.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pev3.htm>

The first image is most unusual indeed! I almost get the
impression that this marking is some sort of a "cattle" brand.
One would think that any sort of a "medical" device would not
have the asymmetry displayed by the 5 marks at the top.

Does the experiencer have any idea what made the mark?

Terry Groff
UFO Tools
<http://terrygroff.com/ufotools/>

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False Memories Characteristic Brain Activity

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 13:16:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:22:38 -0500
Subject: False Memories Characteristic Brain Activity

Perhaps Neuroscience will develop a test for false memories that can be used to explore recall of an alien abduction event.

How will these scientists react if such memories are found to be true memories?

Source: The New Scientist

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994363>

False Memories Have Characteristic Brain Activity

00:01 09 November 03

NewScientist.com news service

A study has revealed characteristic activity in the brain that predicts whether a memory is accurate or false. The difference occurs at the time of recall, suggesting that a test for false memory might one day be possible.

Daniel Schacter and Scott Slotnick, at Harvard University, Massachusetts, found that sensory areas of the brain, rather than the regions thought to deal specifically with memory, are more active when people recall information correctly.

The researchers asked volunteers to try to recall whether a particular shape had been in a previously viewed group, while scanning their brains. When people correctly recognised a shape, a visual area called the ventral temporal cortex was more active than when people mistakenly identified a shape that was in fact only similar.

Schacter also found a similar effect with word lists, where auditory regions of the brain became more active during accurate rather than false recognition. "There seems to be an additional feature of a memory that is present for something you have already experienced," says Schacter.

Unconscious memory

Intriguingly, the brain scans also suggest that our unconscious or "implicit" memory might be more accurate than what we consciously recall.

Preliminary studies suggest that the extra sensory activity happened when people saw the same shape, regardless of whether they correctly said they saw it, says Schacter.

Yoko Okado, who is researching false memory at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, says some kind of lie detector might one day pick out such differences in brain activity. "While true and false memories are processed similarly in the brain, there are some key distinctive features that need to be explored further," she says.

However, Schacter points out that their work currently averages

brain activity over many trials, so detecting the accuracy of a single memory is not yet possible.

The research was presented at the Society for Neuroscience's meeting in New Orleans on Saturday.

Helen Phillips
New Orleans

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Anomaly Archives Library Opens In Austin

From: **Stephen Miles Lewis** <ufoupdates@elfis.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 16:17:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:38:53 -0500
Subject: Anomaly Archives Library Opens In Austin

Anomaly Archives Lending Library Opens In Austin Texas

Greetings UFO UpDates Listers,

It's been a while since I posted to this List - tho' it remains one of my favorite elists of all time. My posts to the List tend to be sporadic but you can read past posts as far back as September 1998 under these email prefixes "elfis", "smiles", "stephen.lewis", and "miles" if you go to the UFO UpDates List Archive:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/oct/m12-028.shtml>

A brief re-introduction for those who don't know me.....

My name is Stephen Miles Lewis, but you can call me Miles or SMiles.

I've had a life-long interest (oh, who am I kidding, it's an obsession) in all things anomalous, be they paranormal, ufological, parapsychological, whatever.

Here in Austin, Texas, I served as facilitator for a local UFO Experiencer Forum and Study Group, State Section Director, editor of ELFIS Journal of Possible Paradigms, editor of the Austin Para Times and organizer of the ill-fated 38th annual National UFO Conference of September 2001.

Currently I host about 20 anomaly related web sites via the Elfis Network.

<http://www.nufoc.net/nufoc38/> <<http://www.ELFIS.net>

<http://www.AustinParaTimes.com>

For over ten years I've dreamed of founding a research lending library to house my ever-growing book, magazine and clipping collections. Well, that dream is finally a reality. Thanks to serendipity and a friendship with Bob McGarey - see Ray Stanford's Socorro Saucer In A Pentagon Pantry - of the Human Potential Center, my archives have a home in which to birth this project.

Two of the role-models for the Anomaly Archives are the Archives for UFO Research in Sweden and Rhea White's Exceptional Human Experience Network and its Psiline database.

<http://www.afu.info>

<http://www.ehe.org/display/ehe-page.cfm?ID=76>

There are so many fine researchers on this list who each have their own monumental research collections and projects; Jan Aldrich's Project 1947, Wendy Connors' Faded Discs archive, Jerome Clark and the CUFOS collection and others come to mind. The Anomaly Archives hopes to work with these and the many other

fine researchers and research collections who network via this and other elists.

Some of the organizations we have partnered with locally include: Austin MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), Austin IONS (Institute Of Noetic Science), INACS (Institute for Neuroscience And Consciousness Studies), the Human Potential Center and others.

To those in the Central Texas region I invite you to come by Friday, November 14th to see the Anomaly Archives. To those farther afield, you are also invited to explore and join the growing non-local Anomaly Community.

Sincerely,

SMiles Lewis
-AnomaloManiac

ANOMALY ARCHIVES - Lending Library - Opens Friday November 14th
Austin, Texas - 2007 Bert Ave. 78704

Ever wondered about the reality of UFOs? Ever had a strange experience and wondered if others have had similar experiences? Ever wanted to learn about scientific investigations into the reality of Cryptozoological Critters, Parapsychological Paradigms and Parapolitical Cover-Ups?

Then Come See the Anomaly Archives and explore the Human Potential Campus at the upcoming...

Human Potential Center - Art Show And Open House
Friday, November 14th !! [See bottom for more info on the art show]

The Anomaly Archives has been a vision of founder SMiles Lewis for over ten years. Finally, the Anomaly Archives have manifested in physical reality as the non-profit corporation the Scientific Anomaly Institute, headquartered at the...

Human Potential Campus, 2007 Bert Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704

The Mission of the Anomaly Archives includes:

- *Preservation and dissemination of scientific research into anomalous phenomena,

- *Research and analysis of accumulated collections, and

- *Education of the public regarding scientific investigations into these phenomena.

Purposes of the Institute include:

- *Managing and developing an archive and library for documents and literature with regards to a multi-disciplinary approach to anomalous phenomena,

- *Supporting, promoting and pursuing research to obtain increased knowledge about anomalous phenomena, and

- *Pursuing and stimulating a critical, scientific discussion of anomalous phenomena, and providing a forum for information, support, and sharing among researchers while,

- *Functioning as the archives and library for like-minded organizations, and other groups in the community that have similar interests.

Services at the Anomaly Archives will include,

- *Free In-House Access to Materials for the Public,

- *Free Searches of Digitized Index,

- *Bibliography and Virtual Collections,

- *Lending Library for Membership Discounted Membership with Partnered Organizations,

*Research Services for the Public (Discounts for Membership),

*Discounted Services for Archives Membership & Partnered Organizations,

*Interlibrary Loan with Participating Libraries for Archives Membership,

*Discounted Membership & Services for Donated Collections, and

*On-line access to digitized collections for Membership.

Future Services the Archives will provide include Reprinting of Rare Publications & Anomaly Org Newsletters, Archiving Publications of Anomaly Oriented Organizations, Web Development & Archiving for Anomaly Oriented Orgs, and the creation of an On-line Distance Learning Campus.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.AnomalyArchives.org>

MORE INFO: HPC - Art Show and Open House

The Human Potential Center has much to offer in the areas of personal growth and development. To showcase both, the Center hosts a quarterly Art Show and Open House. Featured are the remarkable paintings of Kristi Hayner and Jo Lagattuta, and the handmade jewelry of Pam Chambers and Lia Nelson. Friday, November 14 from 6 - 10 pm. FREE!

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Christol

From: Michael Christol <spachopr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 14:06:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:14:30 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Christol

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 16:02:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Hi List.

Andy said:

>"Why did they admit it 'unwittingly'? What a ridiculous thing
>to say! Of course believing in aliens having visited earth,
>(without evidence) and the whole circus that belief has
>engendered is irrational. Like believing in fairies, or the
>Loch Ness Monster - all irrational beliefs."

OR: "Believing in God!", huh?

Which came first, God, ET, or Man?

I really don't think it matters, for one reason and one reason only. Know it all Man who has limited facilities for seeing 360 degrees on any subject will not admit that he is wrong.

His Ego must be correct or he has no purpose.

He does not subscribe to the idea of humility.

He cannot allow anyone other than Himself to be correct. Thus the idea of arriving at an answer 'collectively' is anathema, to Him.

Not relevant to the conversation?

Hmmmm....

Nothing has really changed on this List since I left it about five years ago.

Some are willing to seek the answers to the questions posed here and some are not. So, for those who are not, it would be better if they just withdrew from the list since it offers them nothing but an opportunity to harass those who are serious about finding an answer to the UFO Phenomena.

Back in 1990, at the MUFON Convention in Pensacola, Fl., I ran into Phil Klass as he was exiting from one of the lectures. I said: "Phil Klass! Let me shake your hand. If it wasn't for you, we UFO Investigators would be further out in 'Left field' than we are already."

Phil replied: "Don't do that! Don't do that! I am a bad person. I steal candy from children...":

I looked at him, smiled, and said: "Yeah, right!"

He laughed and shook my hand then we each went on our way.

You have to be able to know and be known by your adversaries if you are going to make any progress. Without mutual respect,

nothing will ever be accomplished with respect to closing the gulf which exists between the skeptic and the open minded researcher.

REgards, Mike

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Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 23:22:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:46:53 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Ledger

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:41:16 -0800
>Subject: Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Warren

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 01:08:18 -0400
>>Subject: 'Contrail' Info Requested

>>Last year Peter Davenport reported the following from CNN. Does
>>anyone have additional information for this?

>>National UFO Reporting Center Sighting Report
>>Occurred : 11/27/2002 16:00 (Entered as : 11/27/02)
>>Reported: 11/28/2002 6:33:29 PM 18:33
>>Posted: 12/23/2002
>>Location: Turks,
>>Shape: Unknown
>>Duration:

>>This is a link to a cnn.com report on a mysterious contrail.>

>>I saw this report on cnn.com and thought I would pass it along:

>><http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/Central/11/28/contrail.scramble/index.html>

>Interestingly enough, I just completed a "vigorous search" in
>the archives of most major papers and the wires, AP, Reuters,
>etc., for any mention of this story and came up with zilch. Also
>checked CNN for a follow-up, and nothing there either. It would
>seem that this "interesting news item" was nipped in the bud.

>I didn't check "local Colorado Springs newspapers," perhaps
>there is something there.

Hi Frank,

Sorry I must have missed this. Like minds... Thanks for this
information. I should mention that a piece of information I have
makes this sighting more than other recent phenomenal events
much more interesting to me. I'll keep you posted.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 22:40:10 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:40:30 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>,
>Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 17:04:10 +0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>Experience shows that establishment claims of "rationality"
>almost always covers-up an irrational clinging to yesterday's
>"safe" paradigm.

Hi,

Most people should recognise that the BBC are part of the establishment, therefore, sceptical journalism is almost certainly part of the territory.

Expect no breakthrough with this media, that is why our screens are filled , with the same old sceptics, who trot out the same old lines, everyone else is nuts, and they are not.

Roy

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The First Amendment's Umbrella

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci@cavtel.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 18:19:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 15:42:32 -0500
Subject: The First Amendment's Umbrella

The First Amendment's Umbrella
by
Larry W. Bryant

When one of my former, military colleagues once wrote disdainfully of the Army's policy of prohibiting male, uniform-clad soldiers from using umbrellas, little did he or his superiors suspect that their put-down of his dissent would lead to a federal lawsuit - and to a First Amendment victory for him and all Army personnel desiring to voice their viewpoints on this or that aspect of Army policy.

You see, the good sergeant used to serve with me on the staff of the Army News Service, an internal-information function of the Army's chief of public affairs in the Pentagon. One day, he confided in me his draft of a "commentary" that he as ARNEWS associate editor was proposing to dispatch to every post newspaper in the Army, via the ARNEWS electronic news wire.

Not one to discourage such confrontational questioning of authority, I of course cheered him on. His enthusiasm ended abruptly when he received this reminder from the chain of command: "Army journalists are not supposed to write in opposition to a matter of official policy" (or words to that effect). So, he had to withdraw his opinion piece, and to realize that his superiors held enough power to deny him full access to the freedom of speech guaranteed all citizens by the First Amendment.

Or so he thought.

Months later, I ventured to pick up where the good sergeant had left off.

My reasoning went like this: military-owned weekly newspapers like the "Pentagram" (then published at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C.) and the "Stripe" (published at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington) constitute "designated public forums," on a par with nearby R.F.K. Stadium. So I dispatched to those two papers a short series of letters-to-the-editor on various public issues, ranging from Pentagon waste of recyclable materials to gays in the military to official secrecy on UFO encounters.

The editors' arbitrary rejection of those letters led me to file suit against the secretary of the Army on June 23, 1993.

In his decision rendered on Sept. 22, 1994, federal judge Charles R. Richey of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia declared that neither the newspapers as a whole nor their commentary/letters pages constitute public forums. Hence, my challenge on that aspect of Army "command information" failed.

But the judge did strike a blow in favor of the First Amendment.

He agreed with me that the Army regulation governing the CI program (then numbered AR 360-81) contains a provision that

fails to pass constitutional muster. It so happens that this provision lies behind our good sergeant's failure to keep alive his criticism of the umbrella policy. Its wording has a deceptively low-key tone, but nevertheless also has quite enough power to silence any degree of dissent: "Commentaries and editorials may not extend to material not in consonance with policies of the Department of the Army."

But, in the judge's words: ". . . the inclusion of a 'letters to the editor' section - a feature that clearly does not reflect government speech in any ordinary sense of the word -- removes any doubt that the [newspapers] are not to be treated as purely a means of government expression."

Some practitioners of Army public affairs, which oversees production of these post newspapers, might argue that this victory for freedom of speech will carry little weight - since the viewpoint-restrictive provision hardly ever has needed to be invoked. But tell that to two former PA staffers of the U. S. Army Military District of Washington at Fort McNair, and learn how much career flesh still burns beneath the surface.

It was back in the early eighties that one of these staffers, a senior enlisted journalist, chose to publish in the "Pentagram" his non-by-lined, unlabeled commentary highly critical of the winning design for the soon-to-be-built national veterans memorial to U. S. participation in the Vietnam War.

When the MDW chain of command received heat from those in high places unhappy with the commentary's viewpoint (and camouflage), guess who lost his job. Not the opinionated NCO, but his boss - the MDW public affairs chief, a colonel. Presumably, he should've known better than to allow an enlisted man free reign to express views not in consonance with Army policy. Upon resisting the MDW commander's desire to remove the offending NCO, the colonel wound up being transferred to a logistics position. Shortly thereafter, both soldiers went on to retirement, the sergeant later being murdered during a robbery at his home.

Had either of them taken a harder stand against the reprisal, perhaps my lawsuit would've been avoided. But my knowledge of, and experience with, military litigation tells me that the Army hierarchy relishes doing battle in court almost as much as it does on the battlefield.

Now, with this latest victory for the umbrella of constitutional rights, perhaps the former MDW PA chief might wish to petition the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records for a redress of the dismissal taken against him in the name of regulatory conformity.

Over the past 50 years, several challenges to the constitutionality of military regulations have been decided in the government's favor by the U. S. Supreme Court. Some of those cases show up as key citations in the Army's response to my own litigation. Some weeks after Richey's ruling, the Army once again fell upon its sword of censorship by filing a "notice of appeal" with the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. But shortly after that, the Army's legal eagles decided to withdraw the appeal.

So that leaves my case as the latest of only a few successful intra-Army First Amendment challenges to the Army's cherished regulatory authority. (The first case, dating back to the fifties, concerns the court-martialing of Lt. Col. Melvin B. Voorhees for his daring to publish his wartime memoirs ("Korean Tales") without receiving prior "clearance" from - you guessed it - the chief of Army public affairs.)

Now, perhaps one of the good sergeant's successors will resurrect his umbrella critique. If so, here's my advice: skip the "Pentagram"; send it, as a letter-to-editor, to the Army's monthly, slick, flagship medium of command information called "Soldiers" magazine.

Meantime, here's an update:

Since writing this essay back in 1995, I've found another (published) discussion of the issue. Ironically it appears in the July-August 1996 issue of the "MDW Public Affairs Bulletin."

Authored by Sgt. 1st Class Elroy Garcia (himself a former ARNEWSian), the piece consists of a sidebar ("Bizarre Letters and a Lawsuit") to a larger article titled "CI Chief Sparks Debate on Letters to the Editor Policy." Basically, Garcia summarizes my lawsuit and provides the obligatory official spin on the issue - in such phraseology as ". . . a single ardent reader decided to use the command newspaper as his personal sounding board."

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Stoner, British Columbia

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 20:27:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 16:14:26 -0500
Subject: Stoner, British Columbia

Stoner, British Columbia

Date: October 26, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m.

A gentleman called me from Prince George, British Columbia tonight (November 9, 2003) to report a sighting he and his wife had while coming back from Penticton, B.C. On October 26, 2003 while traveling along highway 97 just south of Stoner, B.C., heading north the couple saw what they first thought was a very large aircraft. The fellow told me it looked like an aircraft that would have been coming in for a landing at an airport with the landing lights on. The light they witnessed was extremely bright and again large in size. The object was to their right and a head of them at this point. Also the object was traveling over top of the trees. They soon figured out that what they were observing was not a normal aircraft at all due to it's size, brightness and how low it was flying. The witness told me they were traveling at approx: 100 kilometers an hour and they were catching up to this thing. He also mentioned, it was unlikely at the speed he was traveling that they would have slowly crept up closer to it if it had of been a plane.

Still thinking the fellow wondered, could it possibly be a helicopter as it did seem to hover for a spit second or two then started moving once again. Being so low, they did lose sight of it briefly due to the trees blocking their view. Once the witnesses got to a crest of the hill and seeing there was a clearing they spotted the object again. At this point it was just underneath the cloud cover. The witnesses estimated the cloud ceiling to be at approx: 8,000 feet or close. The object, still traveling slowly, flying just below the clouds and basically straight across from them when the light just disappeared, then reappeared shortly there after and then finally vanished. The witness mentioned that the highway had a lot of traffic on it and many others driving would have noticed the object. It was hard not to see it due to the intensity of the light.

I will be checking this out Monday morning to see if I can dig anything up on this case.

Thank you to both witnesses for their report.

Brian Vike

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A 1957 Wave Comparison

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 20:31:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 16:37:41 -0500
Subject: A 1957 Wave Comparison

Hello all:

Below is a cross-post of a message to the Project-1947 List, with added data for Entity sightings.

Theo Paijmans asked what might set the 1957 UFO wave apart from others.

Theo Paijmans wrote: (addressing Herb Taylor)

<snip>

>Could you please explain to me if - and if so in what way
>- this wave differed from other waves before and since?
>his currently has my deep interest.

>Could one say that there have been very specific
>characteristics to the various post WW2 waves?
>Is it so that each UFO wave - although its manifestation
>is often on the surface the same, ie.lights in the sky, etc.
>- is at its core different?

>If so, where would the 1957 wave fit in?

>Kind regards,

>Theo

I can think of 3 or 4 things offhand:

1) Placement of sightings. In the USA at least, sightings map differently than the 1947 or 1973 waves as shown on this layered map:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/WAVLAYER.html>

1957 sightings show as the white dots. The numerically larger 1952 wave is not shown there, but here instead:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM52.html>

1952 was left off the first - layered - map because it covers the entire country fairly evenly, blurring the regional characteristics of the other 3 waves.

2) The sharp rise and fall of sightings counts in the first week of November 1957. Here is a histogram:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/YDAY57.html>

The only thing that compares is the 1947 histogram:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/YDAY47.html>

Other great waves in the USA and Europe - 1952, 1954... - were more 'spread out' over time. These are all accessible from this Statistics Menu page:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/STATMENU.html>

3) 1957 is the only great wave I know of to occur so late in the year. Others are either Summer groupings, or early October. One smaller wave (1950) hit early that year, March and April mainly.

4) Sightings characteristics may differ as well. I tag - or don't tag - an array of 64 'attributes' for each sighting in my database. Here are comparisons

ALL = All records for entire wave year. (100%)
 EME = Electromagnetic effects.
 VEH = Vehicles affected/involved,
 LND = 'UFO Landings'.
 ENT = Entities, from monsters to vague shadows...

	ALL	EME Pct	VEH Pct	LND Pct	ENT Pct
1947	649	6 0.92%	31 4.77%	39 5.55%	8 1.23%
1952	1064	9 0.85%	114 10.7%	37 6.86%	15 1.41%
1954	1110	61 5.50%	110 9.91%	326 29.4%	164 14.8%
1957	589	73 12.4%	121 20.5%	156 26.5%	29 4.92%
1973	723	81 11.2%	109 15.1%	86 11.9%	76 10.5%

1954 (mostly France) was notable for the sharp rise in EME, VEH, LND and entity cases... especially landings. and entities. Amazing proportions really. 'Entities' made their first strong showing, numbers not seen since anywhere.

1957 more than doubled those percentages for EME and VEH cases, and held its own against 1954 for proportion of reported 'landings. Percentage of Entities fell by 2/3 from 1954.

I put 'landings' in parentheses. I consider a landing to be any case where a UFO descended low enough to drop a rope, hose or ladder. Some landing reports are tagged due to traces, others may be misperceived as a ufo descends behind a barn or whatever.

In any case, like other wave years, 1957 seems to have its own peculiar statistical profile

As we all know, the waves above were mostly centered on the USA, with 1954 almost entirely in Europe, the vast majority of those in France.

None of these waves appear to straddle years, but all start and end in the same year. The November 1957 events coincided closely with the Taurids meteor shower. (dates vary)

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Strange Noises From The Sky

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High Country Beat

By Ed Kociela

It's time to admit that my friend and office-mate Jennifer Weaver and friend and radio host Steve Miner are not the only people with unusual UFO experiences recently.

I haven't seen anything funny in the sky, but I sure have heard some strange rumblings - and I know it's for real because my wife has heard them and even my dogs have been startled from their napping a couple of times over the past few weeks by strange noises from the sky.

Not long ago, another friend told me he saw the B-2 bomber flying over Cedar Mountain. This guy is about to become a pilot and has a set of eyes on him that an eagle would covet, so I don't doubt his report.

The B-2, however, doesn't sound like some of the things that have shaken my home and ears.

Whatever it is, it's flying very high - out of my eyesight at least - and fast. And with the sound seemingly echoing around the valley, it's difficult to pinpoint the spot in the sky where this aircraft is flying.

Now just because we can't identify it doesn't mean there are aliens patrolling the neighborhood, to be sure, although it would be interesting to cover an extraterrestrial landing.

I have noticed that there have been a number of corkscrew contrails flowing across the sky, indicating some sort of jet propulsion. Normal jet engines do not produce that kind of pattern, at least in my experience. Calling the U.S. Air Force would be futile, especially since we are so close to Area 51 and Nellis Air Force Base where the military does things we're not supposed to know about. But if anybody else has heard or seen something strange in the skies, let me know. I hate to sound like Art Bell, but there is definitely something odd going on above us.

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The Universe As A Hologram

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The Universe as a Hologram
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Does Objective Reality Exist, or is the Universe a Phantasm?

In 1982 a remarkable event took place. At the University of Paris a research team led by physicist Alain Aspect performed what may turn out to be one of the most important experiments of the 20th century. You did not hear about it on the evening news. In fact, unless you are in the habit of reading scientific journals you probably have never even heard Aspect's name, though there are some who believe his discovery may change the face of science.

Aspect and his team discovered that under certain circumstances subatomic particles such as electrons are able to instantaneously communicate with each other regardless of the distance separating them. It doesn't matter whether they are 10 feet or 10 billion miles apart. Somehow each particle always seems to know what the other is doing. The problem with this feat is that it violates Einstein's long-held tenet that no communication can travel faster than the speed of light. Since traveling faster than the speed of light is tantamount to breaking the time barrier, this daunting prospect has caused some physicists to try to come up with elaborate ways to explain away Aspect's findings. But it has inspired others to offer even more radical explanations.

University of London physicist David Bohm, for example, believes Aspect's findings imply that objective reality does not exist, that despite its apparent solidity the universe is at heart a phantasm, a gigantic and splendidly detailed hologram.

To understand why Bohm makes this startling assertion, one must first understand a little about holograms. A hologram is a three-dimensional photograph made with the aid of a laser. To make a hologram, the object to be photographed is first bathed in the light of a laser beam. Then a second laser beam is bounced off the reflected light of the first and the resulting interference pattern (the area where the two laser beams commingle) is captured on film. When the film is developed, it looks like a meaningless swirl of light and dark lines. But as soon as the developed film is illuminated by another laser beam, a three-dimensional image of the original object appears.

The three-dimensionality of such images is not the only remarkable characteristic of holograms. If a hologram of a rose is cut in half and then illuminated by a laser, each half will still be found to contain the entire image of the rose. Indeed, even if the halves are divided again, each snippet of film will always be found to contain a smaller but intact version of the original image. Unlike normal photographs, every part of a hologram contains all the information possessed by the whole.

The "whole in every part" nature of a hologram provides us with an entirely new way of understanding organization and order. For most of its history, Western science has labored under the bias

that the best way to understand a physical phenomenon, whether a frog or an atom, is to dissect it and study its respective parts. A hologram teaches us that some things in the universe may not lend themselves to this approach. If we try to take apart something constructed holographically, we will not get the pieces of which it is made, we will only get smaller wholes.

This insight suggested to Bohm another way of understanding Aspect's discovery. Bohm believes the reason subatomic particles are able to remain in contact with one another regardless of the distance separating them is not because they are sending some sort of mysterious signal back and forth, but because their separateness is an illusion. He argues that at some deeper level of reality such particles are not individual entities, but are actually extensions of the same fundamental something.

To enable people to better visualize what he means, Bohm offers the following illustration. Imagine an aquarium containing a fish. Imagine also that you are unable to see the aquarium directly and your knowledge about it and what it contains comes from two television cameras, one directed at the aquarium's front and the other directed at its side. As you stare at the two television monitors, you might assume that the fish on each of the screens are separate entities. After all, because the cameras are set at different angles, each of the images will be slightly different. But as you continue to watch the two fish, you will eventually become aware that there is a certain relationship between them. When one turns, the other also makes a slightly different but corresponding turn; when one faces the front, the other always faces toward the side. If you remain unaware of the full scope of the situation, you might even conclude that the fish must be instantaneously communicating with one another, but this is clearly not the case.

This, says Bohm, is precisely what is going on between the subatomic particles in Aspect's experiment. According to Bohm, the apparent faster-than-light connection between subatomic particles is really telling us that there is a deeper level of reality we are not privy to, a more complex dimension beyond our own that is analogous to the aquarium. And, he adds, we view objects such as subatomic particles as separate from one another because we are seeing only a portion of their reality. Such particles are not separate "parts", but facets of a deeper and more underlying unity that is ultimately as holographic and indivisible as the previously mentioned rose. And since everything in physical reality is comprised of these "eidolons", the universe is itself a projection, a hologram.

In addition to its phantomlike nature, such a universe would possess other rather startling features. If the apparent separateness of subatomic particles is illusory, it means that at a deeper level of reality all things in the universe are infinitely interconnected. The electrons in a carbon atom in the human brain are connected to the subatomic particles that comprise every salmon that swims, every heart that beats, and every star that shimmers in the sky. Everything interpenetrates everything, and although human nature may seek to categorize and pigeonhole and subdivide, the various phenomena of the universe, all apportionments are of necessity artificial and all of nature is ultimately a seamless web.

In a holographic universe, even time and space could no longer be viewed as fundamentals. Because concepts such as location break down in a universe in which nothing is truly separate from anything else, time and three-dimensional space, like the images of the fish on the TV monitors, would also have to be viewed as projections of this deeper order. At its deeper level reality is a sort of superhologram in which the past, present, and future all exist simultaneously. This suggests that given the proper tools it might even be possible to someday reach into the superholographic level of reality and pluck out scenes from the long-forgotten past.

What else the superhologram contains is an open-ended question. Allowing, for the sake of argument, that the superhologram is the matrix that has given birth to everything in our universe, at the very least it contains every subatomic particle that has been or will be -- every configuration of matter and energy that is possible, from snowflakes to quasars, from blue whales to gamma rays. It must be seen as a sort of cosmic storehouse of "All That Is."

Although Bohm concedes that we have no way of knowing what else might lie hidden in the superhologram, he does venture to say that we have no reason to assume it does not contain more. Or as he puts it, perhaps the superholographic level of reality is a "mere stage" beyond which lies "an infinity of further development".

Bohm is not the only researcher who has found evidence that the universe is a hologram. Working independently in the field of brain research, Stanford neurophysiologist Karl Pribram has also become persuaded of the holographic nature of reality. Pribram was drawn to the holographic model by the puzzle of how and where memories are stored in the brain. For decades numerous studies have shown that rather than being confined to a specific location, memories are dispersed throughout the brain.

In a series of landmark experiments in the 1920s, brain scientist Karl Lashley found that no matter what portion of a rat's brain he removed he was unable to eradicate its memory of how to perform complex tasks it had learned prior to surgery. The only problem was that no one was able to come up with a mechanism that might explain this curious "whole in every part" nature of memory storage.

Then in the 1960s Pribram encountered the concept of holography and realized he had found the explanation brain scientists had been looking for. Pribram believes memories are encoded not in neurons, or small groupings of neurons, but in patterns of nerve impulses that crisscross the entire brain in the same way that patterns of laser light interference crisscross the entire area of a piece of film containing a holographic image. In other words, Pribram believes the brain is itself a hologram.

Pribram's theory also explains how the human brain can store so many memories in so little space. It has been estimated that the human brain has the capacity to memorize something on the order of 10 billion bits of information during the average human lifetime (or roughly the same amount of information contained in five sets of the Encyclopaedia Britannica).

Similarly, it has been discovered that in addition to their other capabilities, holograms possess an astounding capacity for information storage--simply by changing the angle at which the two lasers strike a piece of photographic film, it is possible to record many different images on the same surface. It has been demonstrated that one cubic centimeter of film can hold as many as 10 billion bits of information.

Our uncanny ability to quickly retrieve whatever information we need from the enormous store of our memories becomes more understandable if the brain functions according to holographic principles. If a friend asks you to tell him what comes to mind when he says the word "zebra", you do not have to clumsily sort back through some gigantic and cerebral alphabetic file to arrive at an answer. Instead, associations like "striped", "horselike", and "animal native to Africa" all pop into your head instantly. Indeed, one of the most amazing things about the human thinking process is that every piece of information seems instantly cross-correlated with every other piece of information--another feature intrinsic to the hologram. Because every portion of a hologram is infinitely interconnected with every other portion, it is perhaps nature's supreme example of a cross-correlated system.

The storage of memory is not the only neurophysiological puzzle that becomes more tractable in light of Pribram's holographic model of the brain. Another is how the brain is able to translate the avalanche of frequencies it receives via the senses (light frequencies, sound frequencies, and so on) into the concrete world of our perceptions.

Encoding and decoding frequencies is precisely what a hologram does best. Just as a hologram functions as a sort of lens, a translating device able to convert an apparently meaningless blur of frequencies into a coherent image, Pribram believes the brain also comprises a lens and uses holographic principles to mathematically convert the frequencies it receives through the senses into the inner world of our perceptions.

An impressive body of evidence suggests that the brain uses

holographic principles to perform its operations. Pribram's theory, in fact, has gained increasing support among neurophysiologists.

Argentinian-Italian researcher Hugo Zucarelli recently extended the holographic model into the world of acoustic phenomena. Puzzled by the fact that humans can locate the source of sounds without moving their heads, even if they only possess hearing in one ear, Zucarelli discovered that holographic principles can explain this ability. Zucarelli has also developed the technology of holophonic sound, a recording technique able to reproduce acoustic situations with an almost uncanny realism.

Pribram's belief that our brains mathematically construct "hard" reality by relying on input from a frequency domain has also received a good deal of experimental support. It has been found that each of our senses is sensitive to a much broader range of frequencies than was previously suspected. Researchers have discovered, for instance, that our visual systems are sensitive to sound frequencies, that our sense of smell is in part dependent on what are now called "osmic frequencies", and that even the cells in our bodies are sensitive to a broad range of frequencies. Such findings suggest that it is only in the holographic domain of consciousness that such frequencies are sorted out and divided up into conventional perceptions.

But the most mind-boggling aspect of Pribram's holographic model of the brain is what happens when it is put together with Bohm's theory. For if the concreteness of the world is but a secondary reality and what is "there" is actually a holographic blur of frequencies, and if the brain is also a hologram and only selects some of the frequencies out of this blur and mathematically transforms them into sensory perceptions, what becomes of objective reality? Put quite simply, it ceases to exist. As the religions of the East have long upheld, the material world is Maya, an illusion, and although we may think we are physical beings moving through a physical world, this too is an illusion.

We are really "receivers" floating through a kaleidoscopic sea of frequency, and what we extract from this sea and transmogrify into physical reality is but one channel from many extracted out of the superhologram.

This striking new picture of reality, the synthesis of Bohm and Pribram's views, has come to be called the-holographic paradigm, and although many scientists have greeted it with skepticism, it has galvanized others. A small but growing group of researchers believe it may be the most accurate model of reality science has arrived at thus far. More than that, some believe it may solve some mysteries that have never before been explainable by science and even establish the paranormal as a part of nature. Numerous researchers, including Bohm and Pribram, have noted that many para-psychological phenomena become much more understandable in terms of the holographic paradigm.

In a universe in which individual brains are actually indivisible portions of the greater hologram and everything is infinitely interconnected, telepathy may merely be the accessing of the holographic level.

It is obviously much easier to understand how information can travel from the mind of individual 'A' to that of individual 'B' at a far distance point and helps to understand a number of unsolved puzzles in psychology.

In particular, Stanislav Grof feels the holographic paradigm offers a model for understanding many of the baffling phenomena experienced by individuals during altered states of consciousness. In the 1950s, while conducting research into the beliefs of LSD as a psychotherapeutic tool, Grof had one female patient who suddenly became convinced she had assumed the identity of a female of a species of prehistoric reptile. During the course of her hallucination, she not only gave a richly detailed description of what it felt like to be encapsulated in such a form, but noted that the portion of the male of the species's anatomy was a patch of colored scales on the side of its head. What was startling to Grof was that although the woman had no prior knowledge about such things, a conversation with a zoologist later confirmed that in certain species of reptiles colored areas on the head do indeed play an important role as

triggers of sexual arousal. The woman's experience was not unique. During the course of his research, Grof encountered examples of patients regressing and identifying with virtually every species on the evolutionary tree (research findings which helped influence the man-into-ape scene in the movie *Altered States*). Moreover, he found that such experiences frequently contained obscure zoological details which turned out to be accurate.

Regressions into the animal kingdom were not the only puzzling psychological phenomena Grof encountered. He also had patients who appeared to tap into some sort of collective or racial unconscious. Individuals with little or no education suddenly gave detailed descriptions of Zoroastrian funerary practices and scenes from Hindu mythology. In other categories of experience, individuals gave persuasive accounts of out-of-body journeys, of precognitive glimpses of the future, of regressions into apparent past-life incarnations.

In later research, Grof found the same range of phenomena manifested in therapy sessions which did not involve the use of drugs. Because the common element in such experiences appeared to be the transcending of an individual's consciousness beyond the usual boundaries of ego and/or limitations of space and time, Grof called such manifestations "transpersonal experiences", and in the late '60s he helped found a branch of psychology called "transpersonal psychology" devoted entirely to their study.

Although Grof's newly founded Association of Transpersonal Psychology garnered a rapidly growing group of like-minded professionals and has become a respected branch of psychology, for years neither Grof or any of his colleagues were able to offer a mechanism for explaining the bizarre psychological phenomena they were witnessing. But that has changed with the advent of the holographic paradigm.

As Grof recently noted, if the mind is actually part of a continuum, a labyrinth that is connected not only to every other mind that exists or has existed, but to every atom, organism, and region in the vastness of space and time itself, the fact that it is able to occasionally make forays into the labyrinth and have transpersonal experiences no longer seems so strange.

The holographic paradigm also has implications for so-called hard sciences like biology. Keith Floyd, a psychologist at Virginia Intermont College, has pointed out that if the concreteness of reality is but a holographic illusion, it would no longer be true to say the brain produces consciousness. Rather, it is consciousness that creates the appearance of the brain -- as well as the body and everything else around us we interpret as physical.

Such a turnabout in the way we view biological structures has caused researchers to point out that medicine and our understanding of the healing process could also be transformed by the holographic paradigm. If the apparent physical structure of the body is but a holographic projection of consciousness, it becomes clear that each of us is much more responsible for our health than current medical wisdom allows. What we now view as miraculous remissions of disease may actually be due to changes in consciousness which in turn effect changes in the hologram of the body.

Similarly, controversial new healing techniques such as visualization may work so well because, in the holographic domain of thought, images are ultimately as real as "reality".

Even visions and experiences involving "non-ordinary" reality become explainable under the holographic paradigm. In his book *"Gifts of Unknown Things,"* biologist Lyall Watson describes his encounter with an Indonesian shaman woman who, by performing a ritual dance, was able to make an entire grove of trees instantly vanish into thin air. Watson relates that as he and another astonished onlooker continued to watch the woman, she caused the trees to reappear, then "click" off again and on again several times in succession.

Although current scientific understanding is incapable of explaining such events, experiences like this become more tenable if "hard" reality is only a holographic projection.

Perhaps we agree on what is "there" or "not there" because what we call consensus reality is formulated and ratified at the level of the human unconscious at which all minds are infinitely interconnected. If this is true, it is the most profound implication of the holographic paradigm of all, for it means that experiences such as Watson's are not commonplace only because we have not programmed our minds with the beliefs that would make them so. In a holographic universe there are no limits to the extent to which we can alter the fabric of reality.

What we perceive as reality is only a canvas waiting for us to draw upon it any picture we want. Anything is possible, from bending spoons with the power of the mind to the phantasmagoric events experienced by Castaneda during his encounters with the Yaqui brujo don Juan, for magic is our birthright, no more or less miraculous than our ability to compute the reality we want when we are in our dreams.

Indeed, even our most fundamental notions about reality become suspect, for in a holographic universe, as Pribram has pointed out, even random events would have to be seen as based on holographic principles and therefore determined. Synchronicities or meaningful coincidences suddenly makes sense, and everything in reality would have to be seen as a metaphor, for even the most haphazard events would express some underlying symmetry.

Whether Bohm and Pribram's holographic paradigm becomes accepted in science or dies an ignoble death remains to be seen, but it is safe to say that it has already had an influence on the thinking of many scientists. And even if it is found that the holographic model does not provide the best explanation for the instantaneous communications that seem to be passing back and forth between subatomic particles, at the very least, as noted by Basil Hiley, a physicist at Birbeck College in London, Aspect's findings "indicate that we must be prepared to consider radically new views of reality".

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>>Date: Tue, 4 Nov 2003 12:57:57 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Cameraman's Crash Site Update

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>>The drawings are exact rendering of the actual terrain and the
>>unusual material on rocks and ledges. There is more than a trace
>>of the cristobalite. There are tons of it scattered over a large
>>area and this deposit is the only one like it in the world as
>>far as I can tell. Cristobaite is not found under these
>>conditions, no matter what Ray Stanford would like to have you
>>believe.

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>Ed, as ever, you're doing great work on this. Congrats

Greg,

Thanks for the kind words. But I hope this is clear to everyone:
we want Ray to work with us on this, as a partner. We need his
skills, and a person who understands how to date trees, and
someone who understands burn and scorch marks. I know there are
folks on this list who would benefit from leaving their
armchairs and having a once-in-a-lifetime experience by visiting
the site.

>and I'm
>looking forward to seeing even more evidence. Is there any
>chance a scientific team can retrace your steps, and support
>your conclusions?

We have not disturbed much at the site. A scientific team would
find the site about in the same condition as we first discovered
it. As I've mentioned, there are cattle roaming the area but
almost all of the first impact site is virgin and the cliff
ledge where the craft finally landed is undisturbed. Most of our
samples have come from the stream bed or from the base of the
ledges where the material is the most concentrated. A few small
tree limbs are our only vegetation samples. The site needs
forensic examination.

But even the staunchest skeptic will be amazed within seconds,
and one doesn't need extensive scientific training to understand
that something unusual happened at this secluded dry-lake.

Ed

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Green Bank Opens Science Center

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Green Bank opens Science Center

By Rick Steelhammer
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GREEN BANK -- In the Green Bank telescope's control room, astronomer Jim Braatz typed a series of commands on a computer keyboard and, across a meadow a half-mile away, the world's largest moving structure turned on its tracks, then tilted to focus on a new position in deep space.

"I like to do these observations in real time," said Braatz, who had been at the controls for the past 30 hours. "I like to be able to change the program as the data come in. And right now, we're observing at the highest frequencies, and things can more easily slip out of focus."

Braatz, a resident astronomer at the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, is studying the centers of active galaxies _ galaxies with energy-emitting cores, like black holes. In "normal" galaxies, energy emission is limited to the radiation put out by stars.

As the black holes draw in gases from their surroundings, vast amounts of gravitational energy are released.

"We're looking at water molecules swirling through black holes," Braatz said, staring at a graph on his computer screen showing the speed and intensity of the molecules, as tracked by the Green Bank Telescope's 100-meter dish.

By observing how fast the molecules are moving _ about 7,600 kilometers per second in the case of the active galaxy being observed by Braatz _ astronomers can measure the mass of black holes, and learn more about their character. They can also use the information to more precisely measure the distance to galaxies.

By relying on radio astronomy rather than the optical variety, researchers like Braatz can cut through 30,000 light years of cosmic dust to study distant galaxies and cosmic structures like quasars, masers and black holes millions of light years away.

Radio astronomers tackle some of mankind's biggest questions: How did the universe begin? Will it ever end? Are we alone?

The newly opened Science Center at Green Bank tells the public how those and other questions are being answered, in addition to explaining how radio astronomy works, and how it came into being.

The \$8 million Science Center includes a museum-style exhibit hall, live science demonstrations, video presentations on astronomy,

the Starlight Caf=E9, the Galaxy Gift Shop and sweeping views of the= observatory's array of radio telescopes and the Allegheny Mountain ridges= behind them.

"With that for a background," said Arlene Walton, who works the reception= desk in the new Science Center's glass-walled lobby, "I've got the best seat in the world."

Exhibits include a model of a pulsar that visitors can take for a spin, and an 8-foot-tall working scale model of the new Green Bank= Telescope, which visitors can rotate and spin, simulate an observing session and analyze data collected. A communications link allows those working the GBT model to eavesdrop on science being done with the real telescope.

Outside, visitors can take in a full-size replica of the antenna Karl Jansky used to first detect cosmic radio waves in 1932, when trying to track down the source of interference in the newly installed trans-Atlantic radio telephone service.

Nearby is the first true radio telescope, built by amateur radio operator= Grote Reber in his Wheaton, Ill., back yard, using sheet metal and Ford Model-T parts. Also on the grounds is the 85-foot Tatal Telescope astronomer Frank Drake used to conduct the first-ever scientific search for extraterrestrial intelligence at Green Bank in 1960.

The new Science Center also is the departure point for free guided bus tours of the observatory's array of radio telescopes.

"The public's response to the Science Center has been great," said Sue Ann Heatherly, who coordinates the Green Bank observatory's public education programs. "We doubled our normal number of visitors through October, and our goal is to eventually see as many as 100,000 visitors a year."

The Science Center will remain open through the winter, moving from a seven-day-a-week schedule to Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We're hoping a lot of the Snowshoe people will stop by," said Heatherly.= "We don't really know what kind of a response we'll get, since we've never been open to the public in winter before."

"It's fantastic that we now have a facility that communicates the excitement= of our science to schoolchildren and the general public," said Phil Jewell, the Green Bank Observatory's site director.

Across the observatory's access road from the new Science Center, a dormitory complex for visiting high school and middle school students is nearing completion.

"One of our goals is to host every school student in West Virginia at least once before they graduate from high school," said Heatherly.

The Science Center was designed and built to prevent stray electromagnetic= radiation from leaking into the surrounding environment, where it could interfere with radio astronomy observations. Large metal doors, wire-mesh windows and copper-clad walls are used to prevent radiation from escaping.

"Computers, lights and other electronic equipment emit small amounts of electromagnetic radiation at radio wavelengths," said Jewell. "The most important work going on at the NRAO in Green Bank is research, and we make sure that all the elements of the observatory, including the Science Center, are engineered to mitigate interference."

Tour buses used to carry visitors on tours of the observatory grounds make use of diesel engines, to avoid interference from spark plugs. Tour guide Dave Curry said observatory technicians periodically track down sources of interference from the surrounding Pocahontas County countryside.

"They rebuilt one family's doorbell system, and they replaced another person's electrical heating pad that was being used in a dog house," he said.

The observatory's remote location on a site sheltered by tall

mountain ridges was chosen to shelter radio telescopes from unwanted interference. It is located in the center of the National Radio Quiet Zone, a 13,000 square-mile area set aside by the Federal Communications Commission as a preserve for radio astronomy.

The observatory is a National Science Foundation facility, operated by Associated Universities Inc., a nonprofit coalition of nine Northeastern universities, which operate four other radio astronomy observatories for the NSF.

Tours take place on the hour, and last about one hour, including a science demonstration and a short film on radio astronomy. There is no fee or admission charge.

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank is located on W.Va. 92/28, about 25 miles north of Marlinton.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:53:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 07:53:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
>Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

Pilgrims,

Max wrote:

>I am pleased to announce the release of the latest issue of Dr
>Larry O'Hara's magazine "Notes From The Borderland".

>The magazine is over 60 pages with many interesting articles on
>which more below.

>The article you may wish to read is my exposure of
>disinformation experts within Ufology. My 12,000 word article is
>completely footnoted.

<snip>

Having read the article in some depth I can honestly say that
all right-minded ufologists will want to acquire it immediately.
As a text book example of how an obsessive personality can
invent something out of nothing it's excellent.

However, instead of wasting your money on buying it, I'll have
it scanned by Thursday and will happily send free copies on
request.

Happy Trails

Andy

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UFOs Over Caracas

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 19:26:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 07:57:52 -0500
Subject: UFOs Over Caracas

Source: Anyos-Luz
Date: Friday, November 7, 2003, 19:32:58

VENEZUELA: UFOs OVER CARACAS

Imposing and majestic, El Avila, a mythic mountain of dense jungles and crystalline waterfalls, has become one of the sites of highest interest to researchers, scientists, spital guides and curiosity-seekers, all of whom are driven by the intense UFO activity which has emerged in recent years in the mountain's vicinity, visiting it to glean greater information on the development of this elusive phenomenon.

New UFO sightings over Cerro El Avila have been made from various locations within the [Caracas] metropolitan area. On October 21, 2003, Mrs. Ligia Peralta reported seeing a strange luminous object of large proportions which was flying over the outlying sections of the "La Julia" sector of Cerro El Avila in Caracas.

The event took place at approximately 07:30 PM while Mrs. Peralta was making a phone call, leaning against one of the windows surrounding her dwelling, located on the eighth floor of a residential complex east of the Venezuelan capital. Peralta remarked that the strange object "appeared out of nowhere" and was endowed with a very bright white light; it moved around the area for a few seconds before vanishing from sight as it flew over the mountain's summit.

In another report received, it was said that at 0:200 PM on October 25, five people followed the maneuvers of a circular object--black in color--which moved dizzyingly over a densely populated Caracas suburb on the slopes of Cerro El Avila.

According to this report, two of the eyewitnesses stated that the object "appeared suddenly" and moved quickly "in a straight line" and far above the peak of a mountain adjacent to the "La Pastora" sector, also in Caracas, before losing itself between the clouds and vanishing from sight. Likewise, in a third report received on Saturday, October 25, Raquel Rivero reported on the maneuvers of another object near Mount Avila, this time from the "Mari Perez" urbanization.

The event occurred only a few minutes before seven o'clock. The witness stated that she was near the Chacaito subway station when she grew aware of an intense "whitish blue" light which was static in the sky, distinguishing itself from other heavenly bodies for its "great size and luminosity". Finally, Rivero noted that after having observed the phenomenon for no more than 5 to 10 minutes, it dimmed gradually until it faded away before the startled eyes of the onlookers.

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Secrecy News -- 11/10/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 14:40:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:08:49 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/10/03

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2003, Issue No. 99
November 10, 2003

** SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE BOILS OVER
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SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE BOILS OVER

The operation of the Senate Intelligence Committee practically came to a halt last week as Senators bickered over the leak of an uncirculated staff memo that Republicans said violated the nonpartisan norms of the Committee.

The memo, leaked to Fox News, outlined how Democrats could use Committee procedures to advance their critique of the Bush Administration's handling of intelligence on Iraq.

The uncirculated staff memo had "poisoned the well" of bipartisanship, said Committee Chairman Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS).

On Friday, Senator Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) set forth several conditions for a return to normal Committee operation: the memo's author must identify himself, repudiate the contents of the memo, and apologize to Sen. Roberts. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_cr/s110703.html

Democrats were mostly unmoved. "The purpose of the memo apparently was to lay out options," Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) told Fox News yesterday. "And I don't disavow the options, including the words 'independent investigation'."

Objectively, Republicans seemed to have little to complain about. Under the modest, non-confrontational leadership of Vice Chairman Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), the minority members of the Senate Intelligence Committee are about as deferential to the executive branch as any President could wish.

Committee Democrats have concurred in allocating huge increases in intelligence spending. They have acquiesced in the closed-door approach to oversight favored by Chairman Roberts, though it left the public at a loss. Senator Rockefeller even defied many of his Democratic colleagues (and some Republicans) and declined to press the White House for declassification of the censored 28 pages of the Congressional Joint Inquiry into September 11.

But if, as appears to be the case, intelligence on Iraq was distorted by Bush Administration officials in a self-serving manner (e.g. by declaring that Iraq had "reconstituted" its nuclear program when there was no evidence of this), then the

intelligence oversight function is indeed likely to fracture along partisan lines in response.

Meanwhile, Committee Democrats are on notice that the confidentiality of their internal deliberations cannot be assured, and that any future criticism of the Bush Administration will be dismissed as "disgusting partisanship."

NSA GETS FOIA EXEMPTION FOR OPERATIONAL FILES

The National Security Agency was granted the exemption it had requested from the Freedom of Information Act for so-called "operational files" that reflect the technical means by which the Agency collects intelligence. Files designated as "operational" will not need to be searched and reviewed in response to FOIA requests.

But the new exemption, contained in the conference version of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act, follows the amended Senate version, which is more narrowly crafted than the NSA had initially proposed (Secrecy News, 5/22/03). As urged by openness advocates, the exemption is limited to records produced in two particular Agency directorates, and cannot be applied to archived historical records.

Other provisions of note in the new Defense Authorization Act include a measure that will expand the Defense Department's polygraph testing program (while simultaneously eliminating public reporting requirements), and a measure to increase transparency of Iraqi reconstruction contracts.

See these excerpts from the House-Senate conference report on the 2004 Defense Authorization Act here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2003/default.html>

LOST AND FOUND: CENTCOM ON PAKISTAN

A U.S. military web page on Pakistan's role in the "war on terrorism" that the government removed from the web has been posted on a non-governmental web site.

Information on Pakistan published on the U.S. Central Command web site was removed several months ago for unknown reasons. See the link to an empty page on Pakistan on this site:

<http://www.centcom.mil/Operations/Coalition/joint.htm>

But, as now routinely occurs, the deleted information has been provided elsewhere. In this case, the deleted Pakistan page was posted by the independent Information Clearinghouse:

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/pakistan-uscentcom.htm>

President Bush had it right. Future historians, he said last week, "will point to the role of technology in frustrating censorship and central control -- and marvel at the power of instant communications to spread the truth, the news, and courage across borders." See:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/11/20031106-2.html>

GORE ON SECRECY

The Bush Administration has "used unprecedented secrecy and deception in order to avoid accountability to the Congress, the Courts, the press and the people," said Al Gore in an unabashedly "partisan" speech that may nevertheless ring true to many Americans.

See his November 9 remarks on "Freedom and Security" and the USA Patriot Act here:

<http://www.moveon.org/gore/speech.html>

SECRECY NEWS IN ESQUIRE MAGAZINE

Growing awareness of government secrecy as a problem and a challenge has even reached the precincts of Esquire Magazine, which included a profile of yours truly (blush) in its December 2003 issue on "America's best and brightest."

DIA: UNCOVERING A BURIED IRAQI MIG

The extraction of an Iraqi MiG aircraft buried in the Iraqi desert is documented in a July 2003 presentation prepared by the Defense Intelligence Agency.

A copy of the 1 MB PowerPoint DIA file, whimsically entitled "Indiana Jones and the Temple of the Lost Iraqi MiG," is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dia/iraqimig.ppt>

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Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. [was: Newly-Posted]

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:01:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:17:07 -0500
Subject: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. [was: Newly-Posted]

>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 14:50:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:23:26 -0500
>>Subject: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

><snip>

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/default.html>

>>Click on the button marked, 'Physical Evidence'. There are three
>>pages in the section. Some of you may wish to spend a little
>>more time at AIC and I highly recommend that you spend it in the
>>P.O.V. section studying some the material that is archived
>>there. In any event, I hope your visit to A.I.C. is educational,
>>informative and eye-opening.

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pev3.htm>

Hi Terry,

You wrote:

>The first image is most unusual indeed! I almost get the
>impression that this marking is some sort of a "cattle" brand.

According to several physicians, who each wrote to me independently of one another, the marks resemble the scar left behind by a procedure called a "Punch Biopsy". In this rarely performed procedure, tissue is removed subcutaneously in order to conduct testing to determine the presence of disease in the sample. (area) The procedure was also performed in the past to obtain material for genetic testing, but there are much less invasive ways to harvest tissue so it is rarely done for that purpose alone.

The only problem with any of the above is; none of the people in the photos have ever had a 'punch biopsy'. The doctors were all stunned to see "so many photographs" of these "rare" punch biopsies in one place. It is what prompted them to contact me. They wanted to know how I got so many.

>One would think that any sort of a "medical" device would not
>have the asymmetry displayed by the 5 marks at the top.

People heal differently. That could account for slight differences in appearance. But one of the things that makes the marks worthy of further study is the fact that they are pretty consistent in terms of shape, depth and width from person to person.

I have one more bit for you to consider.....

None of the doctors I spoke to could figure out why the punch biopsy scars that are displayed at AIC were all performed over

perfectly healthy appearing tissue! In the 'real' world if tissue is removed in this manner it is taken from a site where suspect or diseased looking tissue is present.

Not so in the case of the abductees.

That's why I'm always yelling for an independent medical study of the abductees. A rigorous medical study could answer many more questions in a relatively short period of time when compared to how much 'hard data' we have gathered floundering around guessing over the last thirty years.

>Does the experiencer have any idea what made the mark?

Which one? Each of those photos represents a different individual. If they were all photos taken of one experiencer's mark it wouldn't be worthy of much discussion. What makes it compelling is the fact that it is happening to so many people from all over the world who have never met or known one another.

In my small immediate family unit of four, three of us have this 'scoop mark'. I'm here (in public) for some pretty serious reasons, Terry. My family is involved in this mess. We all need to know just what the hell is going on.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 23:20:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:28:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

>You do not discuss my measurements of roughly 400 to 800
>degs/sec rotational blurring. You need to get out of the 50's
>mindset of pseudoscientific debunkery and move into the world of
>21st century science. I measured the rotational blur on the
>Trindade UFO long before I found Martin Powell's theory of
>inversion of the images from Photos 1 to 2. The physical
>flipping over of an actual object in motion explains the
>otherwise unexplained violent 400-800 degs/sec rotation. A
>hoaxer accidentally inverting a paste-up UFO image on a photo
>does not create any blurring and so hoaxing does not explain the
>violent rotational blurring.

How can you possibly work out the speed of rotation - always
assuming there is any rotation - from a series of still
pictures?

>Here is where quantitative science comes in, listen carefully
>now: The amount of flattening is a lengthening of the object in
>the horizontal direction of flight motion of at minimum
>approximately 0.3 degree of subtended arc (the dome is about 1
>deg wide at widest, 30% of 1 deg is 0.3 deg), which occurs
>during the 1/125th second exposure time. Therefore, based on
>linear-motion-blur the object is traveling about 37 degs/sec
>across the sky (125 x 0.3 = 37.5 degs/sec). It's simple physics.

This is getting into the realms of fantasy. How on earth can
measurements of this precision be produced based on what Brad
Sparks himself admits and vague and blurry images?

>Completely independent of that linear-motion-blur measurement I
>measured the flight path of the UFO in the sequence of photos
>and found it moved very roughly 50 degrees between Photos 1 and
>2 across the sky over the ocean and the Trindade island, as it
>started slowing down according to the witnesses' testimonies,
>and it is about 25 degrees between Photos 2 and 3, showing that
>indeed the UFO did slow down just as the witnesses stated. The
>Brazilian Navy reenactment with photographer Bara=Fana arrived at
>an estimate of about 2 seconds between each photo, hence the
>rough AVERAGE angular velocity of the UFO between the first two
>photos is about 25 degs/sec, slowing to about 12 degs/sec
>between the second and third photos. Therefore the PEAK angular
>velocity could well have been 37 degs/sec or more depending on
>the variations of speed, to average out to 25 degs/sec over the
>entire interval between the first two photos.

You know the exact time interval between the photographs then,
do you, down to the fractions of a second which would be needed
for your calculations? Oh no, it's an "estimate" of "about" 2
seconds.

>This is in exact agreement with the completely independent
>linear-motion-blur analysis: The linear-motion blur that
>lengthens and flattens the "dome" indicates the UFO was moving
>at about 37 degs/sec. The flight path across the sky shows the

>angular velocity reached a peak of roughly 37 degs/sec, perfect
>agreement to well within any order-of-magnitude error margins in
>this preliminary analysis. This is quantitative science Ken, not
>debunking pseudoscience.

"Linear motion blur that lengthens and flattens the dome". This is not quantitative science, it's guesswork dressed up with impressive looking figures.

>How did the supposed hoaxer Barauna manage to arrange the photo
>images of a supposedly nonexistent UFO to so closely simulate
>and conform to the realistic physics and flight dynamics of an
>actual high speed UFO-type object in complex motion

Flight dynamics which you seem to have invented

>-- when he
>certainly did not know or understand such scientific principles
>and no one on earth until today in 2003 has ever even discussed
>these parameters of the Trindade photos before???

Maybe because there's actually nothing to discuss. C'mon, we are talking about three very blurred images which show no detail whatsoever. they may be a hoax, they may be real, they may be an extraterrestrial spaceship, but you are not going to prove this one way or another with figures based on wishful thinking and guesswork.

>Needless to
>say any "Twin Bonanza" civil aircraft rotating at 400-800
>degs/sec is a doomed vehicle with a life expectancy of seconds
>before crash impact or midair disintegration and was not
>photographed here.

>But there is more.

Oh yes, lots more, forgive me if I don't work my way through it all, Mr Sparks. Are your calculations, along with the detailed analysis of your first generation prints (is this documented?) available on a website, or in published form, so that those of us with some scientific knowledge can confirm your calculations, rather than taking it all on trust?

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

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 23:46:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:31:25 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 22:40:10 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

>Most people should recognise that the BBC are part of
>the establishment, therefore, sceptical journalism is
>almost certainly part of the territory.

>Expect no breakthrough with this media, that is why our
>screens are filled , with the same old sceptics, who trot
>out the same old lines, everyone else is nuts, and they are
>not.

Hello Roy, and All,

You should know here that "Perceptions" has had previous
problems with BBC hacks' readiness to lie and obfuscate in
furtherance of a monolithic "big brother" facade for public
consumption and deception.

If you have patience with that sort of thing would recommend

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/beebybeeb.html>

or "beebybeeb" at Google but please don't expect every item to
hit you as equally important - to someone else they will be.

Getting back to the UFO arena and current list
subject:"believers", it seems that 'belief' is not to be derided
(as skeptics routinely do) but is an active and indeed necessary
factor in certain experiments and experiences - check "magic or
mass" or "psyche storms" or "perceptions poltergeists" at
Google.

We seem to be living in interesting times.

Best regards

Ray Dickenson

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 17:49:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 09:16:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope - Lehmborg

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 19:53:28 -0000
>Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 10:08:41 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Pope On A (Radio 4) Rope

>>While that might be true, I think it may be your point has
>>the bad 'design' with little 'chance' of being made.

><snip>

>>Does the information available justify attention by the
>>mainstream to perform a more *in depth* investigation of UFOs?
>>Absolutely"! Does it get it? No. Why? That's your
>>contribution, sir. Be not proud.

>Verily! Always interested to read Alfred's posts, as it's not
>often you get to read English as she was spoken on one of Queen
>Elizabeth's warships!

I'm to be distractingly chided for treating our language with
the respect that it deserves? For showing a little literary
style? For aspiring to a little verbal gravitas?

>Like others, Alfred, you're entitled to your opinion and
>interpretation of what took place.

There was precious little opinion there, sir. It's a fact of
observation, and given the facts, but one interpretation.

>I've said my piece and Nick's
>responded. Ultimately David Lewis was the one who knew what went
>on and reported it as posted.

Which in no way demonstrated that Mr. Pope had anything other
than good relations with Radio 4. Your point remains an unmade
bed. Moreover, "Pope On A Rope" seems off target as the title of
this thread. "Roberts Gets Clobbered" might be more appropriate.

>>>Happy Trails

>>One thing I've noticed about your "happy trails" is their ironic
>>dearth of any mirth.

>Pleased you understand irony Alfred.

I understand many things, sir. Balance, Fairness, and Collegiate
Behavior among them.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 00:02:02 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 09:51:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Mori

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

>I see no response to the fact that Noguez proposes the
>pseudoscientific notion

Can you quote where Noguez "proposes ... double exposure"? At the end of your message you explained how you somehow understood that because Noguez suggested a photomontage of a Twin Bonanza, and the Twin Bonanza was proposed by Powell, and Powell claimed double exposure, then Noguez also claimed double exposure, along with photomontage, of course. This, despite the fact that Noguez explicitly claims in his conclusion photomontage, and only photomontage, with no margin for reasonable confusion.

>that a double exposure could subtract
>light and create a darker object in the Trindade photos. Can you
>find any competent photographer or optical physicist who will
>say that a double exposure can subtract light?? Find me one
>Ken!

Of course, there's no "negative light", there isn't any anti-photon, and even if it did, it probably wouldn't undo what a photon already did to a photo-reactive chemical film. No one said anything to the contrary. But, relevant to the point, it must be noted that, in practice, it's really possible to create a dark object on a light background through double-exposure. Manuel Borraz provides this explanation, which should be read with this nice illustration:

<http://planeta.terra.com.br/lazer/ceticismoaberto/tsimul.jpg>

"There's a double exposure of the image of the landscape A and the image B of the UFO with a white background. The result would be something like C. There was no light subtraction at this point. But if you darken the result, to compensate for the overexposure" -- in practice, "light subtraction", on the whole image -- "you will get something like D". Overexposure... Trindade... I could swear I already heard these two words spoken by one photographer about his photos. But, no, I don't want to talk about double exposure, at least for now, Noguez didn't claim double exposure in his work, and let's discuss first what wasn't much discussed until now: the inversion.

>A
>hoaxer accidentally inverting a paste-up UFO image on a photo
>does not create any blurring and so hoaxing does not explain the
>violent rotational blurring.

Well, I sincerely would like to be as certain as you. Both of the rotational blurring and of the impossibility of creating this by any hoax method, if it indeed exists. You didn't analyze the original negatives, did you? I'm asking this because when I tried to get the attention of the Brazilian ufologists about the apparent inversion, the answer, published on the Brazilian UFO magazine on a text by Alexandre Borges defending the authenticity of the photo, is that with no analysis of the negatives, "no study .. can be considered as serious".

So, both to read in detail your work on the case, and to see the reactions about it from the Brazilian ufologists, I eagerly await for it. Sincerely.

>Thus the flipping over of the object is not an "ad hoc"
>explanation simply designed to explain away some difficulty, but
>is a logical physical consequence of the measured rotation which
>was discovered first before anything about the image
>"inversion." This is scientific reasoning.

Maybe. If you already considered a violent rotational motion, then accepting a flipping UFO is not just an ad hoc explanation. But read below. Other assumptions may be.

>There are no "shadows" in the overcast
>sky illumination -- here you are refuted even by debunker Capt.
>Sunderlund who admits "the disc ... shows no shadow effect."

Sunderland wrote: "the disc is hazy and has little contrast and shows no shadow effect. It also appears that the object was inverted in photograph 2 compared to 1 and 3". It may be anyone's guess, but probably the fact that he says there was no shadow effect has some relation to his claim that the object was inverted in one of the photos. In this case, the amazing flipping shadows, or the amazing non-existent shadows, both relate to inversion assumed as consequence of a hoax.

>There is a dark patch on the bottom or top of the object
>(depending on the flipping) which is obviously too dark and too
>small to be a shadow, and is in an exposed location rather than
>under a sheltered spot under say the equatorial "Saturn ring"
>The telltale giveaway that this is rotational blurring (as with
>an object flipping over) is the fact the blurring is greatest at
>the extreme edges of the object and that the image at those
>edges is dispersed up-and-down vertically in the direction of
>the rotational motion rather than laterally as with rectilinear
>bulk motion of the object in flight (which is also present, see
>below). The amount of rotational blur is proportional to the
>distance from the axis of rotation. The farther away from the
>center the more the blur, an unmistakable effect.

Let's assume the UFO was rotating violently Brad. Amazing thing that Barauna managed to capture it when it was more or less on the horizontal on four photos, and presumedly, on the other two, totalling six photos of a kind of horizontal UFO that was actually flipping violently.

Also, it's wonderful how all the witnesses could see a blurred and unclear UFO of less than a couple of millimeters on the original developed negatives (which were later "treated" to make the UFO "more visible"), but in the actual sighting no one realized that the UFO not only was wobbling, but actually flipped over.

Let's also consider that "dark spot", which to you is "obviously" not a shadow, which should have been then very remarkable to everyone, but no one seems to have described. Oh well, these last two would be testimony. So, please consider them just as details.

Repeating then: the amazing thing based on physical evidence is how the UFO seems to be kind of levelled on all four photos when it was in fact in violent rotational motion. You mention how the "amount of rotational blur is proportional to the distance from the axis of rotation". Does this blur also relate to the linear motion? The resulting blur should be kind of complex, kind of helical, and all depending on the more than one axis and the point of view of the photos. And then, continue reading.

>Why is the UFO "dome" approximately 30% flatter in Photo 2 and
>than in Photo 3? You need to explain this needless complication
>in any hoax theory Ken. If it was a hoaxer taking duplicate
>photos of the same object why would the shape change at all? How
>can you explain that from a debunking perspective? Anyone can
>see the UFO is flatter initially. The answer is simple: The
>object came in at high speed then slowed down, so the initial
>images show LATERAL MOTION BLUR (contrary to Capt. Sunderland's
>nonsense that there was "no lateral blurring as would occur with
>any reasonable shutter speed").

Oh, here you mention lateral motion blur in the "initial

images". That should be the first and second photos, at least. So, I presume the "rotational motion blur" "proportional to the distance from the axis" was measured on the third, and maybe fourth photos. This also relates to something you wrote below, so remember my emphasis here.

Anyway. What puzzles me more than the "dome" being flatter or not on photo 2 or 3, is the question of similarity in itself. Is it almost identical on photos 1 and 2 (but inverted)? The UFO was at different distances and angles (almost inverted) on these two photos. You need to explain this in any authentic UFO theory Brad. The flipping UFO with no shadow effect does not seem to deal with all this. I do hope your "scientific reasoning" and "quantitative science" presents a plausible physical explanation for all this similarity amidst all this rotation and movement. And one very important question: having access to first prints, what do you think of the similarity of the images of the UFO on photos 3 and 4, but flipped (the image)? Can you confirm it?

>Here is where quantitative science comes in, listen carefully
>now: The amount of flattening is a lengthening of the object in
>the horizontal direction of flight motion of at minimum
>approximately 0.3 degree of subtended arc (the dome is about 1
>deg wide at widest, 30% of 1 deg is 0.3 deg), which occurs
>during the 1/125th second exposure time. Therefore, based on
>linear-motion-blur the object is traveling about 37 degs/sec
>across the sky (125 x 0.3 =3D 37.5 degs/sec). It's simple physics.

If you assume that the UFO was at 0 deg/sec on photo 3, isn't it? Otherwise, you will be only measuring the difference of speed. And also assuming it wasn't rotating (but wait a minute: didn't you measure "rotational motion blur" on the third photo?), and that the "dome" is not a shadow, and doesn't change its size or shape depending on the angle to which we view it, and the distance difference is not significant... It's only "simple" if you make it simple by making a lot of unwarranted assumptions. Please explain if I got anything wrong, otherwise you did.

>Completely independent of that linear-motion-blur measurement I
>measured the flight path of the UFO in the sequence of photos
>and found it moved very roughly 50 degrees between Photos 1 and
>2 across the sky over the ocean and the Trindade island, as it
>started slowing down according to the witnesses' testimonies,
>and it is about 25 degrees between Photos 2 and 3, showing that
>indeed the UFO did slow down just as the witnesses stated. The
>Brazilian Navy reenactment with photographer Bara=FAna arrived at
>an estimate of about 2 seconds between each photo, hence the
>rough AVERAGE angular velocity of the UFO between the first two
>photos is about 25 degs/sec, slowing to about 12 degs/sec
>between the second and third photos. Therefore the PEAK angular
>velocity could well have been 37 degs/sec or more depending on
>the variations of speed, to average out to 25 degs/sec over the
>entire interval between the first two photos.
>This is in exact agreement with the completely independent
>linear-motion-blur analysis: The linear-motion blur that
>lengthens and flattens the "dome" indicates the UFO was moving
>at about 37 degs/sec. The flight path across the sky shows the
>angular velocity reached a peak of roughly 37 degs/sec, perfect
>agreement to well within any order-of-magnitude error margins in
>this preliminary analysis. This is quantitative science Ken, not
>debunking pseudoscience.

Now, interesting how this "quantitative science" based on, as I understood, unwarranted assumptions, made some coincidences. I'm serious. Maybe your assumptions were correct, but I wouldn't accept that just because of this. Did any witness describe this "dome" so remarkable and constant that's being used as reference? I once more refer to testimony, and once again ask you to take it only as detail. Back to physical evidence, did you use the dome as reference on all the photos, and did the resulting calculations of estimated speed also agree with other independent data on speed and trajectory? This is what would be science.

>The Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service also examined
>the original negatives and found no evidence of fraud or
>tampering. Nor do I find any evidence of photomontage or other
>hoaxing and I specifically must refer to the fact that there is
>no evidence whatsoever of DIFFERING GRAIN STRUCTURE or GRAIN

>DENSITY between the film inside the UFO images and the
>surrounding sky, nor any sign of EDGES of a photomontage paste-
>on.

If you didn't detect evidence of fraud, this is something important. I'm not kidding. Nevertheless, the question of inversion continues to puzzle me, and it seems there's no convincing explanation for it.

>So your hoax theories are toast from a scientific standpoint.

I don't think so. No photoanalysis can prove a photo to be genuine. It can only prove a hoax. The fact that a fraud wasn't detected doesn't prove, "scientifically", that there was no fraud, trickery or hoax. And you still didn't explain convincingly what you already accepted: the fact that the image of the UFO is inverted on two photos.

>The grain density and structure of the UFO images are an
>integral part of the Trindade island photography, and must have
>been photographed together, at the same time, and a photomontage
>is thus an impossibility. Again I must point out a double-
>exposure is also a physical impossibility because double
>exposures cannot subtract light and darken the image. When I
>began my latest investigation I believed that examination of
>first-generation copies would immediately reveal signs of hoax
>and settle the controversy. That did not prove to be the case
>(unlike Barra da Tijuca which is conclusively a hoax).

About double exposure, see the beginning of this message. Curiously, in the Barra da Tijuca case, the most telling evidence of fraud are the impossible shadows. How convenient it is that on Trindade there was "no shadow effect", and you assume this even if, contrary to Sunderland, you accept that the UFO was real.

>Scientific studies by my Trindade Research Project in the U.S.,
>with help from many abroad, are still underway and will not be
>ready for publication until next year some time, at present
>estimates. ... It is time-consuming and
>expensive, and without major resources of large institutions
>with big budgets.

I sincerely praise your initiative and efforts. I hope this discussion also have some positive impact on your work, and on any work being done on the case, that really needs more studies and evidence.

>I have been analyzing first-generation prints made from the
>negatives from two different sources.

Excellent. This makes even more remarkable that you recognized the inversion. If you allow me to repeat once again, no ufologist in Brazil recognized the inversion as relevant. Quoting again what Borges published on the November 2002 edition of the Brazilian UFO magazine, "the claim of the inversion of the position of the UFO from photo 1 to photo 2 ... is not supported".

Then, I repeat my question to you about the similarity of the images of the UFO on photos 3 and 4 (vertically flipped and with some resizing). Can you please confirm it or deny it?

>Sorry you read it dead wrong, Noguez combines all three mutually
>exclusive and contradictory hoaxing theories into one rambling
>discombobulated scenario: In his "Conclusion" section, Noguez
>flatout asserts as fact, not suggestion or hypothesis, that the
>friends of photographer Bara=FAna suggested to him doing a hoax

<snip>

>Noguez then claims that they wanted to use photos
>of a mist-covered Twin Bonanza aircraft (supposedly "saucer
>looking") but that they did not have any such aircraft photos on
>board the ship. There is in fact not a shred of evidence anyone
>took any such Twin Bonanza photos or that such photos ever
>existed in Brazil, this is a theory concocted by Martin Powell
>in 1999, the first anyone heard of it. And Powell's theory,
>which Noguez does not dispute in any way, is that of a DOUBLE
>EXPOSURE of the hypothetical fogged-Twin Bonanza aircraft
>superimposed on the Trindade island backdrop

Here is your (mis)interpretation of what Noguez wrote. What he did wrote was "the photographer had the task to take the shots and do the photomontage". Not, in any point of his conclusion, does he quote Powell, or even mentions the expression "double exposure". If you understood it this way, I must say, it was your fault. I didn't understood it this way, and the author himself is extremely well aware that double exposure and photomontage are different and mutually exclusive.

>Noguez completely omits the crucial fact here that the ship's
>captain suddenly decided to order the IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT of
>the UFO photos right on board the ship right after his crew had
>seen the UFO -- despite the fact the ship HAD NO DARKROOM.

Well, if you read his entire work, you read that he did quote about how the film was indeed developed aboard. He did it more than one time and from more than one source. The fact that you say he omits this information is evidence that you didn't read, or didn't understand the work you're criticizing.

If you did read, you may also have read that "immediate" is actually more than an hour after the shots, because Barauna was "nervous", and that no prints were made because there was no photographic paper.

>How
>could the hypothetical hoaxers, Bara=FAna and Company, have
>possibly anticipated the captain's decision to immediately
>develop the UFO film, that was sure to risk exposing any hoax or
>skullduggery???

I guess, assuming it was a planned hoax, if this request for "immediate" (in fact, when Barauna himself felt willing to, more than an hour later) development of the film took him by surprise, it couldn't have surprised him more than the fact that after that he could take the film home to -- for the first time -- develop the prints, cut the film, and even treat it and discard two shots before Bacellar and the Navy took hold of the film again. No hoaxer would count on such luck.

>And let me remind you that the Navy personnel verified that the
>UFO film images matched what crew members had just seen minutes
>before.

>Yet Noguez keeps insisting on inserting this Powell double-
>exposure-fogged-aircraft hoax theory into the story where it
>does not fit -- read Noguez' article don't take my word for it.

Yes, I did read Noguez article. It's published on my website, with his kind consent, for almost a year. Yet, as I must repeat, he didn't claim double-exposure.

>So why did they need to make a film "substitution" or switch at
>all? Substituting what for what??? Why did Bara=FAna need to do a
>"photomontage" aboard the ship as Noguez keeps insisting? Where
>did Bara=FAna supposedly get his fake "UFO images" to mount in a
>photomontage onto the negatives of Trindade island scenes in the
>10 minutes he had in the makeshift darkroom? What the hell is
>Noguez trying to say in all this babbling slanderous nonsense!!!

I seriously suspect you didn't read in its entirety, or at least didn't understand very well what Noguez wrote. You do make some valid criticisms, but you ignore many arguments. A lot of questions you made are answered on the very own work you're criticizing. You also ignore that he's suggesting a "plausible scenario", and clearly recognizes that he can be wrong. There's no need, and more important, no reason for all this outrage.

>I didn't say it was "malicious" but I will say it is
>"convenient" that Noguez' pseudoscience remains inaccessible to
>English language researchers who cannot translate from Spanish,
>and therefore have had no opportunity to dissect and refute his
>farrago of nonsense. It is not my responsibility to translate
>Noguez' work it is his responsibility as the author

Oh, everyone has the "responsibility" to translate to English? Do you plan to translate your work to any language, Brad? I guess you must, at the very least, translate it to Portuguese. Oh, does this demand seem a bit over, to someone who is already doing his work for free and thinking only on contributing to

serious research? If it does, then it shows my point.

Your implication that it is "convenient" that Noguez work isn't translated, suggesting that it wasn't translated because he wants to make it hidden is outrageous to any sensible person. Why would he do the work if he wanted it "hidden"? Are you saying that he trusted your implicated incompetence of Spanish ufology and experts?

You see, this is a real and justified reason for outrage. You not only offended all non-English people, you essentially insists on it.

>My point was that handling pieces of film possibly as small as >2 mm or 1/10 inch in size would be extremely difficult to do and >to paste onto dripping wet negatives just developed, all in 10 >minutes' time inside a tiny ship's lavatory turned into a >darkroom moments before.

I didn't suggest that. Even Noguez didn't suggest that. So, I wonder why you made the point.

>I did not say it would be difficult to see such a small piece >of film, and the suggestion is patently ludicrous.

>Do you know anything about optics or physics??

<snip>

>If you cannot see the UFO image on the >film even at four inches from your face then you might just have >20/200 vision or worse, and be legally blind to say nothing of >being scientifically challenged.

The UFO on the negatives was an unclear and blurred something smaller than "-". This is reasonably certain, as even on the prints we have, the UFO is still unclear on its details and blurred. There's the possibility that Barauna may have actually blurred the UFO afterwards, to avoid the detection of fraud, or that the negatives that the crew saw were entirely different from what we now see on the prints, or some other things. But you certainly wouldn't suggest any of that.

So, if someone could see this unclear and blurred "-" in detail on the original "wet" negatives, but couldn't see dark spots on the actual sighting and at least one flipping, then I must say this is somehow contradictory. But this again is to discuss testimony. The problem is, it's probably impossible to know how was the original developed negative at the time, even if we got the original negative, we know it was later treated, by Barauna himself. So, this point is actually weak and may never be verified or even verifiable on the physical evidence. It's more weak if we remember that we don't have the names of almost all these people who confirmed that what was on the negatives was what they supposedly saw on the sky. Second hand testimony, even "official", is still second hand testimony. And testimony is testimony, not physical evidence.

To sum up.....

I wrote:

<http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/trindadehoax.htm>

"... we can suggest that all four photos are different versions of the same original image ... The first photo is rotated 180 degrees in relation to the second and third, and the fourth photo would be a vertically flipped image, with some resizing ... I expect that this initiative helps to bring more serious interest to deny or to confirm the information indicated here"

You have first prints from two different sources. You confirmed the similarity, at least between the first and second photos. I ask you to please analyze the other suggestions made, and quoted above. Is there any similarity in the image of the UFO in photos 3 and 4 (vertically flipped, and resized)? How much so?

This is a request that I also make to anyone with first prints on hand.

Cordially,

Kentaro Mori

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Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
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Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Colvin

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
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>Subject: A 1957 Wave Comparison

Larry,

During my tour of duty as a Communications Watch Officer with Allied Forces South in Naples, Italy (1/77 - 1/80), I observed media reports and listened to sighting reports from family, friends, and co-workers.

The "wave" of low-level and occupant sightings occurred in early 1978. My Pinetamare robotic device report posted here is an example of the activity.

Is there a mini-wave for Italy?

Terry

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright 1992, Frank Rice

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RCMP HQ Release of 'Space Objects Contingency Plan'

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[canufo] Royal Canadian Mounted Police HQ release of 'Space Objects Contingency Plan' aka 'The Master Plan'

Hello Everyone;

I am pleased to announce the release of an RCMP policy document known as "The Space Objects Contingency Plan" or "The Master Plan". It is a 50 page manual that details the procedures employed by RCMP members when they work with other Canadian and American authorities to recover any space based object that has entered the atmosphere and come to rest within Canadian jurisdiction.

"The Master Plan" includes many interesting details - ie:

the escorting of American authorities to any impact site, upon request, which ranking members decide whether or not to remove any deceased bodies, how close to approach an unknown object from upwind (50 feet), how big a perimeter to establish at any impact site in an inhabited area (500 feet), who is the lead agency once on the scene (DND), scripts for media questions, etc.

The term UFO does not appear anywhere in the document. However, all of the procedures described are consistent with many of the observations described by civilian witnesses RE: RCMP behavior when investigating UFO cases where the force conducted searches for unknown objects on land and in the water. Though the policy existed in various forms as early as the 50s and 60s it was supplemented and formalized in the 70s, largely due to the crash of Cosmos 954 in the Canadian High Arctic and the threat of Skylab.

"The Space Object Contingency Plan" was released to me on October 8, 2003 as the result of a formal Access To Information Request made on May 2, 2003. The unusually lengthy response time was attributed to the fact that the RCMP archivist needed to seek clearance from 10 other government agencies. My request was an assignment from MUFON's "MAX Committee", of which I am a member. That Committee seeks to document missing and exploited UFO cases and policies. Future discoveries from other searches will appear on this list as they become available.

Chris Styles
Canadian Director of Investigations (MUFON)

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John Lear Interviewed By Bell - 11-2/3-03

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For those interested in the Bell/Lear interview - its available
at:

<http://www.greatdreams.com/John-Lear.htm>

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John Ford Fact

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... According to Hostrich Web Hosting, the phrase
'john+ford+radium' is two thirds of the way down the list of
"Top 100,000 search engine optimization keywords and phrases"

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EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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DIAMOND-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN FELICITY, OHIO

For nearly two weeks, Bob Ridener watched a strange-looking UFO hover over his hometown of Felicity, Ohio (population 922) every night between 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

The sightings began on Thursday, October 16, 2003, Bob reported, "I watched bright lights--blue, green, white and red--spinning, making the object very noticeable in the night sky. Vanished eventually and would appear again. It would hold in one position for 10 to 15 minutes and then, with a bat of an eye, it would move from the west to the south. That would be from the front of my house to the backyard."

"I first saw it in July on almost every clear night. Observed for several weeks from July 2003 to (Tuesday) October 28, 2003. Finally got a camcorder out to see if it would show at night. While viewing the tape, I saw several suspicious images."

"The colors listed seemed to be in a 'ball' of colors underneath" the object, and, "from my view, it would appear it was kind of diamond-shaped."

Felicity is on Ohio Route 756, located 40 miles (64 kilometers) southeast of Cincinnati. (Email Form Report) (Editor's Note: Ten miles (16 kilometers) southeast of Felicity, and just across the Ohio River, is Augusta, Kentucky, where strange artifacts and giant human bones were found in 1792.)

LUMINOUS BLUE UFO SIGHTED IN OREGON

On Friday, October 24, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., the witness was driving near Monmouth, Oregon (population 7,741) and "waiting for PBS Radio to come on with Fresh Air. As I turned off Clow Corner Road and onto the highway (99W--J.T.) going to Monmouth and Independence (population 6,035), I saw what looked to be a very large star. I could not see the outline or any shape."

"I drove about another mile and the light changed to like you're looking at a diamond's side view. It was still lit up but not so bright as before."

"As I glanced up a few times, the color changed--different shades of blue but not shiny. After it changed to maybe five or six shades, it turned white but not

shiny. As it turned white, the light strobed about 10 times and then went out."

"As I passed, I saw two other cars sitting by the side of the road. I don't know if they were watching it or not. As I drove home about two miles, I kept looking for the light but never saw it again."

"This area up to McMinnville (population 26,500) is known for seeing odd things. That city is north. What I saw was in the southwest, I would say about 45 to 55 degrees" above the horizon. "I could not tell how far away it was."

Monmouth, Ore. is on Highway 99W approximately 28 miles (45 kilometers) southwest of Salem, the state capital. (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)
(Editor's Note: McMinnville, Ore. is best known for the numerous daylight discs photographed there back in 1950.)

TRIO SPOTS A UFO NEAR PARKERSBURG, W.V.

Three people spotted a UFO about seven miles (11 kilometers) west of Parkersburg, West Virginia (population 33,100) on Saturday evening, November 1, 2003.

According to Mark, an eyewitness, the sighting took place at 5:30 p.m. on State Route 47 and "was witnessed by three people."

Ohio ufologist Kenny Young reported, "Just after parking their car in a friend's driveway around 5:30 p.m., Mark and his wife had gotten out of the car and spotted an unusual object in the eastern sky."

"Mark stood in the driveway and asked his wife to go inside the house to get their friend to witness the object also."

"The object, Mark said, had a smooth and consistent steady glow that was white in color, not a brilliant silver-white but a dirty, fuzzy, off-white hue. It did not have soft or diffused edges but had clearly defined edges."

"The UFO, from his perspective, was perhaps as big as a 2-inch (5-centimeter) object held in his fingers at arm's length."

"The object was like a dome on a half-round bubble," Mark said, "I could see it crisp and crystal clear. The bottom edge was horizontal, flat. It had a rock-steady motion of flight. There was no shake or wobble."

"Mark said the object was flying along at the speed and height that an average low-flying aircraft would move across the sky, not abnormally quick."

"The object was first seen in the eastern sky at an estimated 30 degrees" above the horizon "and had a (flight) path from south to north. As the object continued its flight, Mark walked to the end of the driveway to get out of the trees and see it from a clearing. By this time, however, the object had departed to the north. All three witnesses agreed that the object was NOT something they could identify." (Many thanks to Ohio ufologist Kenny Young for this report.)

(Editor's Note: For more West Virginia oddities, be sure to read the feature story later on in this issue.)

GREEN FIREBALL SEEN BY CROWD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

On Monday, October 20, 2003, at 8:30 p.m., Luis A. Torres reported, "while attending a local recreation center soccer (futbol in South America--J.T.) game" at Dogwood Park in Goose Creek, South Carolina (population 29,208), I felt pressure on my neck and decided to turn my head and see if I could relax and loosen up. Then, as I turned my head, I saw something falling from the sky. I said to the others around me, 'Look at that!'"

"They did, and we started speculating as to what it might be. Less than a minute later, it had disappeared from sight."

"I made the comment: 'I hope those are military aircraft going next to it, as they are way too close together to be civilians.'"

Luis described the object as "a 'ball of fire' over 15 meters (65 feet) wide, teardrop shape, no noise, but I think it must have been over 40 meters (132 feet) long,

bright blue in the middle and green all over the rest. No residual trail appeared behind it."

Goose Creek, S.C. is on Highway 52 approximately 17 miles (28 kilometers) north of Charleston. (Email Form Report)

LARGE TRIANGULAR UFO SEEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

On Monday, November 3, 2003, Frank Scasselatti "sighted a large triangular-shaped UFO in the town of Dunmore, Pennsylvania (population 14,018). I was visiting my fiancée, who lives in Dunmore. It was 6:30 in the evening, and we were traveling to the local Sunoco gas station to fill my fiancée's car with gas. (petrol in UK--J.T.)."

"We were near the Dunmore Cemetery, close to the Sunoco gas station, when we noticed a large, triangular-shaped UFO in the evening sky. It was black or dark in color, with three huge, glowing lights on each edge of the triangle. The object was approximately 500 feet (150 meters) in length and less than 300 feet (90 meters) above ground. The object did not move. It remained motionless in the clear sky."

"My fiancée also saw the UFO. She was driving her Toyota Corolla" to the gas station, and "I was a passenger in the front seat of the car. My fiancée and I gazed in amazement at the wondrous vehicle. My fiancée exclaimed, 'What is that!? It doesn't look like an airplane. It's not moving. Maybe it's a UFO.'"

"I agreed with her. As we entered the Sunoco gas station, I rolled down my window and put my head outside to get a better view. But the UFO had vanished. It was nowhere to be seen."

The sighting is being investigated by John Perulka, author of *The Secret of Olyphant*. Since 1970, there have been numerous UFO and Men in Black (MIB) sightings in that area of Pennsylvania, notably the towns of Jessup, Dunmore and Olyphant, and Perulka has been compiling data on all of these sightings.

Dunmore, Jessup and Olyphant are suburbs of Scranton, Pa. (Many thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe of UFO Wisconsin for this report.)

TWO UFOs AND A CATTLE MUTILATION REPORTED IN ARGENTINA

On Saturday, November 1, 2003, two luminous discs "were seen floating over the city of Buenos Aires," Argentina's capital, "in the plain light of day."

"One of the two objects was floating near the moon for several minutes, while the other accelerated swiftly to the northern end of the city," the neighborhoods of Dorrego and Frederico Larco, "where it too remained stationary for several minutes. Then the two UFOs flew slowly (north) towards Tigre and the Rio Parana in formation."

"This flight was videotaped by Argentinian observers on the ground, who captured 10 minutes of video footage," ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo reported.

Also last week, "a cattle mutilation was reported in Rio Cuarto province," about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires, "on a ranch leased by Sra. Viviana Olivares. The cow was found in a canyon 25 meters (83 feet) deep and 9.3 meters (31 feet) wide."

Midway through Canyon El Naranjo "there lay a female bovine 5 to 6 years old, mixed breed, black in color, lying on its right side and showing the initial signs of putrefaction. Missing were the left eye, the tongue, the left ear, all of the facial tissues." However, the cow's tail and reproductive organs were not disturbed.

"There were no signs of violence or that the body had spasms of agony prior to death, such as kicking or rolling on the ground. There was no sign of any bloodflow, nor visible wounds on the bovine's body."

"The dead bovine was found by Carlos Elias Berardo, 17, who said, 'I was returning from Las Albahacas along with Ramon Olivares when we saw the fallen animal in Canyon El Naranjo. Upon approaching, we could see that it was a mixed-breed cow some 6 years of age.'"

The case is being investigated by Argentinian

ufologists Mario Luis Bracamonte and Dante Guerrero Merhi. (Muchas gracias a Ricardo E. D'Angelo y tambien a Mario Luis Bracamonte y Dante Guerrero Merhi del grupo Circulo Ovniologico Riocuartense para estos informes.)

STRANGE DEATH REPORTED IN "BRIDGEWATER TRIANGLE"

"An Abington, Mass. woman, driving and talking on her cell phone, died after her car plowed into a cell phone store" in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts (population 2,100).

"Bethaney Lawton, 20, was not wearing a seat belt when her car crashed into a Cingular Wireless building shortly before 1 a.m. on Saturday," November 1, 2003, "Officer Thomas Richmond said."

"She was on a cell phone, talking to a friend," Richmond said, 'She told her friend, 'I'm about to get into an accident.' The friend heard the crash. The phone went dead.'"

"Lawton swerved to avoid hitting a utility pole, crossed into the oncoming lane and crashed into the building, Richmond said."

"The car was three-quarters (75 percent) into the building, and it took 20 minutes to free her from the wreckage, according to Fire Chief Leonard Hunt. She died while undergoing surgery at Boston Medical Center."

"Police said Lawton was alone in her car after dropping off a friend in Bridgewater. She was studying to be an emergency medical technician at Massasoit Community College."

The alleged "Bridgewater Triangle" encompasses "an area of about 200 square miles" in southeastern Massachusetts "and includes the towns of Abington, Rehoboth and Freetown as the points of the Triangle. Within the Triangle are Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, North Middleboro, Segregansett, Dighton, North Dighton, Berkeley, Myricks, Raynham, East Taunton and Taunton. Central to the area is the mysterious Hockomock Swamp, which Native Americans called 'the Devil's Swamp.' The first UFO sighted in Bridgewater was in 1760."

Curiously, Ms. Lawton's death occurred on the 95th anniversary of Bridgewater's most famous UFO sighting--the Philip S. Prophet-John E. Flynn case of 1908. (See the Brockton, Mass. Enterprise for November 2, 2003, "Woman on cell phone dies in car crash." Many thanks to Loren Coleman and Robert Fischer for this news story and the "Bridgewater Triangle" background material.)

(Editor's Note: The Eniskeetompauwaug indigenous people, who were living in the area when the Mayflower Pilgrims arrived in 1620, had 37 deities, and they named the swamp for Hobbomacho, their "God of Death." The first European to set foot in the swamp was Captain Myles Standish in April 1621.)

READER FEEDBACK:

MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS ALSO SEEN IN REPUBLIC, MISSOURI

Concerning the recent UFO sightings in Missouri (See UFO Roundup volume 8, number 41, "Three white UFOs seen in Aurora, Missouri," page 6), ufologist Brian Adams writes, "My son, Shaun Adams, and his girlfriend saw something similar on Saturday, September 27, 2003 at noon over Republic, Mo.(population 8,438). They were driving west on Highway 60 and they both said they saw these rapidly moving white dots very high up in the sky--except they saw a dozen or so of them."

"They watched them through the car windshield while driving towards Aurora, Mo. They said the objects disappeared after just a few minutes."

"I wonder if it's possible they could be connected with something about the large solar flares that have been occurring recently."

"I just read a story about the ISS (International Space Station--J.T.) astronaut who observed some unusual lights with flashes during recent auroras while in orbit above the Earth. It's as likely an explanation about these white objects, it seems to me."

(Editor's Note: Republic, Mo. is on Highway 60

approximately 7 miles (11 kilometers) southwest of Springfield and 12 miles (19 kilometers) northeast of Aurora.)

From the UFO Files...

2003: HAUNTS A-PLENTY IN MOTHMAN COUNTRY

"Moviegoers viewing Scary Movie 3 at the Keith-Albee Theater in Huntington, West Virginia (population 51, 475) might receive more of a fright than they bargained for, especially if they are female and have imbibed a bit too much liquid refreshment from the concession stand."

"The stairway leading to the ladies' room is thought by many to be haunted 'an overwhelming presence that follows you until you enter one of the stalls,' according to a poster on www.wvghost.com."

"'I don't believe it,' Doug Riggs of Huntington said, 'But then again, I've never been in the ladies' room at the Keith-Albee.'"

"Spooky stories, tales of hauntings and sightings of strange beings are fairly common, but in October, especially late October, such activity increases as imaginations run wild during the approach of Halloween. The Tri-State area (in this case, northwestern West Virginia, southeastern Ohio and eastern Kentucky--J.T.) features its fair share of ghost stories and the like, many more humorous than bone-chilling."

"Probably no story is more well-known than that of Mothman, the moth-like, seven-foot (2.2-meter) creature with glowing red eyes said to terrorize residents near Point Pleasant, West Virginia (population 4,637)," a town on the Ohio River about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Huntington. "Tales of the regional spook sparked the (2002) movie, The Mothman Prophecies."

"The Mothman was at his height during the 1960s and the 1970s when he was repeatedly sighted several times near West Virginia (Route) 2 along the Ohio River. Some claimed that the creature jumped onto their cars. No hard evidence has been found of the Mothman's existence, but Point Pleasant has profited from the rumor, selling thousands of dollars worth of Mothman merchandise during local celebrations."

But "Mothman Country" has other spooks which are not as well known.

"Brenda Lambert, a worker at Rebels and Redcoats, a restaurant within the Colonial Lanes building in west Huntington, said she is convinced the bowling facility is haunted. Lambert said she and others have seen a swinging door near the bar open and close on its own."

"'There was a presence,' Lambert said, 'It gave us chills.'"

"Others said they've heard footsteps in an upstairs room when no one was in the room, along with singing from a woman who was nowhere to be seen. The supposed ghost, Lambert said, appeared more playful than threatening, turning on electrical switches and such."

"Legend has Marshall University's Old Main (building) haunted by a girl who was said to have leaped to her death from a third floor window. But then, Old Main is a prime target for anyone who wants to believe in ghosts, thanks to its creaky floorboards and dark hallways."

"Several Huntington houses, including a house on Fifth Street in Guayandotte and on South Boulevard are said by some to be haunted."

"Mary Jo Plymale of Huntington, wrote that the old Jefferson School on 19th Street West, is haunted by a shadowy figure on the stairs."

"'Who was the ghost?' Plymale wrote, 'Could it be a former student who grew up, died and came back to the place where he'd spent many a happy hour? Could it be a former principal who wanted to see his old domain?'"

"Huntington doesn't have a monopoly on area ghost stories."

"The woods near Wayne, W.V. (population 1,105)," a town on Route 37 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Huntington, "are said to be haunted by a group of people who 'talk backwards' and a creature similar to the famed Bigfoot."

(Editor's Comment: Creatures who talk backwards!? Shades

of Yoda! Say, you don't suppose that hairy hominid in Wayne, W.V. is a wookiee, do you?)

"Further into Wayne County, near Hewlett Branch Road in Ft. Gay (population 819)," also on Highway 37 about 15 miles (25 kilometers) southwest of Wayne, "Bigfoot-like beings have allegedly been spotted for years."

Southeastern "Ohio has its scary tales, too. One persistent rumor has a little Indian girl roaming the hills of Bradrick," a town on Route 7 just north and across the Ohio River from Huntington, W.V., "sometimes throwing rocks at people who pass by."

(Editor's Note: For more on stone-throwing poltergeists, see the The Complete Books of Charles Fort, Dover Publications, New York, N.Y. 1974, page 403.)

"Another story that never seems to end is the existence of a panther in the hills of Union Township, near Chesapeake," a town on the north bank of the Ohio River, on Route 52 four miles (6 kilometers) west of Bradrick.

(Editor's Comment: Bob Fischer, please take note!)

"I remember seeing something when I was a kid," said James McComas, who grew up on a farm in a rural area of Union Township. "It looked like a panther, and it slipped into the bushes. I don't know what it was."

"Said panther also was reported seen on Greasy Ridge before slipping into the Bent Creek area in the 1960s."

"A haunted cave is said to exist near Ironton," Ohio (population 11,211), also on Route 52 on the north bank of the Ohio River about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Huntington, W.V., "with strange noises and voices coming from it."

(Editor's Comment: Must be the Ohio headquarters of the Deros.)

"And Gallia County (Ohio) is a haven for ghost stories. Knox Hollow, an area between Bidwell and Vinton," two towns on Route 160 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Point Pleasant, W.V., "is said to be haunted by twins who drowned in a creek there in the 1930s."

(Editor's Comment: I guess Mary-Kate and Ashley will be giving Vinton, Ohio a skip on their next tour of the East.)

"One of the more interesting stories from Gallia County is that, not of a ghost, but of a house that was said to have appeared out of nowhere on the lawn of the Crown City Methodist Church in 1953."

Crown City, Ohio is on Route 7, a riverfront town located about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Point Pleasant, W.V.

"The single-story house with a large bush in front was said to have appeared numerous times. Not everyone believes it."

"I've never seen it," Paul Branner said, "I've lived or worked in or around Crown City for years, and I've always heard that story. If you drink enough liquor, I suppose you can see anything you want to see."

(Editor's Comment: The spectral house is a rare phenomenon in Fortean. One was actually photographed in Wales. I can't help wondering if, back in 1953, a scientist from a parallel Earth, experimenting with teleportation, somehow managed to send his house into "our" universe.)

"The famed Our House Museum in Gallipolis," Ohio (population 4,180), across the river from Point Pleasant, W.V., "was built in 1819 and was once a tavern. Visitors claim to hear footsteps in the foyer, and a woman singing in a second floor room."

"In Lawrence County, the old Monitor School in Coal Grove," (population 2,027), a town on Route 52 about 12 miles (19 kilometers) downriver from Chesapeake, Ohio, "is said to be plagued by lights turning on and off by themselves."

"Tales long have been told about the haunting of the Briggs Public Library in Ironton, Ohio. Dr. Joseph Lowry, whose home stood on the library's current site, died in 1933 and was said to have met a grisly burial preparation from an undertaker who had quarreled with him."

"Some claim Dr. Lowry roams the library with his mother searching for his lost body parts."

(Editor's Comment: Curiously, a short story on this topic was written by H.P. Lovecraft and appeared in Weird Tales

during this time period. Was Lovecraft influenced by the Lowry case? Or vice versa?)

"Lowry also is said to walk the Woodlawn Cemetery" in Ironton, "where he is buried, but must share the spotlight (spooklight?--J.T.) with other supposed ghosts there. A young woman killed by her husband is said to haunt the very statue above her grave, with a handprint constantly appearing on her cheek, no matter how often the statue is scrubbed."

"Woodlawn also is the resting place of a Russian ballerina, whom some say dances on moonlit nights outside the mausoleum."

Mothman Country...cross it, and you get crossed off! (See the Huntington, W.V. Herald-Dispatch for October 31, 2003, "Tri-State region not lacking in spooky stories." Many thanks to Loren Coleman for this newspaper article.)

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: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Warren

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
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>Subject: Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>>Subject: Re: 'Contrail' Info Requested - Warren

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 01:08:18 -0400
>>>Subject: 'Contrail' Info Requested

>>>Last year Peter Davenport reported the following from CNN. Does
>>>anyone have additional information for this?

>>>National UFO Reporting Center Sighting Report
>>>Occurred : 11/27/2002 16:00 (Entered as : 11/27/02)
>>>Reported: 11/28/2002 6:33:29 PM 18:33
>>>Posted: 12/23/2002
>>>Location: Turks,
>>>Shape: Unknown
>>>Duration:

>>>This is a link to a cnn.com report on a mysterious contrail.>

>>>I saw this report on cnn.com and thought I would pass it along:

>>><http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/Central/11/28/contrail.scramble/index.html>

>>Interestingly enough, I just completed a "vigorous search" in
>>the archives of most major papers and the wires, AP, Reuters,
>>etc., for any mention of this story and came up with zilch. Also
>>checked CNN for a follow-up, and nothing there either. It would
>>seem that this "interesting news item" was nipped in the bud.

>>I didn't check "local Colorado Springs newspapers," perhaps
>>there is something there.

>Sorry I must have missed this. Like minds... Thanks for this
>information. I should mention that a piece of information I have
>makes this sighting more than other recent phenomenal events
>much more interesting to me. I'll keep you posted.

Good Day Don,

You certainly have my curiosity going on this "piece of
information" you have.

Given the 'post 911 era' we currently live in, it seems to me
that any 'unknowns' in our airspace would garner the attention
of the news media. It would seem that the 'choke-points', i.e.,
UPI, AP, Reuters, etc., are still in place and fully functional.

Regards,

Frank Warren

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John Ford Mention

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From: a review by W. Ritchie Benedict...

The Brookhaven Connection
by Wade Gordon

edited by Peter Moon

Sky Books
10 Arrow Lane
Hicksville,
New York
11801

2002, 244 pages
\$19.95 USA (Higher in Canada)
ISBN: 09678162-1-1

"...Then there was the curious case of another investigator, UFO researcher John Ford, who was supposedly working on a book exposing corrupt political connections at Brookhaven. He was arrested and accused of a plot to kill powerful Republican wheelhorse John Powell. He was never given a proper trial and was incarcerated in a psychiatric hospital where he remains to this day, very likely a victim of his own curiosity about what is really hidden at Brookhaven. Something to do with UFOs certainly, and perhaps even explorations into hyperspace and time travel as well."

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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'Space Invaders'

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Source: Astrobiology Magazine

<http://www.astrobio.net/>

By David H. Grinspoon

Sixty-five years ago, on "mischief night," Orson Welles spooked millions of radio listeners with his legendary "War of the Worlds" broadcast [October 30th]. Many who did not hear the "only fiction" disclaimers fled their homes to avoid imminent gas attack by marauding Martians who had landed in Grovers Mill, N.J., creating traffic jams and sending dozens to the hospital for shock and hysteria.

Could this happen today? In an age of multiple media, radio has lost some of its punch, but a well-executed Internet hoax of an alien invasion might set some hearts racing. Public fascination with the possibility of extraterrestrial life shows no sign of abating, and the scientific search for it has gained respectability in recent years with the formation and growth of NASA's Astrobiology Institute.

The threat of invasion by intelligent, high-tech aliens is not one to lose sleep over. Why would aliens even want our Earth? One of the few things we have learned about planets is that they are complex individuals no two will be exactly alike. Aliens will surely be better adapted to their own planets, and it is highly unlikely that they will be able to breathe our air or infect us, let alone eat us at least not without some expensive and messy food processing. As entertaining as "War of the Worlds" was for those who did not need treatment for shock or hysteria afterwards, Welles' scenario is not a likely one.

But there is another threat that deserves immediate attention: the remote but scary possibility of accidental microbial contamination from space. In H.G. Wells' original "War of the Worlds" (1897), the superior Martian invaders were defeated in the end by "the humblest thing that God in His wisdom put upon this Earth" by microbes, who caused the defenseless Martians to catch colds and die.

You may not know it, but NASA is guarding you against this danger through the "Office of Planetary Protection," which is charged with preventing the inadvertent spreading of life between worlds during space exploration. Our efforts to prevent "back contamination" the accidental return to Earth of dangerous alien microbes from other worlds are the subject of a new NASA report that details how we might test for living organisms in returned samples. NASA intends to return a sample from Mars within the next decade or two.

NASA is also making concerted efforts to prevent "forward contamination," in which we would be the evil alien invaders who seed other planets with Earth bugs. NASA crashed the Galileo spacecraft into Jupiter last month in an effort to avoid the remote possibility that the spacecraft would one day smash into Europa and cause an unforgivable planetary pandemic on that watery moon. Three new spacecraft are headed for landings on Mars in the next couple of months, and their missions are all

focused on the search for current life, past life and conditions conducive to life. These craft have all been carefully sterilized so that we will not return to Mars one day to find Earthly life forms that we accidentally deposited in an earlier voyage.

Although issues of interplanetary contamination may seem fantastic, they force us to confront the limits of our knowledge about life and where it might thrive. Some prominent scientists have criticized "planetary protection" as based on dubious science, but there is humility and wisdom in this approach. It is true that if our current concepts of biology are correct, then there is virtually no possibility that an alien organism, not adapted for this world, could dangerously out-compete the locals who are marvelously fit to survive here.

"Planetary protection" contains an implicit acknowledgement that scientific knowledge is never final or complete. We have been wrong before in the history of space exploration, and we should not wager our planet's safety on the assumption that we need not worry about extraterrestrial life accidentally brought back to Earth. All of our ideas about life elsewhere are based on extrapolation from one example Earth life and science is not at its best when basing sweeping conclusions on a sample size of one. Although common sense strongly suggests that the threats are minimal, we are wise not to ignore them.

Let's face it, human intelligence puts us at greater risk than the possibility that malevolent aliens may someday wander through our corner of the galaxy. The fact that we take planetary protection seriously, though, hints that we may have the tools to tame the beast within and use our brains wisely in the service of life. Through the "safe exploring" embodied in planetary protection, we take the best in our nature with us as we take our first steps beyond the Earth.

There is no way to stay 100 percent safe from scary monsters that might lurk in the cosmos, but it would be paranoid and self-defeating to avoid exploration out of vague fears of the unknown. With planetary protection, we strive to insure that, through the marvelous tricks of space exploration, we do not give or receive any unwelcome and dangerous planetary treats.

What's Next

Some might argue that the precautions of containment or sterilization are not necessary, since samples from other celestial bodies have been falling on Earth since its origin. Comets and asteroids are believed to have impacted the Earth frequently in its earliest years, seeding the young planet with water and organic chemicals.

The only samples that have been returned to Earth so far have come from the moon. Astronauts on the Apollo missions returned 379 kilograms (835 pounds) of rock and soil from the Moon, and three Russian spacecraft (Luna 16, 20 and 24) also returned moon samples. The samples were kept in sealed containers until they arrived at their respective laboratories for study. According to says John Rummel, NASA's Planetary Protection Officer, there are no set plans to bring a Mars sample back to Earth. However, some proposals discuss having both the European Space Agency and NASA launch martian sample return missions by 2011, with samples returning to Earth by 2016.

Sample return missions currently in progress include spacecraft designed to sample a comet, an asteroid, and the solar wind. Although life is not likely to be found in these places, the precursor chemicals that make life possible may be present.

NASA's Stardust mission, launched in 1999, will reach comet Wild 2 in January 2004. Stardust will return to Earth with both cometary and interstellar dust particle samples in January 2006.

NASA's Genesis mission was designed to collect solar wind samples. The spacecraft was launched in August of 2001 and is now collecting particles coming off the sun. The samples will be returned to Earth in September 2004.

Japan's MUSES-C spacecraft, launched May 2003, is headed for asteroid 1998 SF36. After its arrival in June 2005, the spacecraft will gather up to one gram of material from a variety

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of sites on the asteroid. The samples are expected to arrive
back on Earth by June 2007.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:07:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:08:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Lehmborg

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:53:14 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
>>Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>Pilgrims,

>Max wrote:

>>I am pleased to announce the release of the latest issue of Dr
>>Larry O'Hara's magazine "Notes From The Borderland".

>>The magazine is over 60 pages with many interesting articles on
>>which more below.

>>The article you may wish to read is my exposure of
>>disinformation experts within Ufology. My 12,000 word article is
>>completely footnoted.

><snip>

>Having read the article in some depth I can honestly say that
>all right-minded ufologists will want to acquire it immediately.
>As a text book example of how an obsessive personality can
>invent something out of nothing it's excellent.

"As a text book example of how an obsessive personality can
invent something [out] of nothing [,] it's excellent."

Presuming this is what you meant ... all we have here, still, is
your uncited armchair proclamation on a piece of cited work,
obviously not your own, with which you are not in agreement. It
is work with which you seem more than willing to take unethical
liberties... perhaps because there are not enough references to
flying lighthouses and gassy pelicans?

>However, instead of wasting your money on buying it, I'll have
>it scanned by Thursday and will happily send free copies on
>request.

In one stroke you obliterate a copyright and provide a mechanism
for keeping researchers from an honorable reward for their
efforts... pretty cheesy, sir, forgetting how wrong it is.....

The reader can imagine what the CSICOPian author's attitude
would be given this kind of arrogant and mean-spirited literary
piracy.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 14:50:53 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:17:23 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 23:46:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

Ray wrote:

>You should know here that "Perceptions" has had previous
>problems with BBC hacks' readiness to lie and obfuscate in
>furtherance of a monolithic "big brother" facade for public
>consumption and deception.

Ray & List,

Perceptions are the thing here. I always picture BBC
journalists, running to their sceptic contacts "We need you on
air - a UFO has been in the news, how soon can you get a
statement for us" then they appear like clockwork.

Firstly, and normally the usual astronomers, "there is a lot of
space junk up there, that can sometimes be seen dropping out of
the sky".

Then backed by the 'head' people, you know the line: "Well,
people are easy to make mistakes about what they see, believe
me, it is nothing more than a hallucination of the mind, it does
not exist".

Then they drop into, "and now we have on the line, _____, who
has written many books, including the best seller 'UFOs Are
Real: But Only To A Tiny Minority Of Looneys' has also appeared
around the world putting the UFO enigma firmly into perspective.
Tell me _____, in your view what was it that these people
actually witnessed"?

"Well, having seen the footage, and having researched UFOs for
some time now, and visited most corners of the globe, I can
safely tell the listening public, that it was just a weather
balloon, or perhaps a cloud that just looked odd. You do get
quite a lot of these sightings that fit into this category. And
as for the military scrambling jets to intercept this
Cloud/Weather balloon, then frankly, who do we have running the
airforce?".

>If you have patience with that sort of thing would recommend

><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/beebvbeeb.html>

>or "beebvbeeb" at Google but please don't expect every item to
>hit you as equally important - to someone else they will be.

Interesting website. I actually listen to the World Service
regular, and after some time you do get used to the biased
reporting - you have to switch on the filters!

>Getting back to the UFO arena and current list
>subject:"believers", it seems that 'belief' is not to be derided
>(as skeptics routinely do) but is an active and indeed necessary
>factor in certain experiments and experiences - check "magic or

>mass" or "psyche storms" or "perceptions poltergeists" at
>Google.

The thing is, everyone human has a belief of some kind or another. I believe ET has arrived - sceptics believe that they have not - a belief on both parts. Although sceptics do seem to portray themselves as the intellectual types, always on a high horse, talking to mere uneducated mortals.

Roy

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Re: Strange Noises From The Sky - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@charter.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 07:58:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:24:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Strange Noises From The Sky - McCoy

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 17:01:08 -0200
>Subject: Strange Noises From The Sky

>Source: St. George Daily Spectrum, UT

><http://www.thespectrum.com/news/stories/20031109/topstories/613898.html>

>High Country Beat

>By Ed Kociela

<snip>

>I haven't seen anything funny in the sky, but I sure have heard
>some strange rumblings - and I know it's for real because my
>wife has heard them and even my dogs have been startled from
>their napping a couple of times over the past few weeks by
>strange noises from the sky.

>Not long ago, another friend told me he saw the B-2 bomber
>flying over Cedar Mountain. This guy is about to become a pilot
>and has a set of eyes on him that an eagle would covet, so I
>don't doubt his report.

>The B-2, however, doesn't sound like some of the things that
>have shaken my home and ears.

>Whatever it is, it's flying very high - out of my eyesight at
>least - and fast. And with the sound seemingly echoing around
>the valley, it's difficult to pinpoint the spot in the sky where
>this aircraft is flying.

<snip>

>I have noticed that there have been a number of corkscrew
>contrails flowing across the sky, indicating some sort of jet
>propulsion. Normal jet engines do not produce that kind of
>pattern, at least in my experience. Calling the U.S. Air Force
>would be futile, especially since we are so close to Area 51 and
>Nellis Air Force Base where the military does things we're not
>supposed to know about. But if anybody else has heard or seen
>something strange in the skies, let me know. I hate to sound
>like Art Bell, but there is definitely something odd going on
>above us.

Hello, All.

Well, well, sounds like "Project Aurora" got some funding
again. I've seen the odd contrails, heard the Rumbling, booming
(Pulse Ignition) noises more than once over the remote west
coast.

Also a very fast controlled, aircraft. Two actually.

About Two years ago Coos Bay, Oregon had an experience with
these rumbling, booming sounds: F-15's of the Oregon Air Guard,
according to the media release. Okay. Right. (Been around

F-15s/F- 16's a lot - none sound like that.)

I am convinced that this is a secret aircraft. Not extraterrestrial. As one friend of mine put it: 'You're up there all alone, and the space helmet is a little uncomfortable when you are grinning.' - this about the A-12/SR71.

GT McCoy

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What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:41:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:41:03 -0500
Subject: What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican?

Images accompany the following article

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Source: Free Press International

<http://www.freepressinternational.com/vatican.html>

What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican?
By Greg Ericson

11.10.2003

On October 8, 1995 Vatican Priest Monsignor Corrada Balducci went on National Television in Italy and said Extraterrestrials do exist. Video In Italian.

Here is the text of the interview:

Bruno Mobruci: Father Balducci, what would you answer to all of those who claim that the aliens are already among us?

Padre BALDUCCI: We can not longer think... is it true, is it not true, are they truth or are they lies, if we believe, or if we don=B4t! There are already many considerations which MAKES THE EXISTENCE OF THESE BEINGS INTO A CERTAINTY. WE CANNOT DOUBT. Even if we say that among a hundred of these phenomenon there are only... even if we said that 99 were false and that one was true, it=B4s that one that says that some phenomenon exist. Therefore this is the first problem... it's not anymore... it doesn't revert anymore to the ambit of human prudence... to doubt... because... the prudence says to be prudent, but not to deny.

Bruno Mobruci: "What are the consequences to religion, to philosophy?"

Padre BALDUCCI: "There are no cons... there's no negative consequence... all is contemplated, look at the Lord which as revealed everything to us, because of that we think very well, even in the human redemption, Christ remains allways the center of the Universe, but in the Universe there is... it's all... that... not only the world, but also the thousands of stars, the thousands of galaxies, and there are... I don't want to reveal any numbers, but we can without any doubt and rationally at this point... and we enter now on the second question, how do you explain... the existence of other inhabited worlds, in what manner inhabited, by whom inhabited?"

Let's look at us... there is an old saying that exists for centuries that goes: "Natura non facit saltus" eh... "Nature does not leap" that is... no... there is the vegetal kingdom, the animal kingdom, the human kingdom... and the angelic

kingdom, the only things, four kingdoms that we know. Three are natural and we can see them. Between the man, the human being and the angel, eh... there is a big gap. Here is why, with this argument, which is well demonstrated by San Tommaso, one of the biggest theologians, it's probable, it's likely... more than other... that between man, which has already a spirit inside him, but a poor one... it is incredibly subjected to matter, for instance at night we have the need to sleep, while the soul hasn't. A small illness is enough... in short, it's stuck, and the angel which is only spirit, it's likely that there are other beings, who have a soul, that is less attached, less subordinated to the body and a soul of this kind can obviously accomplish progress that we, no matter how much we have progressed in this last decades, are not in the position to accomplish."

And now on with the story. It turns out the Vatican has two observatories and five telescopes. The observatories are outside of Rome and one in Arizona. Now why would the Vatican have a telescope in Arizona?

... very unusual gold sphere is at the Vatican. It's called "A Sphere Within A Sphere". What on earth could this mean? We hope to be able to find answers to these questions in the near future or maybe our readers know. Please email us at news@freepressinternational.com There is another sphere at the United Nations building that looks exactly like the sphere at the Vatican!

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FOIA Regulations Take Another Hit

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:18:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:45:56 -0500
Subject: FOIA Regulations Take Another Hit

Below is observation by MUFON Director John Schuessler which will be of interest to this list.

As if the FOIA process wasn't useless enough, the NSA received an exemption for all "operational files." The Federation of American Scientists released the following information:

The National Security Agency was granted the exemption it has requested from the Freedom of Information Act for so-called "operational files" that reflect the technical means by which the Agency collects intelligence. Files designated as "operational" will not need to be searched and reviewed in response to FOIA requests.

But the new exemption, contained in the conference version of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act, follows the amended Senate version, which is more narrowly crafted than the NSA had initially proposed. As urged by openness advocates, the exemption is limited to records produced in two particular Agency directorates, and cannot be applied to archived historical records.

Other provisions of note in the new Defense Authorization Act include a measure that will expand the Defense Department's polygraph testing program (while simultaneously eliminating public reporting requirements), and a measure to increase transparency of Iraqi reconstruction contracts.

See these excerpts from the House-Senate conference report on the 2004 Defense Authorization Act here:

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

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Re: Humanoids Without Saucers - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor@perceptions.couk.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 18:23:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 07:38:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Humanoids Without Saucers - Dickenson

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 00:06:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Humanoids Without Saucers - Colvin

>Where is the evidence, the bodies of these supernatural
>creatures? What portion is inside the head and what portion
>is outside the head. Where does false memory syndrome and
>the manipulative dissociative identify disorder, formerly
>called multiple personality disorder, fit in with all
>this? - twc

Hello TWC and All,

You raise interesting points in your look-back to the 40's 50's
& 60's.

A while ago was asked to research and publish a tourist-type
leaflet on NW Shropshire ('cos local gov't stuff was u/s) and
put some space aside for folk-lore / local legends / plus ghost
stories (it became v. popular with locals _and_ tourists - had
to extend print run)

Apart from stories tied to death of an actual person, ie
murders, wrongful executions etc, the rest are divided, like
Terry's stuff, into humanoids (some "large" some "small" -
perceived as people) and strange animals - as perceived (like,
large "dogs" common in some areas).

A large humanoid, say 2.5 meters to 3 meters, in shiny or
metallic rig, was reported (in living memory), and "little
people" were widespread.

That's maybe why some speculative pages (like "psyche storms" -
Google) tend to Jacques Vallée's own speculations (or further -
into "info-space"?).

And

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/bigscrt.txt>

Vallee's intro to "UFOs and the National Security State" by
Richard Nolan - also might account for a strong distrust of all
establishment stuff.

See:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/reports.txt>

rough text list of some official statements on UFO's from 1947
on.

Thinking hurts!

Best regards

Ray D


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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 13:25:37 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 07:39:48 -0500
Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Hatch

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 21:57:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 20:31:52 -0800
>>Subject: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>Larry,

>During my tour of duty as a Communications Watch Officer with
>Allied Forces South in Naples, Italy (1/77 - 1/80), I observed
>media reports and listened to sighting reports from family,
>friends, and co-workers.

>The "wave" of low-level and occupant sightings occurred in early
>1978. My Pinetamare robotic device report posted here is an
>example of the activity.

>Is there a mini-wave for Italy?

>Terry

= = = =

Hi Terry:

Filtering for Italian cases only, there is a definite mini-wave
in 1978 according to my data. Look at these annual counts.

1960-1970	0 to 10 cases per year.
1971-1976	7 to 21 cases/year
1977	40 cases
1978	125 cases
1979	37 cases
1980-1999	0 to 8 cases/year

This overlooks the 1954 wave of course, but over 40 years, 1978
stands out unmistakably.

For all years combined, Italian sightings are 2 or 3 times as
frequent in the second half of the year (July-Dec) as they are
in the first 6 months.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Devices That Read Human Thought Now Possible

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 17:05:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 07:46:57 -0500
Subject: Devices That Read Human Thought Now Possible

Finally this info sees the light of day!

And special thanks to Allen Barker!

To: mcactivism@yahoogroups.com
From: Allen Barker
Date sent: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 21:21:53 -0500
Subject: [mcactivism] Devices that read human thought now possible

Devices that read human thought now possible, study says Brain implants could help severely disabled

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/11/10/MNGK82U4MV1.DTL>

Carl T. Hall, Chronicle Science Writer

New Orleans -- Less than a month after a widely heralded experiment showed how thought-reading implants can work in monkeys, scientists presented new findings Sunday suggesting such machines could work in people, too.

Dr. Miguel A.L. Nicolelis of Duke University said previously unreported human experiments demonstrated success with one type of a so-called brain computer interface, or BCI.

He and others discussed their latest findings Sunday at the annual meeting in New Orleans of the Society for Neuroscience, the world's largest gathering of brain researchers. About 28,000 people are attending the weeklong event.

Much of the attention on Sunday was given to technology designed to overcome paralyzing injuries or illnesses afflicting the nervous system. About 11,000 new cases arise every year, adding to a total estimated at more than 200,000.

Nicolelis said the new study had been done in a few Parkinson's disease patients while they were undergoing open-skull neurosurgery for their disease.

Full results, he said, have been submitted for peer review to a scientific journal and were not a formal part of the program, in which he and colleagues reported new details from the monkey experiments already published.

Nicolelis said the important point was that the principle had been shown to work: People can control devices merely by thinking.

Ultimately, it may be possible to design high-tech implants that can read and direct the muscles using the patient's own intentions and natural sensory equipment.

For now, it's a much less grandiose business of just tuning the equipment to the human brain's frequency.

In the Duke experiments, patients were being fitted with

standard electrical stimulator devices, which can help to control Parkinson's symptoms.

This procedure requires the patient to be awake while the surgeon identifies a safe route through brain tissue, taking care not to harm brain cells needed for essential functions. As part of that process, the surgeon periodically asks the patient to speak or move while recording localized brain activity.

Nicolelis and his colleagues took advantage of the opportunity and recorded the information the surgeon was obtaining. Then, for five-minute periods while the patient was being operated on, they conducted simple reaching-and-grasping experiments to determine whether the patient's intentions could accurately be read -- the first essential step in controlling a limb by computer implant.

That's a far cry from proving that a workable long-term implant would be safe and effective. Nicolelis said it was much too soon to "even think about" moving any particular device into full-blown clinical trials.

A competing group, however, led by founders and collaborators of a company called Cyberkinetics Inc., has announced plans to begin a small safety study next year of an implant designed to allow a paralyzed patient to control a desktop computer.

That device, called "BrainGate," is based on research at Brown University,

led by scientist John Donaghue. He and other company officials described the technology on Sunday as a "novel gateway" for people with no other options.

"These are the opening days of a new era in neurotechnology," Donaghue said.

The competition, however, has gotten somewhat testy of late amid an explosion of interest. Some scientists accuse Nicolelis of overreaching, noting that his latest monkey experiment actually wasn't the first to show a "thoughts-into-action" device could function in a primate; he was merely the first to show that a monkey's brain firings could be harnessed to direct complicated movement, involving both reaching and grasping.

Meanwhile, Nicolelis decried the entry of corporate interests into a field once thought to be purely science fiction, now being taken seriously as modern medicine at the cutting edge of technology.

"I am a university professor," Nicolelis said. "I have no interests in any business. I am Brazilian -- I want to have fun, I don't want to make money. What I am very afraid of is that people who really want to make a buck out of this will be rushing into the clinical thing. I don't believe in that. A lot of important science needs to be done, and we need to go step by step in a very careful way."

All the labs claim to be pursuing the technology responsibly.

Donaghue and his colleagues pointed out they were also university scientists who realized the only way to fully exploit the technology was to form a company capable of raising the money needed to carry out very expensive clinical studies. Cyberkinetics is proceeding with the guidance of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

In the latest studies on people, Nicolelis' Duke group had to use a simplified version of the animal study protocol to stay within the bounds of a five-minute surgical window. But that was still enough, Nicolelis said, to show animal and human brains can be read much in the same way.

"We are showing the same computational algorithms work, the same technology in general works, suggesting the principle would work in a patient that is severely handicapped," Nicolelis said. "We are able to predict the hand position, and the hand force, while they are doing the task during the surgery."

Before you can lift even a finger, nerves fire in the brain, along the spinal cord and nerve pathways of the arm, then back

again in a tightly controlled feedback loop.

Douglas J. Weber, of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, reported new research Sunday suggesting that the motion of a limb can be accurately predicted by reading the firings of just a handful of brain cells -- only 10 or so in one case.

That means it may be simpler than once imagined to tap into the body's own sensory apparatus to keep some natural motion going with a brain implant merely as a detour around a damaged spinal cord or other problem in the brain's natural circuitry.

Dr. Jonathan Wolpaw of the New York State Department of Health's Wadsworth Center described new methods of reading signals that can be detected outside and just beneath the surface of the skull, suggesting the possibility that some devices may not even have to be implanted into the brain. Implants run some risk of infections and other problems.

But he and others emphasized it might be several years before the first such devices were ready for widespread use, and they noted that the technology worked only in individuals who might be utterly disabled and "locked in," with no ability to move even their eyes, and yet had enough healthy brain activity to drive the implants.

The revolution will start slowly, Wolpaw said, in a few people "who are the most disabled and who have no other options."

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Aliens & ESP

From: **Thierry Jonnaert** <thierry.jonnaert@pandora.be>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 07:50:50 -0500
Subject: Aliens & ESP

Hi list,

Sometimes we learn more about the relation between Aliens and E.S.P., but all this is still difficult to understand for the most of the people. Telepathy is understood by a lot of men and women, but when we talk about 'a vision of the future'... the most of the people will have their doubts ! Of course... this is not easy to understand.

It's because we are talking about a reality on a higher level. I think we have to observe all this with new scientific ideas. Therefore the ideas of Bohm could help us I think. This physicist of the University of London understood what Alain Aspect - University of Paris - discovered: the faster than light connection between subatomic particles. All this is telling us about the deeper level of reality!

Following the ideas of Bohm,... at that special level... the things in the universe are infinitely interconnected. I know... somebody was already giving information about those ideas, but now I like to ask you to pay attention to this: The idea of a Holographic Universe could also be of great importance to understand paranormal phenomena like E.S.P.and the communication with Aliens.

Because within this Superhologram the past, present and future exist simultaneously. So... this means it must be possible to get a vision of the future, because the future is already present. The telepathic communication between some people and Aliens must be based on the reality of this holographic universe. There is no time or speed of light...disturbing this communication. This means...even Aliens far away... in another galaxy... could capture simultaneously the ideas sended by a man or woman on earth, and so... it could be that this happened already in the past. The same for ideas sended by Aliens to people on earth. Of course... we must be very carefull with the ideas of Aliens or other creatures. As no time is involved the distance is not more important.

Thierry Jonnaert

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Re: Andros Island Case? - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 22:50:59 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:14:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Andros Island Case? - Gonzalez

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 18:31:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2003 14:23:55 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2003 22:09:17 -0300
>>>Subject: Andros Island Case?

>>>Does anyone have any data or information about a UFO filmed over
>>>Andros Island in the Bahamas?

>>>I'm trying to find out if the photographer is still alive.

>>Do you have a date for this, at least an approximate one?

>May 21, 1996 - Andros Island, Golden Key.

>I'm looking to see if the UFOs filmed had the "UMMO" logo)-(

>If so, I will try to contact witnesses.

As far as I know, around 1982 Ted Bloecher had a copy of the
interview with the only witness, by Ralph Blum.

Richard Heiden made a FOIA request about the material without
success. I do not know if they checked the witness' background
and reliability, but they did have his name.

Apparently, the incident took place just before an AZROC shot
test. Maybe somebody could check that.

Please, keep us (or me) informed about any developments on this
case.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Re: The Universe As A Hologram - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 14:03:08 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:18:06 -0500
Subject: Re: The Universe As A Hologram - Tonnies

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 11:51:00 -0200
>Subject: The Universe As A Hologram

>Source: <http://twm.co.nz/hologram.html>

>The Universe as a Hologram
>Author unknown

>Does Objective Reality Exist, or is the Universe a Phantasm?

This article reminds me of the following essay I wrote for my weblog:

Saturday, November 08, 2003

Most of us think of existence as basically linear: to get to point C from point A, you must first traverse point B. I think it's more likely (and much more fun) to consider that we're recreated moment to moment out of raw information, and that points A, B and C don't exist except in our endlessly reconstituted minds.

Imagine the reels for every movie ever made - and, more pertinently, every movie never made. Now imagine cutting this infinity of footage into single frames. Thirdly, picture putting every single one of these isolated frames in a blender, chopping them into microscopic oblivion, and stirring them with the aerosolized remains of every other frame.

This endless deluge of celluloid confetti is emptied into space, where it forms a randomized nebula, a pixelated collage of all possible "sequences." Now suppose we want to view a "movie" of someone's life (knowing full well that sequentiality is a cognitive construct with no objective validity). We shine a laser through the glittering mist of would-have-been films, thus isolating a single "sequence" of particulated states. If we keep doing this, we'll quickly find that most of our laser-lit "sequences" don't make any sense. After all, they're composed of completely random bits of data (ultimately at the level of simple "yesses" and "nos", or - if you're into computer metaphors - ones and zeroes).

But since we're dealing with an infinity of this "powdered reality," we also recognize that some of the laser beams are illuminating coherent "storylines." They might break up and dissolve at some point, but the endless quantity of possibilities waiting to be realized ensures that they will resume at some point. In this sense, a given observer's "reality" is an elaborate, self-maintaining juxtaposition. Random patterns (read: "sequences") in our hypothetical embryonic cloud are able to link up with similar, equally random, patterns - very much like a crystal impregnating a vial of solution with its own molecular structure. A sort of binary Darwinism takes hold. Meaningful "sequences" thrive; the rest is just existential static.

Time needn't be relevant in the cosmic screening room. Whether a

particular pattern emerged in the past or future is irrelevant. Information from the "past" and "future" (mere cognitive constructs) freely integrate. This is a realm without spatial or temporal boundaries. It's something like the "implicate order" suggested by physicist David Bohm. The "explicate order," of course, is the intricate sensory illusion that we inhabit. Or think we do.

The ever-changing patterns in the protean cloud dictate the nature of whatever universe happens to be illuminated by our imaginary laser. Since our perceived reality is constantly modeled by the myriad ones and zeroes in the timeless cloud, we find ourselves diced into informational slivers. From this perspective, "continuity" is meaningless. The "I" writing this sentence could be hundreds of billions of "I"s removed from the one that wrote the last sentence. More disturbingly, "I" might not have existed at all until right . . . now.

The newly formed "I" happens to have "memories" of composing this essay, but memories, like everything else, are simply advantageous fluctuations in the filmic cloud, subject to constant revision. And since I'm ostensibly a component in day-to-day reality, it's inevitable that the randomly constructed parameters that define my world - all of it, from my living room to the coffeeshop down the street to the structure of galaxies - is every bit as flimsy and malleable. Reincarnation is quite real. It's happening all the time - invisibly.

Several months ago I was in an automobile crash. My memories contain the adrenalized moment of impact, the literally breathless aftermath as I pondered the crushed metal and broken glass, and a trip to a hospital inside an ambulance. It would appear I survived, albeit bruised and aching. But who am I to tell the story of what "really" happened? Perhaps the arc of my life, as defined by the fluctuating patterns (and bits of would-be pattern) in the cosmic screening room bifurcated shortly before I collided with the other car. In one variation I came to a bloody end. In yet another there was never an accident at all.

I pick the crash incident not because of any intrinsic importance - at the most fundamental level, the blind dance of possibilities doesn't care if I live or die - but because it illustrates how flawlessly one or two frames can be altered (or randomly inserted or deleted) to potentially catastrophic effect in the observable world. So long as a pattern remains intact -- and it will, since it has infinite space and time to organize itself - so will some permutation of "I."

Which begs the question: What happens when someone dies? It's possible that informational death is impossible and that the person who "dies" in the "explicate order" is expediently recycled, living his or her life again and again in a state of total amnesia. Or maybe something like my crash incident applies and that observers who die - in the directly perceivable world - are shuffled into a future in which they "miraculously" survive their own crashes (or cancer treatments or heart transplants).

There's nothing concrete or absolute about our so-called universe. It is an alluring, insidiously clever simulation. The Many Worlds Interpretation of quantum physics implies that the universe is constant "branching" into parallel, exclusive states. A better term, in light of the scenario described above, might be "flowing."

Acknowledgement:

For a fictional excursion into similar territory, I recommend Greg Egan's "Permutation City," which examines the existential status of electronic copies of the human nervous system.

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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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Re: What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican? -

From: **Terry Groff** <terry@terrygroff.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 16:24:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:22:30 -0500
Subject: Re: What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican? -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
><- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 12:41:03 -0500
>Subject: What On Earth Is Going On At The Vatican?

>Images accompany the following article

>ebk

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>Source: Free Press International

><http://www.freepressinternational.com/vatican.html>

On a side note to this, it's fairly recently that the Vatican added the term "Res Inexplicata Volans" to their "Lexicon Recentis Latinitas", the Vatican's Latin lexicon. Of course it means "Unidentified Flying Object".

tg

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:02:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:24:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Pope

>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
>Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>I am pleased to announce the release of the latest issue of Dr
>Larry O'Hara's magazine "Notes From The Borderland".

<snip>

>We proudly publish The Usual Suspects:Anatomy of a
>disinformation campaign in ufology, by veteran ufologist Max
>Burns. Max reveals the extreme depths some in ufology sank to in
>order to shut him up concerning the March 1997 Howden moor ufo.

>One usual suspect David Clarke - formerly of the Sheffield Star
>newspaper, already discredited for disgusting reporting of the
>1989 Hillborough tragedy and relentlessly targeting framed
>anarchist Mark Barnsley. Another is convicted drug
>supplier/armchair ufologist Andy Roberts

<snip>

Max,

Much as I've had my differences with Clarke and Roberts, you
have to be very sure of your ground before you describe somebody
as a convicted drug supplier.

On another UK list Andy Roberts has recently admitted to being a
longstanding user of psychedelic substances, and has expressed
the view that all drugs (including hard drugs) should be legal.
Is this what you're referring to?

If not, and if you stand by your description of Andy as a
convicted drug supplier, I hope you can back up your statement.
If you can't, I suggest you withdraw the remark.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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PRG/X-PPAC/X-Conference Update 11-12-03

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <Disclosure2003@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 21:04:10 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:32:08 -0500
Subject: PRG/X-PPAC/X-Conference Update 11-12-03

PRG
Paradigm Research Group
Update - November 12, 2003

John Lear's "Scenario" on Art Bell

John Lear, the legendary researcher and aviator, appeared on the November 2, 2003 Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell. At that time he laid out what he believed to be the truth regarding the extraterrestrial presence and asked Art if the public should be told these facts. Both Art and John agreed the answer was "no."

John presented the same scenario to Stephen Bassett during a 2-hour phone conversation the night before. His answer was "yes."

This scenario can be reviewed at:

www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2003/11/02.html#lear

Art Bell and his producer were contacted with a request that Stephen Bassett be invited to come on Coast to Coast AM and provide the alternative argument to John Lear's posed question. As yet there has been no response.

The X-Conference

Nineteen of the 25 allotted speaker and panelist slots have been filled and a half-dozen researchers are still under consideration. Registrations and hotel bookings are being received. Ads in a dozen publications in the Washington metro area have been placed and will run for 26 consecutive weeks. 76 websites have generously agreed to place X-Conference banner links on their sites and/or promote the X-Conference to their mail lists. X-PPAC has sent a Congressional Alert to all House and Senate Chiefs of Staff inviting their bosses and staffers to attend. See: www.x-ppac.org [X-PPAC Updates]

Conference information available at: www.x-conference.com

Time Magazine Internet Column by Leon Jaroff

Leon Jaroff writes The Skeptical Eye column for Time Magazine. His Friday, November 7 piece is based on a Doubt and About column by Chris Mooney in the Skeptical Inquirer taking Larry King to task for addressing paranormal topics. These columns can be reviewed at:

www.csicop.org/doubtandabout/larryking/

www.time.com/time/columnist/jaroff/article/0,9565,538305,00.html

The Skeptical Inquirer magazine is not particularly worthy of attention or a response. Time Magazine is another matter. In the Jaroff column, he wrote, "What apparently set Mooney off was a show this summer that King claimed would explore the incredible events of fifty-six years ago at Roswell, New Mexico." His guests included the same group of eccentrics,

publicity seekers and losers who for decades have been living off the legend that a spacecraft crashed near Roswell, that bodies of little aliens were found and spirited away by sinister Federal agents and that the that Feds ever since have been guilty of a monumental cover-up. [Jaroff's words]

Any researchers who resent being referred to as, "eccentrics, publicity seekers and losers" in Time are invited to respond to Mr. Jaroff at: letters@time.com Put "To: Leon Jaroff" in the subject line.

Sci Fi Channel-Coalition for Freedom of Information Press
Conference at the National Press Club

The Sci Fi-CFI press conference was held on October 21, 2003. It was notable for several reasons. Once again John Podesta, former top aide and chief of staff to President Clinton opened with remarks targeting the need to get the truth to the American people about the UFO/ET issue and other issues of importance. He left before Q&A which continues the approach of maintaining a careful balance between Podesta's involvement in this area and his mainstream work which now includes the creation of a new liberal think tank - the Center for American Progress. [www.centerforamericanprogress.org/]

CFI discussed their efforts in pursuing documents regarding the Kecksburg case. They indicated they had been getting the run-around and intended to file lawsuits. Notably, within two days NASA announced it would release documents which CFI had repeatedly requested.

While Paradigm Research Group has some concerns about focusing on specific cases such as Kecksburg, as opposed to supporting the witness development across the board, CFI is to be applauded for getting tough in their approach and staying the course.

There were reporters in attendance and the press conference was picked up by Reuters.

Bonnie Hammer, president of the Sci Fi channel, indicated there would be a forthcoming documentary on Kecksburg entitled The New Roswell: Kecksberg Exposed, which will be hosted by Bryant Gumbel. It aired on Sci Fi Channel on Friday, October 24 and most certainly will be reaired.

The Sci Fi-CFI effort is beginning to get media attention. This coverage is listed at:

www.freedomofinfo.org/campaign.html

Paradigm Research Group
URL: www.paradigmclock.com
E-mail: ParadigmRG@aol.com
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"There is almost no limit to what you can accomplish, if you are willing to give away the credit."

"Intellectual passion is found at the intersection of fact and implication."

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 03:28:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:34:55 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 14:50:53 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

<snip>

>The thing is, everyone human has a belief of some kind or
>another. I believe ET has arrived - sceptics believe that they
>have not - a belief on both parts. Although sceptics do seem to
>portray themselves as the intellectual types, always on a high
>horse, talking to mere uneducated mortals.

I regard myself as a sceptic, but I have no such belief (that ET has not arrived). I simply don't know if they have or not, there is not sufficient evidence either way. In the absence of conclusive evidence that "ET has arrived", I do regard that premise as unlikely, though I am fully prepared to modify that view as the evidence becomes available. If you were truly open-minded, you would accept this point of view as valid.

Regards,

Joe

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NASA's Missing Crates Of Kecksburg Documents

From: **Francis Knize** <Frankknee@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:01:06 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:46:21 -0500
Subject: NASA's Missing Crates Of Kecksburg Documents

[Non-subscriber Post]

NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg Documents

Dear Steven Bassett,

Upon examination of the released Kecksburg documents from NASA (under pressure from the Sci-Fi Channel), it has been revealed that a letter from NASA Headquarters written by the Records Manager; Paul Willis in 1996 said two boxes of documents went missing.

It also was revealed that there was an attempt to send copies, in 1968, of the documents to other departments, but then the section indicating this was crossed out. Being that the public never got to see originals, there's no way of knowing if the document was tampered with. A cover-up - if one is found to exist - would extend to shielding the public from possible sources of information which could prove positive a UFO event at Kecksburg; i.e. these very documents.

Steven, I am curious why neither the Coalition for Freedom of information (CFI) or your own press releases have not taken note of the above facts? CFI has not even mentioned or shown links to the NASA documents?

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/FOIA/Kecksberg-UFO.pdf>

Strangely, it was skeptic - and possible agent for the government for better or for worse - Jim Oberg who posted it at Virtually Strange UFO Network UFO UpDates:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m01-003.shtml>

There still exists a buffer between the actual papers and something of a copy accessed through the Internet. With so little to go on, Sci-fi Channel should follow these leads that do exist. Maybe some of the missing material will show up at the other sources? It states on the Standard Form 135; Records Transmittal and Receipt on Jan 26, 1968:

"Send original and two copies to the Federal Records Center

Send original and two copies to Alexandria Virginia Center"

Let's see CFI do some follow-up? First of all how can there be two originals?

Also more clues would be found by investigating this Record Group NASA-255. We should be asking questions about what else in this section is pertinent. Then there's Daniel Goggein who signed off on the document. Is he still living? Does he remember the contents of the missing crates? There are many clues in what was revealed on Form 135, its not over until its over. Try this:

Who else worked for Goggein? Do any of his old department (Accession and Disposal Branch) remember anything?

CFI and Sci-Fi Channel should hire somebody like me to go find

out these things and document on video.....

Very truly yours,

Francis (C. P. Knize Producer/Director)

REFERENCE:

Re: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted - Oberg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2003 17:06:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Nov 2003 08:27:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted - Oberg

>From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2003 16:14:51 -0500
>Subject: Kecksburg/NASA Documents Posted

><http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/FOIA/Kecksberg-UFO.pdf>

>Presidents UFO Website

>www.presidentialufo.com

Showing that NASA was involved in identifying fallen satellite fragments - 'fragology' they called it - to determine country of origin, for returning said pieces per treaty requirements, and that all such material was classified no higher than 'confidential', and that they knew so little about the Kecksburg event (just what they saw in the media) they spelled it three or four different ways, and that 'moon dust' to them meant mostly gritty black stuff under the boots of the Apollo astronauts (with one exception, a document citation).

Big yawn.....

Jim Oberg

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/campaign/channel-suing-over-documents.pdf>

Subj: NASA and Kecksburg
Date: 11/2/2003 2:23:25 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Frankknee
To: joberg@houston.rr.com

Jim,

Why don't you ask Steven Aftergood what the real meaning of the NASA/Kecksburg document was really about, why his name was included up front in conjunction to FAS? Also, there are plenty of clues to follow through those documents since the front page of the form states copies were sent to other entities. The question would be ...could any additional info be found at those sources? After all, there were two boxes more that went missing as said by the 1996 letter...maybe remnants still exist at these other sources?

Instead of yawning, go do what a true investigator should be doing... dig out the truth. Some say you are not really interested in the truth...is it true?

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m01-003.shtml>

Francis C. P. Knize
Producer

In a message dated 11/3/2003 9:14:20 AM Eastern Standard Time ianrid@macunlimited.net writes:

Subj: NASA and Kecksburg

Date: 11/3/2003 9:14:20 AM Eastern Standard Time
From:
To: Frankknee@aol.com

Sent from the Internet

Dear Mr Knize,

I write as a journalist who has kept an eye on UFO research for many years and whose interest has been piqued by the recent release of NASA files relating to the Kecksburg incident. First of all, may I say that I am fully in favor of release of all UFO-related documents by all government agencies and applaud your success in regard to this case.

I note that you have recently claimed (and I quote) "the front page of the form states copies were sent to other entities." By "the form" I presume you mean the Records Transmittal and Receipt Form on which the NASA Fragology Files are listed and which makes up the second page of the released documents.

Maybe I am missing something here but the front page of the form I have in PDF format makes no mention of sending copies to other entities. There is a reference at top left to sending "original and two copies [of the form] to appropriate Federal Records Center" but, by my reading, that simply means the same address to which the top copy was sent - and this instruction has in any case been crossed out. Can you point me to the indication that additional copies were sent to additional "entities", as you call them, and if so which ones?

With reference to your question as to why the name of Steven Aftergood and the FAS was included "up front," my reading of the documents is that his name was simply the first alphabetically in a list of references to papers on space debris, none of which seem to have anything to do with Kecksburg. But again, maybe you are privy to some meaning here which I am missing. I would welcome if you could clarify.

May I encourage you to continue to "dig out the truth" about UFOs. Maybe you can also find additional documents relating to the Rendlesham Forest case, a particular interest of mine which involved the USAF.

All the best,

Ian Ridpath

Subj: Re: NASA and Kecksburg2
Date: 11/5/2003 4:15:41 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Frankknee
To: ianrid@macunlimited.net
Right-click picture(s) to display picture optionsI
[]

Ian,

I'm curious how you came into possession of my e-mail to Jim Oberg? I just did a google on your name, and my God! You are prolific. It's an honor to hear from you!

I don't trust that X in the box above..somebody should check those other sources?

But the missing two boxes... that's something else... sure.... missing.....

Have you met Larry Warren yet? He was at the disclosure project May 9th where I videotaped... Rendlesham Forest case.....

You can find out more about me by researching these links:

Radio Free Mars - Francis Knize - March 18th, 2003
OMB Watch

http://www.nothingbuttime2k.com/Mars_Image.html

Slap In The Face - More Mars Controversy

Pravda.RU: UFO Politics 102: An Update
MARS - CYDONIA - VIKING & SURVEYOR PHOTOS AND OPINIONS
NASA Challenged On Data Integrity

Hope to hear more from you Ian....

Francis

Subj: Re: NASA and Kecksburg
Date: 11/6/2003 8:29:34 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: ianrid@macunlimited.net
To: Frankknee@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Francis,

Jim O circulates copies of his correspondence to interested parties from time to time, as many of us do in the interests of further debate, so that's how I came to see what you had written.

1. You say you don't trust the X in the box at top left of the form that accompanied the NASA Fragology Files. OK. Let's assume the crossing-out of the wording is irrelevant and that the senders followed its instructions. What it says is to "send original and two copies to appropriate Federal Records Center," which in this case appears to have been the center in Suitland Road, Washington, D.C. To me, this means simply that 3 copies of the form (not the records) should have been sent to the one address, not to three separate addresses. Government departments love forms in triplicate, as you know.

I conclude from the evidence of the form that only one set of Fragology Files was sent from NASA, and it went to the Records Center in Suitland Road only. Hence, by my reading, there are no "other sources" to check. If you can find otherwise, please let me (and everyone else) know.

I cannot see anything in the list of contents of the now-missing Fragology Files that might refer to Kecksburg. If you can, I'd be pleased to know which entry you think it is.

2. In the documents released by NASA, Steven Aftergood's paper is the first in a long list of references that appears under the general heading "Space Debris which re-entered the Earth's atmosphere." Aftergood's paper was titled "Space nuclear power and the UN - A growing fiasco" and it appeared in the February 1992 issue of the journal Space Policy published in the UK. I can see no connection with Kecksburg. Can you?

Larry Warren - ah, now there's a controversial character... Col Halt certainly has no time for him.

I recognize that you must receive a lot of unwanted correspondence on the subject of UFOs so I am grateful to you for taking the time to read my emails.

All the best (and in the interests of truth),

Ian R

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West Central Minnesota Oval Object

From: **Brian Vike - HBCCUFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 21:48:13 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 08:52:56 -0500
Subject: West Central Minnesota Oval Object

I have been receiving a number of reports and pictures of some strange objects from around the same area from which this photo:

<http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/minnesotaoval.html>

comes. Although this is a short report, the picture is of interest.

I've also heard of a few other reports coming in from the same area.

I found out tonight that a rash of sightings were reported in Eastern Canada and in the United States for the same date and at roughly the same time.

West Central Minnesota

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2003
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Object was oval in shape. Coming from the east and horizontal. As it gets very close it turns to a vertical position and emits a red glow. Remains 'sideways' for a few seconds then simply blinks off. Just disappeared. The moon was rising to the southeast of vantage point, air was surreal and it was quiet. No other remarks.

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 14:47:35 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 14:02:40 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - Hale

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 03:28:07 -0000
>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

<snip>

>I regard myself as a sceptic, but I have no such belief (that ET
>has not arrived). I simply don't know if they have or not, there
>is not sufficient evidence either way. In the absence of
>conclusive evidence that "ET has arrived", I do regard that
>premise as unlikely, though I am fully prepared to modify that
>view as the evidence becomes available. If you were truly
>open-minded, you would accept this point of view as valid.

Hi,

So are you a believable sceptic?

"In the absence of conclusive evidence that 'ET has arrived'".

Absence of evidence? Tell me, what more evidence does one
require? Please not the White House Lawn answer.

>If you were truly open-minded, you would accept this point of
>view as valid.

Did I say in my mail that I had a closed mind? Perhaps you
jumped the gun slightly, pre-thinking my assumptions on all UFO
cases I come across?

Is your point truly valid? All you have told me, is that you
have considered thousands, and thousands, and thousands, and
thousands, and thousands of UFO sightings, and pilot
testimonies, and government testimonies, and public testimonies,
and astronomer testimonies, and every kind of human walking on
this planet testimonies, video evidence, photo evidence, radar
evidence, audio capture evidence, medical evidence still has not
convinced you of ET, now who is not being open minded, me or
you?

Roy

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Re: Andros Island Case? - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <v.s.o@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 10:55:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 07:25:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Andros Island Case? - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 22:50:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 18:31:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2003 14:23:55 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Andros Island Case?

>>>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>>Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2003 22:09:17 -0300
>>>>Subject: Andros Island Case?

>>>>Does anyone have any data or information about a UFO filmed over
>>>>Andros Island in the Bahamas?

>>>>I'm trying to find out if the photographer is still alive.

>>>>Do you have a date for this, at least an approximate one?

>>May 21, 1996 - Andros Island, Golden Key.

>>I'm looking to see if the UFOs filmed had the "UMMO" logo)-(

>>If so, I will try to contact witnesses.

>As far as I know, around 1982 Ted Bloecher had a copy of the
>interview with the only witness, by Ralph Blum.

>Richard Heiden made a FOIA request about the material without
>success. I do not know if they checked the witness' background
>and reliability, but they did have his name.

>Apparently, the incident took place just before an AZROC shot
>test. Maybe somebody could check that.

>Please, keep us (or me) informed about any developments on this
>case.

The name of the main witness is Bob Hyman, his boss Hoot Ringo,
"Hoot" sounds like a nickname. It looks that there was another
witness Mike Harrigan a theodolite operator.

If anyone have or can send me a transcript of the interview
conducted by Ralph and Judy Blum in 1974 or locate Hyman or
other witnesses, I would love to know.

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 17:08:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 07:27:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:02:19 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

Pilgrims,

Nick wrote - rather cleverly I thought, for him.

>Much as I've had my differences with Clarke and Roberts, you
>have to be very sure of your ground before you describe somebody
>as a convicted drug supplier.

>On another UK list Andy Roberts has recently admitted to being a
>longstanding user of psychedelic substances, and has expressed
>the view that all drugs (including hard drugs) should be legal.
>Is this what you're referring to?

>If not, and if you stand by your description of Andy as a
>convicted drug supplier, I hope you can back up your statement.
>If you can't, I suggest you withdraw the remark.

Yes, I'm a convicted drug dealer. If you want specifics it was approximately September 1976 and the substance was Amphetamine Sulphate (a crap drug I have to say, but I bought some and sold it on). That was 27 years ago, before many on this List were even born. I'm not ashamed or embarrassed by it, nor has it ever been a secret. I have always, and will always, continue to use psychedelics.

Now, what of it?

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 09:36:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 07:29:59 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 07:19:32 -0600
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:22:04 -0800
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>>Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 14:04:14 -0600
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2003 09:56:11 -0800
>>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>>Date: Tue, 04 Nov 2003 17:18:05 -0600
>>>>>Subject: Re: UFO's Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>>>Alright Mr. Warren! Another pretending and uninformed proto-
>>>>>dilettante smoked like a cheap cigar! Good Show!

>>>>>Thank you! As I mentioned to a good friend and colleague, it's
>>>>>very difficult to maintain diplomacy when responding to writings
>>>>>such as that of Mr. Pfisterer, however; I do try to give the
>>>>>benefit of the doubt, and inform, rather than scold, as his
>>>>>ignorance on the subject was blatantly obvious.

>>>>The sentiment is wonderful, sir, but it's clear you gave
>>>>better than you got.

>>Tis the story of my life. :^)

>If you do say so yourself! <LOL>

>>>A few more like you and the Committee for the Seriously
>>>Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons will have to work a
>>>lot harder to keep their befuddled numbers up! <LOL>

>>I'm afraid the membership of the CSICOP is quite large, in fact;
>>some aren't even aware of their initiation, but that attribute
>>is looked upon with admiration within the order. :^))

>Now this is simply startling! And you wrote that like you knew
>for sure! Who are some of these so *honored* so that we may
>trumpet them from our thatched rooftops, and herald the *honor*
>that has been so imposed (...let them know!)?

Mr. Lehmborg, & All,

Regarding the acronym, CSICOP, as you presented it, i.e.,
"Committee for the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate

Persons"; no good would come from trumpeting the names of those that hold rank within the order, for so many are "unaware of their position." Moreover, methinks there would be nothing but stentorious denial. (The initials GWB do come to mind though). :^)

Beware of those who have stopped asking questions.....

Cheers,

Frank Warren

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Consensus Blindness

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 11:25:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:22:00 -0500
Subject: Consensus Blindness

Excerpt from a Robert Temple essay

Complete article at:

<http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1957>

Forgotten Technology: Modern Lenses in Ancient Times

...The earliest actual lenses which I have located are crystal ones dating from the 4th Dynasty of Old Kingdom Egypt, circa 2500 BC. These are to be found in the Cairo Museum and two are in the Louvre in Paris. But archaeological evidence showing that they must have been around at least 700 years earlier has recently been excavated at Abydos in Upper Egypt. A tomb of a Pre-Dynastic king there has yielded an ivory knife handle bearing a microscopic carving which could only have been done under considerable magnification (and of course can only be seen with a strong magnifying glass today). Thus, we know that magnification technology was in use in Egypt in 3300 BC.

But magnification technology was not of interest merely for making and viewing small carvings. Its most important use was in telescopes.

If there is all this evidence, why has no one ever talked about it before? The answer seems to be that unique capacity for stupidity which so distinguishes the human race, for obstinacy and the determination not to see. I call it consensus blindness. Everybody agrees not to look at things that make them uncomfortable, or which they think shouldn't exist. Therefore, the fact that more than 450 ancient lenses have been sitting around in the world's museums for all of these years and have been invisible is explicable only by invoking the theory that people subconsciously conspire not to see what they don't want to see.....

Ed

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Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 20:03:59 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:25:34 -0500
Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 14:47:35 -0000
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>>Subject: Re: BBC Radio 4 UFO Programme

<snip>

>So are you a believable sceptic?

That would depend on whether you believe me or not..... Ergo Sum.

>"In the absence of conclusive evidence that 'ET has arrived'".

>Absence of evidence? Tell me, what more evidence does one
>require? Please not the White House Lawn answer.

>>If you were truly open-minded, you would accept this point of
>>view as valid.

>Did I say in my mail that I had a closed mind? Perhaps you
>jumped the gun slightly, pre-thinking my assumptions on all UFO
>cases I come across?

<snip>

It's quite simple really, Roy - You have excluded a multitude of other possible solutions in your belief that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin. I mean the really unexplained and thoroughly investigated ones, not just stories that you read in FSR/UFO magazine/Junior Sc-fi weekly - how many does that amount to? How can you be positive for instance that they do not represent time travellers from our own planet? Beings occupying the same space as us, but in different planes (of existence, not aircraft!)? What conclusive evidence is there that they are of Extraterrestrial origin? Zilch.

Yes, people observe strange things, they experience strange things, but I don't pretend to know what these strange things are when there is nothing of substance to base that knowledge on.

Either you are going to expand the meaning of ET to include exotic terrestrial (ET2?) origin, or else you will have to concede that you are not as open-minded as you would have us all believe. Are you believable believer?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg

From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 11:49:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:04:39 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg

>From: Francis Knize <Frankknee@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:01:06 EST
>Subject: NASA's Missing Two Of Kecksburg Documents

>[Non-subscriber Post]

>NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg Documents

>Dear Steven Bassett,

>Upon examination of the released Kecksburg documents from NASA
>(under pressure from the Sci-Fi Channel), it has been revealed
>that a letter from NASA Headquarters written by the Records
>Manager; Paul Willis in 1996 said two boxes of documents went
>missing.

<snip>

>"Strangely, it was skeptic - and possible agent for the
>government for better or for worse - Jim Oberg who posted it at
>Virtually Strange UFO Network UFO Updates"

<snip>

Wow (chuckle) - gummint agents are the enemy - the last refuge
of the charlatan and crackpot. Thanks for painting yourself so
unambiguously.

If there was a coverup, the best way to keep it from proof would
be to muddy up the waters with ravings like this to discredit
investigations. Since the same note asks for money, maybe
comments like this - helpful to the coverup - are bought and
paid for by the coverupers? Naw... simple silliness is a more
likely explanation.

jim O
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Re: Secrecy News - 11/12/03 - Aftergood

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 16:17:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:28:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Secrecy News - 11/12/03 - Aftergood

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TOWARDS NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The 2004 Defense Authorization Act, approved in a House-Senate conference, includes several provisions that could lead to development of new U.S. nuclear weapons.

The Act repeals a statutory ban on research and development of low-yield nuclear weapons, authorizes continued research on the "robust nuclear earth penetrator," and requires the Department of Energy to achieve and maintain the ability to conduct an underground nuclear explosive test within 18 months.

(Actual production, testing and deployment of a new nuclear weapon would require further congressional authorization, however.)

Collectively, these steps "will greatly improve our ability to deter a possible nuclear attack," said Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on November 11.

Not so, said Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI). The new moves are "inconsistent with our longstanding commitment under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, and undermine our argument to other countries around the world that they should not develop or test nuclear weapons," he said.

A painstakingly impartial account of the issues raised by the new U.S. nuclear programs is presented by the Congressional Research Service in "Nuclear Weapons Initiatives: Low-Yield R&D, Advanced Concepts, Earth Penetrators, Test Readiness," 68 pages, October 28, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RL32130.pdf>

TAKING A LOOK AT NORTHCOM

U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) is the new U.S. military combat command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado that is responsible for the military aspects of "homeland security." But there is more to it than that.

NORTHCOM has several distinct missions, including counterterrorism, counterintelligence, critical infrastructure protection and the protection of military bases and forces inside the United States, as Jim McGee parsed the matter in a

series of groundbreaking articles he wrote on NORTHCOM in Congressional Quarterly Homeland Security.

"With almost no public attention or debate, the Pentagon is building an intelligence operation in Colorado that will link together U.S. spy agencies and federal, state and local police forces," McGee wrote in CQ Homeland Security on October 22.

This is not intrinsically surprising.

"In order to defend the U.S. from attack, NORTHCOM has a strong rationale for access to information collected by various intelligence and law enforcement agencies," according to a recent Congressional Research Service report.

"However, at a certain point, such access could create the perception - or the reality - that the military is spying on U.S. citizens," CRS said.

"What type of access should NORTHCOM be given to various types of sensitive data? What types of safeguards need to be established to ensure that this data is used properly?" CRS asked rhetorically.

For more on NORTHCOM, see "Homeland Security: Establishment and Implementation of Northern Command," Congressional Research Service, May 14, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21322.pdf>

BACKGROUND ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Funding for special operations forces - elite military units with specialized training that undertake particularly challenging, often classified missions - has escalated rapidly in recent years.

Oversight and accountability have arguably not kept pace. When the Central Intelligence Agency undertakes a covert action, it must be justified by a presidential finding, which must be provided to Congress. It is not clear that any comparable procedure exists for keeping tabs on special forces when they undertake analogous clandestine missions.

A helpful introduction to the subject is "U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF): Background and Issues for Congress," Congressional Research Service, August 15, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21048.pdf>

IN PURSUIT OF INTELLIGENCE AGILITY

At the root of the momentous failure of U.S. intelligence is a lack of organizational agility, argues Bruce Berkowitz in a new paper, referring to an inability to quickly come to grips with new threats and challenges.

"Those critics who were looking for a 'smoking gun' - a key piece of intelligence that would have tipped off officials to the September 11 plot - are missing the bigger picture. The failure wasn't committed by our dedicated, motivated analysts and case officers. The problem is that these people were locked into an organization that is too slow, too inflexible, and too stuck in its ways to deal with today's threats."

In a characteristically thoughtful essay, Berkowitz specifies the features of an "agile" intelligence organization. (He might have noted, though he didn't, the desirability of an information policy that does not impose unnecessary obstacles to the dissemination of intelligence information inside and outside of government.) And he proposes benchmarks by which improvement could be measured.

See "Spying in the Post-September 11 World" by Bruce Berkowitz in the Hoover Digest, published by Stanford University's Hoover Institution, Fall 2003:

<http://www-hoover.stanford.edu/publications/digest/034/berkowitz.html>

NEW FBI INVESTIGATIVE GUIDELINES

The Justice Department has issued new guidelines for FBI national security investigations and intelligence collection activities.

The new guidelines generally authorize "the proactive collection of information concerning threats to the national security, including information on individuals, groups, and organizations of possible investigative interest."

The good news is that the new guidelines are fully compliant with the law. The bad news is that the law is the USA Patriot Act!

A redacted version of the new guidelines was released by the Department of Justice, and first reported by the Washington Post on November 5.

A Justice Department fact sheet on the new guidelines, with links to the redacted version and to the previous version that has now been superceded, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fbi/nsi-fact.html>

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>From: Brian Vike - HBCCUFO <hbccufo@telus.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 21:48:13 -0800
>Subject: West Central Minnesota Oval Object

>I have been receiving a number of reports and pictures of some
>strange objects from around the same area from which this photo:

><http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/minnesotaoval.html>

>comes. Although this is a short report, the picture is of
>interest.

>I've also heard of a few other reports coming in from the
>same area.

>I found out tonight that a rash of sightings were reported in
>Eastern Canada and in the United States for the same date and
>at roughly the same time.

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>West Central Minnesota

>Date: Saturday, November 8, 2003
>Time: 5:30 p.m.

>Object was oval in shape. Coming from the east and horizontal.
>As it gets very close it turns to a vertical position and emits
>a red glow. Remains 'sideways' for a few seconds then simply
>blinks off. Just disappeared. The moon was rising to the
>southeast of vantage point, air was surreal and it was quiet. No
>other remarks.
>Brian Vike

Hi Brian,

I think somebody is trying to put one over on you. I have been
an amateur astronomer for over 30 years. I've taken lots of
'unsuccessful' photos of the moon and a couple of nice ones.
I've seen enough snaps of the moon to know one when I see one.

The photo displayed at the URL above is a multiple exposure of
the moon taken through a long focal length lens (800 mm or
thereabouts) judging from the moon's image size on the film.
There is evidence that whoever snapped the photos did not use a
cable release to dampen shutter/equipment vibration nor did
he/she employ any kind of sidereal clock drive to track the
Moon.

Pay close attention to the spherical shape at the top and bottom
of the image. It looks like; one exposure of the moon...
followed by second one resulting in a smeared/elongated mid-
section due to motion. (Up and down) which is consistent with
the kind of smear caused by pressing the shutter button by hand
-and not using a cable release or the black card technique to
help eliminate sources of vibration. Then it looks like a final
exposure of the Moon is made and added to the others without
ever having advanced the film at any time.

Three minimum and possibly four exposures of the moon in a single frame as it rises into the night sky. Multiple exposures of the Moon says I. Does anybody else concur? Anybody else out there ever 'shoot the moon?' <g>

Regards,

John Velez

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Transient Lunar Phenomenon Reported

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. This week's files investigate a series of Orbiting Astronaut Sees Mystery Lights, Biggest Solar X-ray Flare Classified As X28, NORAD - Investigates Vapor Trail Reports, and the Leonid Meteor Showers Are Coming.

UFO reports: Maine - Cylinder UFO Seen Near Base, Vermont - Silver Metallic Disk, Massachusetts - Unknown Objects During Lunar Eclipse, New Jersey - Transient Lunar Phenomenon Seen During Lunar Eclipse, Pennsylvania - Huge Flying Triangle, Rhode Island - Large Hovering Flying Triangle on Halloween, Virginia - Cigar With Two Lights, North Carolina - Triangle Shaped Object With 3 Round Lights, Georgia - Hovering Tarnished Bronze Sphere, Florida - Black Cloud Vortex Appears and Witness Loses Ten Minutes, Mississippi - It Was a Disk Larger Than Our House, Indiana - Bright Orange Light, Illinois - Green UFO Spotted, Missouri - Flying Triangle Sightings Continue, Kansas - I Was Driving And Saw A Silver Disc, Arizona - Several Bright Triangular Objects, California - Video Of UFO Shot by R. David Anderson, Washington - Saucer Plus Strange Black Cloud, Canada - Large Craft And Disk Seen On Halloween Venezuela - More UFOs Sighted, Greece - The Light Was Too Fast For A Plane, India - UFOs Sighted In Valley, and South Korea - Disk Found Among Photos. Significantly less UFO sightings in October (367) than September (426) or August (454) possibly due to solar flares.
Thanks to Peter Davenport Director UFOcenter.

Transient Lunar Phenomenon

During the last week a series of moving lights, smoke trails, and strange objects have been seen on our Moon. This is not a new phenomenon. In 1869, after a series of bright points of light in geometric patterns had been seen, the Royal Astronomical Society assigned to scores of astronomers the task of observing and recording this amazing phenomenon. In a two-year period, they recorded more than a hundred such light patterns, rectangles, straight lines, triangles - many of them around Mare Crisium.

Our moon is the only moon in the solar system that has a stationary, virtually perfect circular orbit. The moon's center of mass is about 6000 feet closer to the Earth than its geometric center which should cause wobbling. However, the moon's bulge is on the far side of the moon, where many strange structures have been spotted. Someone or something had to put the moon in orbit with its precise altitude, course, and speed. How do we explain the "coincidence" that the moon is the right diameter and the right distance to completely cover the sun during an eclipse? There is no astronomical reason why the moon and the sun should fit so well unless of course it was

placed in its position according to plan. Only our Moon among all the moons in the Solar System is set apart in this way.

Orbiting Astronaut Sees Mystery Lights

October 30, 2003 The Guardian Astronaut Ed Lu returned on Monday from a six-month tour as science officer on the international space station with loads of memories and at least one nagging puzzle: what caused the mysterious flashes of light he saw while studying the Earth's aurora from orbit? Lu, who was a research astrophysicist before becoming an astronaut in 1994, estimates that he spent 100 hours watching the northern and southern lights during half a year in space. The aurora light show, which takes place well below the station's 380 km altitude, shimmers and pulses depending on natural variations in incoming solar particles trapped by the Earth's magnetic field.

On three occasions - July 11, September 24 and October 12 - Lu saw something markedly different: flashes as bright as the brightest stars, which lasted only a second then blinked off again. In one instance, he called crewmate Yuri Malenchenko over to the window to see the bursts. Lu says they appeared very different from the random but harmless retinal flashes that many astronauts experience when heavy cosmic rays hit their eyeballs. The flashes weren't like sun glint from dust particles outside the station, which rotate and last longer than a second. Nor were they meteors, which look like linear streaks. Viewing conditions were wrong for a satellite or other artificial object. They only appeared in the direction of the aurora. And Lu checked weather maps, which showed no lightning storms below at the time of his observations. All of which leads him to the tentative conclusion that he saw some previously unreported phenomenon associated with the aurora.
<http://education.guardian.co.uk/higher/research/story/0,9865,1073527,00.html>

Biggest Solar X-ray Flare Classified As X28

The massive solar X-ray flare which occurred on 4 November was, at best estimate, an X28. There is still a small chance this will be revised by a small amount, but it is now official: We have a new number 1 X-ray flare for the record books, the most powerful in recorded observational history. There has never been a time with so much activity on the sun. There is speculation that meteors are striking the sun because sunspots suddenly developed at area 486 exploding into massive solar flares. Thanks to David Kingston
http://www.esa.int/export/esaSC/SEMNF7WLDMD_index_0.html

NORAD - Investigates Vapor Trail

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (CNN) -- Fighter jets scrambled in an unsuccessful attempt to investigate a contrail of unknown origin first seen over the Caribbean and later reported over the Midwestern United States, the Department of Defense said Thursday. The North American Aerospace Defense Command scrambled the jets soon after unverified reports were received around 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2003, that the contrail, seen near the Turks and Caicos Islands, was headed northwest toward the US, said Lt. Commander Curtis Jenkins, a spokesman for NORAD. A contrail is a white trail of condensed water vapor that sometimes forms in the wake of an aircraft. The jets were scrambled from more than one base and more than one location.

Commercial airline pilots later reported the contrail over Florida and then over Indiana, he said. The jets attempted to intercept and identify the source of the contrail, but no visual or confirmed radar contact was made, he added. "I don't know that anybody was predisposed to think it might be something or the other," he said. "We don't even know that it was a thing. It was just simply reports of contrails. We don't even know that it was the same one. We had reports from different places and NORAD did its job and tried to find out."

Leonid Meteor Showers

The morning of November 13, and 19 there will be two periods of possible good meteor falls. The first date is during the daylight, but there will be possible fireballs at 12:25 AM- and peaking of meteors at 2:28 AM on the 19th. Thanks to Tom Sheets

Maine -- Cylinder UFO Seen Near Base

NAVAL BASE KITTEERY - The witness saw a set of five white lights, with very bright beams on November 6, 2003, at 9:09 PM, a mile from the Navy base. The beams were at a 34 to 45 degree angle and hovered through the cloud cover. The witness states, "I watched it come closer through the clouds for about five minutes when part of the object broke through the cloud cover exposing two of its five lights. There was a crescent or cylinder shape behind the lights that was darker in appearance than the sky. It hovered for minutes, slowly retreating into the cloud cover. I watched the five lights for ten more minutes. The width of each light was twice as large as any airplane I've ever seen. Finally I watched the lights disappear, remaining in circular shapes and all moving simultaneously until completely disappearing from sight. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Vermont - Silver Metallic Disk

BURLINGTON -- On November 5, 2003 at 12:20 PM, the Father was called outside by his 12-year old son who was pointing up in the sky "What is it?" My wife who was in our yard with our dog was looking up in the sky, too, said "It's a UFO". First I thought they were joking until I looked up and to my amazement saw a flying silver metallic disk navigating in and out of the clouds, it was turning upside down then right side up. I said "that's a flying saucer." We had a visual on it for no longer than 1 minute at which time it disappeared in the clouds headed east over Colchester. Too bad I didn't have enough time to get my camcorder. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Massachusetts - Unknown Objects During Lunar Eclipse

West Chatham - Two observers were watching the lunar eclipse on November 8, 2003. One is a 63 year old floor covering salesman who noticed four white to "reddish" lights move into the area of the sky close to the eclipsed moon at 8:50 PM. The lights would move quickly then stop, then move quickly again. They were generally together but obviously moved independently of one another. One light then moved quickly in a northerly direction while the other three moved quickly in a southerly direction and out of sight. The entire episode lasted about 30 seconds. The lights were not pinpoints, but rather had some small area to their origin. It was clear and cold at the time of the sighting. Thanks to UFO Casebook on-line reporting Ufocasebook@aol.com

Rhode Island - Large Hovering Flying Triangle On Halloween

WAKEFIELD -- At 10 PM, two witnesses were driving on Route 1 south on October 31, 2003, when they noticed a large object with four large white circle lights kind of hovering over them. They both saw lights and about five seconds later, the four white lights went off and one of them turned green. All the lights disappeared and then the four white lights came on again. At first, it looked like a rectangle from the side, but when it started moving at a very fast rate, it looked like a triangle. It started to go over some trees then just completely disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

New Jersey - Transient Lunar Phenomenon

SICKLERVILLE - The witness who just completed his grad diploma in astronomy reports photographing an object moving across the Moon on November 9, 2003, during the Lunar Eclipse using his Sony digital camera. I happened to notice that in the series of photos, I had captured a small red star-like dot which first appears on the lunar horizon, and then moved several degrees across the face of the moon and slightly north. A blow up of the object from several shots reveals the same structure. Something like two red donuts stuck together. I suppose some people may say its an artifact caused by the camera, but I doubt an artifact would look like donuts. I should add, I am somewhat familiar with the subject of Transient Lunar Phenomenon. Thanks to WUFOD and Bruce Cornet

Delaware - Pictures Of Unknowns During Eclipse

GUMBORO - The photographer reports, "I captured a series of images on digital camera-which I could not see with my naked eye-but it looked like a pattern of lights in the camera." I have clear pictures of these objects and lights. The pictures were taken looking at the eclipse. While trying to capture an image on my digital, I noticed a pattern of flashing lights in my display mode, so I snapped a few shots and downloaded them to my computer for a closer look by zooming in. Thanks to B J Booth UFO Casebook UFOcasebook

Pennsylvania - Huge Flying Triangle

DUNMORE -- Frank Scassellati, reports, "I sighted a huge triangular-shaped UFO on November 3, 2003, with fianc=C3=A9." It was 6:30 PM, and we were traveling to a local Sunoco gas Station. We were near the Dunmore Cemetery, when we noticed a huge, triangular-shaped UFO in the evening's sky. It was black, or dark in color, with three huge, glowing lights on each edge of the triangle. The object was approximately 500 feet in length, and about 300 feet above the ground. The object did not move. It remained motionless in the clear sky. My fianc=C3=A9 also saw the UFO and we gazed in amazement at this wondrous vehicle. My fianc=C3=A9 exclaimed, "What's that? It doesn't look like an airplane. It's not moving. Maybe it's a UFO?" I agreed with her. I believed it to be a UFO. As we entered the Sunoco gas station, I rolled down my window and put my head outside to get a better view, but the UFO. had vanished, it was nowhere to be seen. Thanks to: Frank Scassellati and UFO Wisconsin.com/

Virginia - Cigar With Two Lights

STAUNTON - The observer noticed an object in sky southwest of Staunton, at about 11 PM on October 26, 2003. He watched for over an hour as the object moved in every direction in short bursts, but stayed in the same general area. The observer states, "It looked like two long slender lights parallel to the ground, like this - -. The object was quicker and more agile in the air than I can explain. It would take off real quick in a straight line, then seem to turn 90 degrees, then up and down and left and right. There were no blinking lights on the craft. I don't know what this thing was, but it was pulling off maneuvers that I think are beyond human technology at this time. I viewed the object in sky until I fell asleep around 12:30 AM." Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

North Carolina - Triangle Shaped Object With 3 Round Lights

CHARLOTTE - The viewer was star gazing around 9 PM on the back deck of my home on November 3, 2003. I looked straight up and saw 3 round lights moving in unison from the West to the East horizon. The circles of gray light were located at each end of the triangle shape, and I estimate this triangle was about 100 feet across. I looked away from the lights several times to make sure I was really seeing what I saw. I was able to locate this moving object over and over again. It took about 30 seconds for this object to move to the Eastern horizon. This was no illusion! I went to bed and dreamed of UFO's darting in and out of the clouds and across the sky. These UFO's in my dream were both triangle shaped and rod shaped. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Georgia - Hovering Tarnished Bronze Sphere

ALPHARETTA - The observer was traveling on the Old Alabama Connector Road on October 29, 2003. I was stopped at that intersection and was looking over the North Point Mall at 5:45 PM, and saw a cell tower to the left and a radio tower just north of it. I noticed what I thought was a globe on one of the guide wires, similar to the globes that are sometimes placed on high tension wires to prevent them from touching each other during high wind conditions. I paused because this seemed unusual, but the light changed and I had to continue driving. Later I realized that the size was completely off, and that the sphere was actually about three times the width of the radio tower. The tarnished bronze or brown sphere was about half way up the tower. I went back later to verify that my perception was correct but the sphere was no longer there. I am certain that the sphere was not a tethered balloon of some type. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Florida - Black Cloud Vortex and Witness Loses Ten Minutes

MILTON -- On Friday, the eyewitness was driving to Pensacola to visit my parents on October 31, 2003, at 3:15 PM, when he saw a strange black cloud in the beautiful sunshiny sky. The witness states, "The cloud seemed to be moving like a vortex and I could not take my eyes off of it, so the next thing I remember is crossing the bridge on the interstate going into Pensacola...I lost TEN minutes." I do not even remember driving those ten minutes. My daughter was with me, but she was asleep during all of this. Could this be an abduction? Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Mississippi - It Was A Round Disk Larger Than Our House

PASS CHRISTIAN - On November 5, 2003, at 5 PM, a couple observed a strange disk in the sky that had bright lights on the bottom so they decided to follow. The object continued to move easterly directly along side of the interstate for several miles, so they followed speeding along the highway at 85 mph, as darkness began to fall.

I would never have believed what I saw, but I saw it and now I think other people should know. I am just an every day Joe, so these things really are out there. What they are or where they come from who knows. I am just an everyday mom and go to work at city hall. North of the interstate I noticed a line of flashing red lights all in a row too close to be planes or helicopters but as I got closer I starting yelling to my husband in the passengers seat, do you see that? What is it? He said I can't believe it speeds up, let's follow it so I continued north but the object remained still directly above the tree line right below the clouds almost hovering. I would say. I stopped the car and we got out. The object seemed close enough to touch but it was still atop the trees where it remained. It was bigger than a house and it seemed as if it were spinning but it wasn't moving it. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

INDIANA - Bright Orange Light

MICHIGAN CITY -- My sister, niece, nephew and I were coming home from the Humane Society on October 30, 2003, and talking about the solar flare that had just occurred when my 11-year-old niece said, "What's that orange thing?" The other three of us looked straight ahead to the horizon at 4:45 PM, (the object looked to be in the midst of some wispy clouds in a southwest direction.) I automatically said "It's one of those planes that leave streaks in the sky" until I realized it wasn't moving at all, it was just a bright orange oval shape hovering in the sky. We stopped the car to get a better look, but then continued down the road to the house. My niece and I grabbed the binoculars and hopped on our bikes, but once we got back down the road where there were no trees obstructing our view, the object was totally gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Illinois - Green UFO Spotted

O'FALLON -- I am now a believer in UFO's because of my experience with a Green object last night. Last night while I was waiting for my girlfriend to get home from work on October 27, 2003, I looked up to see the stars, but noticed an object that looked green with a glow at 12: 20 PM. I realized after further observation that it was not an aircraft and it was like something I remember seeing when I was about 10 years old at my grandparents' house in Ozark, Alabama. I was so full of excitement, but was realistically observing around 3 to 5 minutes. The craft flashed an orange-red color and then disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Missouri - Flying Triangle (Kite-Like) Sightings Continue

TROY - The observer on October 30, 2003, went outside at 10 PM, to walk his dogs and looked up to try to see the Aurora lights. There were no lights but coming out of the NW, was a strange looking triangular object. It was like an upside down kite in shape. There were four lights that were visible in the front, one in the back, and one on each side. They were also yellow lights that were not blinking as in most commercial aircraft. The witness says, "It went over my home, and moved like it was gliding, but it was quick and was flying at 750 feet." If I held my fist up in the air, it appeared to cover it. There has been a

series of sightings over West Central Missouri during the fall with many reporting a strange row of bright lights hovering over fields and flying triangles. These sightings are not far from Whiteman Air Force Base, the home of the B-2 bomber. On November 4th, two more UFOs having a straight row of 3 to 6 very bright amber lights were seen over Elisnore and Greenville. On November 5, a UFO was seen over St. Joe. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Kansas - I Was Driving And Saw A Silver Disc

TOPEKA - The witness was driving north at 7 PM, when he noticed a large military plane in the northern sky on October 30, 2003, but higher up he saw a silver disk east of the plane. The military plane was moving away, but the silver disk was not moving. The witness said, "I drove to a place where I could park my car and watch the disk." It started to move slowly to the west. I got back in the car and drove the 4 blocks to my house. When I got there, the disk was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

ARIZONA - Several Bright Triangular Objects

TUCSON - The observer was walking his dogs at 11 PM, and observed two triangular objects in the west and two in the east on October 31, 2003. Using binoculars he saw them change colors from red, to white, to blue. Often they emit beams of light. He stated, "One night I saw little crafts going off what appeared to be the mother craft that are generally in the same area." Davis Monthan Air Force Base is in Tucson. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

California - Video Of UFO Shot

MODESTO -- R. David Anderson reports, I was working outside the building on October 19, 2003, on a sunroom addition onto our house. As I looked up to see if the upper frame was level I saw a UFO coming from the north. It was bright, star like, and it made a loop around the house and hovered above me for about five minutes. I went into the house and got binoculars and went back outside and looked at it using the binoculars. In the binoculars the UFO appeared to be changing shapes, from a sphere to an elongated form. My daughter came out of the house and I showed her the UFO. She was surprised to see a bright star in the middle of the day. I gave her the binoculars and she also commented that it was changing shapes. I observed the UFO dividing into two spheres, and another long shaped craft appeared between the two spheres. There was suddenly a lot of wispy "steam" where the long UFO was, and then my daughter yells "Look, there's a jet." I looked down to where she was pointing, and there was a long object, moving at an angle towards us. Without sound, I saw a bright luminous elongated shape moving against the sky, that changed to a tan color and I could then see it in detail. It was shaped like a cigar with a triangle on the front of it. On the sides were many rectangular features.

After lunch, I got the video camera and spotted three UFO's coming from the north and recorded the UFO's as they traveled above the house. These UFO's were spherical in shape, bright and closer, and are the ones in the video. They traveled in unison. About 40 minutes later, I also got another shot of a UFO moving above the tree. Thanks to R. David Anderson

Washington - Saucer Plus Strange Black Cloud

SPANAWAY -- I was walking home from school and saw one saucer shaped craft heading East towards Mt. Rainier. It was silver, with a visible shadow on the bottom where the sun didn't hit on October 30, 2003. It wasn't going incredibly fast, but it was steady. It zigzagged a couple of times and then finally disappeared behind the clouds. Thanks to Peter Davenport

INDIANOLA -- Dr. Annamarie K Johnstone reports, "I was taking photographs with my 35 mm camera over Highway 82 and noticed a dark shadow or silhouette to the right of a chemtrail curve." Clouds are pushed in front of a dark shadow, perhaps indicating its movement forward. Much fainter behind the lead shadow, forming a rough triangle with the lead are two more suspects. The second photo shows that the dark shadow clouds have moved, but maintain their shape. Similar shadows are occurring in

Fostoria, Ohio and photographed by George Ritter. Thanks to A. K. Johnstone Ph.D.

Canada - Large Craft And Disk Seen On Halloween

HAMILTON, ONTARIO -- On October 31, 2003, I saw a large craft, from about four miles away on Halloween night at 7 PM, with a white/blue aura over its length. The craft was lighted all along its length unlike an airplane, with some blue, red, and white lights flashing, within the overall white/blue light of the craft. I attempted to get to a better vantage point quickly, but had to proceed with caution since the streets were filled with thousands. When I got there, the object was gone. Our airplanes do not have blue lights and our airplanes do not light up so you can see them at night. Only their navigation lights and headlamps are visible.

VANCOUVER - The observer reports seeing a disk that appeared like the original craft from "Lost in Space" at 3 PM, on October 31, 2003. It had rotating multi-colored lights on the bottom and side of red, orange, green, blue, yellow, and white. It flew silent, low, and hovered. There were many more lights than any conventional airplane with rotating lights under and around the side. It didn't seem real, like Christmas tree lights rotating. It was eerily silent, and moved in more of a hover, with almost a slight wobble from too low a speed. It was enormous in size and would have been visible to anyone who was outside at 3 AM, near English Bay.

STONER, BC -- On October 26, 2003, at 5 PM, while traveling along Highway 97 just south of Stoner a couple saw what looked like an aircraft coming in for a landing with its landing lights on, just over the top of the trees. The light was extremely bright and too big to be a normal aircraft due to its size, brightness and how low it was flying. The couple was driving at 100 kilometers an hour (60 MPH) and catching up to the flying object. It hovered, then started moving again. Occasionally they lost sight of it due to the trees but when they got to the crest of the hill, they spotted it again flying slowly just underneath the 8,000 feet cloud cover. It was traveling straight across from them when the light disappeared, reappeared and then finally vanished. Others on the highway probably saw it. Thanks to: Brian Vike, Director, Hotline 1 866 262 CANADA HBCC

Venezuela - More UFOs Sighted

CARACAS -- Luminous UFOs were seen again last week near Cerro El Avila, a mountain on the outskirts of the capital. On October 21, 2003, Sra. Ligia Peralta reported sighting of a strong luminous object of extremely large dimensions at 7:30 p.m. The object flew over the barrio Ola Juliano and then darted away and disappeared behind the peak of Cerro El Avila. At one point, the object descended to within eight meters (26 feet) of a house located on the hillside. She described the object, as generating a very resplendent white light, which spread across the residential zone for several minutes before the UFO retreated behind the mountain. On Saturday, October 25, 2003, at 2 p.m., five witnesses watched the aerial maneuvers of a circular black object, which moved dizzily over the highly-populated area at the foot of Cerro El Avila. The witnesses stated the object appeared repeatedly and flew over the greater Caracas, before shooting off toward the horizon.

Another witness, Srta. Raquel Rivero, spotted another UFO later the same day at 6 PM, over the Urbanizacion Mario Porezo. The young lady spotted an intense bluish-white light that was stationary for ten minutes, as its luminosity gradually diminished. Thanks to Arturo Escalante para estos informes and UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 8 #42, Joseph Trainor editor

France - Smoke Trail Over the Moon During Eclipse

METZ - The evening of November 7, 2003, the photographer while traveling 17h13 autoroute Longway? (49 20 34- 06 03 03) saw a smoke trail over the Moon for less one minute. By chance, he had his camera and made two photographs on silver film. He reported the anomalie on the astronomy newsgroups in the US, UK, France, and to Harvard University PM. Data: Apparent geocentric position right rise 1h 25m 52s Declination 6=C2=B0 18' 48" outdistance

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latitude 3.260=C2=B0 He developed the film with the microphen into
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of worse for the other photographs. The Moon made 1mm on the
negative one, while waiting for the silver images, here are
restitutions lunar formation, the train=C3=A9e black one seemed
behaves like it was projected on the top of the lunar disc and
falling down. Thanks to Thierry Speth E-mail was in French and
data may be lost in translation. See photos at:
<http://membres.lycos.fr/aalenia/ltp071103.htm>:

Greece - The Light Was Too Fast For A Plane!

CORFU -- While fishing from a dock for squid on October 27,
2003, I looked up and saw a light moving (star size) at 8 PM.
At the beginning, I thought it was a plane but the speed was
what made me follow the movement. No, it wasn't a falling star.
The speed was slower, yet faster, than that of an airplane then
it made a turn and vanished behind some clouds, before I had a
chance to tell my two friends standing a few feet away. Thanks
to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

India - UFOs Sighted In Valley

MALSHEJ GHAT - The witness who is 38 years old took his family
on a short holiday to a resort on October 28, 2003. At about 4
AM, we were awakened because we had lost electricity and it was
very hot inside the hotel room. We opened the balcony door and
sat there a while. Soon my daughter noticed the valley was lit
up by a pale white light. It was like a dull white florescent
glow. Soon it faded out and we were confused. Then, we noticed
that a 'star' was moving overhead. It was fast but not as fast
as a shooting star. Then we noticed another big star moving left
to right slowly. Again, this was hard to believe but then we
noticed that as compared to other stars in that area this was
the only one moving. Soon this bright star lost its light and
faded away. After a lot of thought, I am convinced that this
was a sighting of two UFOs. Thanks to Peter Davenport

South Korea - Disk Among Pictures

SEOUL -- I took a picture of my daughter on November 2, 2003, at
1:19 PM. Among 3 pictures taken for 1 second in a row
(automatically), the UFO (believed so) showed only in the middle
one. It was shown over the mountain and looked like a dish which
had about a 45 degree slope. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

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Canadian National Defence Files

From: Gordon Heath <gheath@telus.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 20:51:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:43:51 -0500
Subject: Canadian National Defence Files

>From: Ringuet, Isabelle
>To: 'gheath@telus.net'
>Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 12:05 PM
>Subject: National Defence file

>Ottawa, 12 November 2003

>Our Reference number: 2003-2004/26813

>Dear Gordon Heath,

>Carole Berthelette has forwarded to us your request for file
>RG24, vol. 22664, file 'squadron 412'.

>As that file is open, you may come to the National Archives of
>Canada to consult it in person. Infopages # 1 and # 2 explain
>how to consult documents. Infopage # 5 explains how to request
>photocopies and costs.

>Thank you for your interest in the National Archives of Canada.
>Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further
>assistance to you.

>Yours sincerely,

>Isabelle Ringuet
>Reference Archivist/Archiviste de r=E9f=E9rence
>Services de r=E9f=E9rence / Reference Services
>Archives nationales du Canada / National Archives of Canada

Dear Ms. Ringuet;

Thank you for the non-answer to my request for a quotation for the cost of copying and sending this file to me.

I already know that the file is supposedly open and can supposedly be viewed at National Archives.

I wish to inform you that I have already flown to Ottawa (at considerable personal expense), for the purpose of viewing this file.

Is it possible for me to receive a quotation for the costs of duplicating these files (which are supposedly open to the public), without receiving further condescending email about the "process" for doing so, as I have previously requested?

I have no idea how many pages are in this file, and I previously understood that the National Archives would be able to provide me a quotation for the costs of servicing my InfoSource request without me guessing at the costs for doing so.

I can only say that I am totally unsatisfied that "our" government archives are in fact open to the public, and are instead being held in captive service to government client interests.

Yours truly,

Gord Heath

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 05:52:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:24:45 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:15:06 EST
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 08 Nov 2003 05:42:17 -0800
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 06:27:53 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>I often ponder the deep philosophical question, "Should I write
>>>to this guy?" when I see a load of malarkey in the press. I
>>>usually conclude that it would do no good. He won't really pay
>>>attention anyway. But I appreciate your effort to straighten him
>>>out... at least a little bit.

>>>I did get a reply from him by the way, albeit a very short one;
>>>he said, "Hi, Thanks for your long and detailed letter. I
>>>appreciate it. Fred."

>>>The "UFO believers" statement is what gets me every time, and I
>>>guess me trying to "enlighten him" is more for my benefit than
>>>his. I agree, it is doubtful that "he will pay attention,"
>>>however; on the flip-side, my mind was once stuck in that same
>>>"closed box" many years ago. I too was part of the "social
>>>phenomenon" that "shot down" any ideas outside what I was taught
>>>to be the "norm"; for no rational reason I might add, just
>>>because, as Mr. Pfisterer put it, "we have our heads screwed on
>>>right and our brains in place, fully functioning and know
>>>better."

>>Several things here.

>>I see you got browned-off by the ignoramus with the "true
>>believers" article. That seems predictable.

>>Like you, I cringe when I see "true believers" and UFOs in the
>>same context, doubly so when that is the title of a news item.

>>Almost without fail, you have a lazy writer who has never and
>>will never really look into these matters.

>>One rather unwelcome friend-of-a-friend insists on the
>>'little-green-men' kiss-off whenever she wants to remind
>>herself how much more intelligent she is than those about
>>her. She looks like the next-best thing reverse viagra, which
>>may or may not be relevant. She obviously needs somebody else
>>to down upon.

>>No amount of explanation or qualification seems to change such
>>a person. For that reason, I really have to question the
>>utility of writing to a writer, so bone-assed dumb as to
>>title an article "UFO True Believers" or whatever it was.

>>Frankly, I just let those sort be, and pay more attention to
>>the honest skeptics. At the very least they ask interesting
>>questions! One of these is (for example)

>>"Do Flying Spin? If so, do the occupants get dizzy?"

>>The most interesting ones offer potentially testable hypotheses:

>>"Are 'UFO Believers' more or less educated than the general
>>population?"

>>The answer (never mentioned by the schlock writers BTW) is: Yes,
>>definitely.

>>Now! If I had to beat a deadline to write an article about
>>religion say, I would probably be every bit as lazy. I might
>>even use a phrase similar to 'true believers'. Having two in the
>>family (brother and sister), and after 12 years of Catholic
>>School, I could at least pretend to some familiarity with the
>>topic... a highly skeptical one indeed!

>>I might even dash off some screed using the same bar napkins as
>>the fellow you wrote to did. What I try not to do, is to invite
>>a dialogue with a bonehead, an obvious nut, or some boring self-
>>serving hack.

Hi Dave, & All,

>This post is about slaying dragons - the all-powerful dragons
>of anti-Ufology, which slay the truth and harden the minds of
>so many in the general public.

So we're clear - we're going down an alternate path then that of
my original post in regards to my comments made to a writer
"ignorant" of the subject matter he was writing about, i.e.,
UFO's.

>The point I was trying to make earlier, about Cyclops and the
>Government, is that they are waging a propaganda war - not a
>war of Science and Reason - when it comes to UFOs or "Alien
>Spacecraft".

The most powerful "weapon on the planet" is the media; the most
powerful people on the planet are those that control it.

>Rationality is only superficially involved: They have to make
>a case which can be understood and believed (Professor Moore
>precisely calculated the balloon's trajectory, purple toy tape
>was used on the radar reflectors producing heiroglyphic symbols,
>and other seemingly rational statements).

Rule no. 1 in the misinformation business: mix in some
verifiable facts in the proposition.

>After the case has supposedly been made, make the reader
>feel smugly superior to those UFO loonies: They just want
>attention, they have "the will to believe", they are silly
>people, they don't practice science, they are "True Believers".

>Now John Q. Public can feel informed and superior. He can
>brush off any "flying saucer" claims with an air of
>confidence believing that he's an informed and thoughtful
>adult, while the True Believers are silly but harmless,
>and certainly don't know what they're talking about.
>And any attempts by a True Believer to persuade him
>to the other view of UFOs are simply the desperate
>attempts of a child to validate the monsters under his
>bed or the "real" dreams he had the night before.

>The propaganda from the government and Cyclops makes
>the uninformed reader feel good! And that is a vital
>ingredient in their recipe.

>I am very impressed with Frank Warren's letter to the
>writer of that "True Believer" article.

Thank you.

>It might even do some good - and I hope it does.

Doubtful.

>But let's understand the full context of the game, here: The
>writer was infected with Falsehoods and an Attitude. If we
>come to the game with nothing more than disproving facts,
>it's like showing up for a league softball game with
>no uniforms and a misunderstanding of the rules of
>slow-pitch softball. Even if we win the softball game,
>we'll probably be laughed at by one and all, and
>dismissed as serious contenders.

Again, as mentioned in my previous post to Larry, I believe Mr. Pfisterer to be the "bi-product" of years of "debunkery" imposed upon the American public by the "powers-that-be." This "social phenomenon" is a direct result of the manipulation of the media and "false statements" made by the government. The end result has crossed generations.

>I take Frank Warren's letter, and others by Friedman,
>Maccabee, Rudiak, etc, etc, very seriously because I
>understand the truth of what they're saying, and
>the hard work they've put into acquiring that truth.
>But some of the listeners (newspaper readers, etc) have
>a negative "Attitude" which was created by propaganda
>and probably cannot be dealt with through Science and
>Reason. The "Attitude" problem can only be turned around
>using the same weapon the other side uses: Propaganda.

I think the propaganda of "Science and Reason" would/is an effective tool against false, misinformation, i.e., negative propaganda. Unfortunately, the fight is against the almighty CMM. (Corporate Controlled Mass Media).

>That's why I proposed "The Committee of Sneering
>Incompetents..." and the organization called "Cyclops"
>(CSICOP).

>But this approach is beneath us, right? We're mature,
>thoughtful, rational, scientific, intelligent adults -
>not a bunch of martini-guzzling Ad-Agency people
>trying to sell aspirin, bras, and cars.

>Well, I have to ask the question: If we're so smart,
>and know much more of the truth than the average
>John Q. Public, why is the all-powerful dragon known as
>"The True Believer Concept" still alive and well, and
>slaying our truth day after day, year after year?

Because the "average American" doesn't question "the news" that comes out of the "idiot box" every night in regards to the UFO phenomenon.

>Why is it that when a UFO conference or Roswell
>anniversary is covered by television news, the focus
>is on the guy with the alien head or someone else
>wearing a tinfoil hat - all the "True Believers"?

Exactly!

>I'll tell you why:
>It's because we're not in that business, not playing
>that game, and not even addressing the problem in a
>way which permits a solution. If there were an
>offshoot of Ufology dedicated to the propaganda side
>of things, and if it were well-funded with a budget of
>several million dollars per year, progress would be
>made in slaying that dragon which irritates and
>humiliates so many.

Wouldn't that be something.

>Full or even partial Disclosure of the UFO phenomenon doesn't
>seem to be on the horizon. In the meantime, major funding and a
>group of dragon-slayers are needed. They would need to be
>intelligent, well-informed, and understand propaganda or
>marketing. Without such a function operating in the world of
>Ufology, the "True Believer" concept (and worse) will continue
>to be believed by the public and promoted by ignorant writers,
>smugly confident of their position, and probably immune to
>rational persuasion.

I had hoped the "Sci-Fi Channel" might be the entity to to which

you refer, but at present I have "mixed feelings."

>The outstanding research which has been done needs to continue,
>but a different group of people needs to address the emotional
>side of Ufology.

>Example: Which sentence makes you feel better?

>1. The CIA claim that U-2 flights accounted for half of the UFO
>reports is absurd, and here's my evidence.

>2. Most Ufologists are keenly aware of UFO reports, and the many
>professionals who reported them (such as airline pilots,
>astronomers, and so forth).

>(By the way, many thanks to Bruce Maccabee for researching and
>publishing that U-2 material! I knew the CIA claim was absurd,
>but had no facts to support it.)

>The U-2 research was crucial. I was easily able to understand
>it, and enjoyed reading it. But most citizens don't flock to a
>scientist's website looking for evidence - pro or con - of a
>statement in a television documentary on UFOs. What's missing is
>another group to take such material and package it for John Q.
>Public in emotional terms.

Although I agree Dave that "positive propaganda" in regards to
UFOlogy would be beneficial to the public in general; I must
express my sentiment that if combined with Scientific evidence,
the effect would be far more successful in terms of getting the
point across. If "mainstream Science" took the UFO phenomenon
seriously, and the media reported it, I think it would force the
government's hand in regards to disclosure.

Cheers,

Frank Warren

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Re: The Universe As A Hologram - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 02:46:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:34:14 -0500
Subject: Re: The Universe As A Hologram - Goldstein

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 14:03:08 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: The Universe As A Hologram

>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex@terra.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates -Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 11:51:00 -0200
>>Subject: The Universe As A Hologram

>>Source: <http://twm.co.nz/hologram.html>

>>The Universe as a Hologram
>>Author unknown

>>Does Objective Reality Exist, or is the Universe a Phantasm?

>This article reminds me of the following essay I wrote for my
>weblog:

>Saturday, November 08, 2003

>Most of us think of existence as basically linear: to get to
>point C from point A, you must first traverse point B. I think
>it's more likely (and much more fun) to consider that we're
>recreated moment to moment out of raw information, and that
>points A, B and C don't exist except in our endlessly
>reconstituted minds.

<snip>

>For a fictional excursion into similar territory, I recommend
>Greg Egan's "Permutation City," which examines the existential
>status of electronic copies of the human nervous system.

Hello Mac and fellow Listerians,

In some way your fine essay reminds me of the kind of insights, illusions, or delusions I became illuminated to, way back in my psychedelic years. It was a pleasant relief from a bad hangover I was nursing from the shock of the bad news I received yesterday when I learned right here on UpDates that the notorious John Lear has re-entered the UFO world with his rampant paranoia.

I well remember that period of the late 1980s and early 1990s when I had some really bad experiences with him and his psycho supraparanoid sidekick and butt up his ass, Bill Cooper. I knew Cooper was on a rocket ship to some violent Hellish ending and sure enough he died in a sick and ugly murderous rampage.

Now the great pilot whose mind went wildly out of control named John Lear is back. I want to spit out the bad taste.

Back to expansive concepts such as the linking of subatomic particles imagined out to be the unknown dimension that connects all in a direct dance within a holographic universe. That seems

wonderful but it is easy to forget that much of this is still theory and has yet to be confirmed.

It is easy to mind-jump ahead of the theory as I feel some folks did in trying to connect quantum physics theories with spiritual concepts. I had the most amazing experiences on psychedelics but my objective center remembers that those were during the effects of very powerful drugs. Was it the unknown dimension or wonderful phantasmagoria? Is it anything like conceptualizing that amazing looking structures on Mars may be the creations of an unknown intelligence? <g>

Maybe I am just lost in a holotropic, holographic, and holophonic phantasm? Or is it all existential static? Maybe the universe is holographic art God placed on his wall and then forgot about? <g>

I met Hugo Zucarelli some years ago and still have a holophonic sound cassette. I hadn't thought about it for a long time. I'll have to try an A-B test of its effects compared to current 5.1 digital surround sound formats.

Back to mental mischief,

Josh

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Re: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. - Wilson

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:18:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:43:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. - Wilson

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:01:59 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:17:07 -0500
>Subject: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. [was: Newly-Posted]

>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 14:50:38 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:23:26 -0500
>>>Subject: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

<snip>

Thank you for sharing the URL with the very interesting photographs of the various scars, bruises, and 'scoop-mark' scars. I know they bring the reality of this phenomenon to the forefront of people's minds when viewing them. It is a good reminder of just how real this phenomenon is for the people experiencing it - the abductees.

You wrote:

>According to several physicians, who each wrote to me
>independently of one another, the marks resemble the scar left
>behind by a procedure called a "Punch Biopsy". In this rarely
>performed procedure, tissue is removed subcutaneously in order
>to conduct testing to determine the presence of disease in the
>sample. (area) The procedure was also performed in the past to
>obtain material for genetic testing, but there are much less
>invasive ways to harvest tissue so it is rarely done for that
>purpose alone.

I'm not sure where the idea came from that punch biopsies are rare. They have been performed on a regular basis, as far as I know, for several years. Also, they are not all subcutaneous. The doctors may have been referring to the procedures done on us in our childhoods; back in the 50s and 60s these types of 'biopsies' if that is what they are, would have been rare and/or highly unusual back then.

I had one in 2000 due to a cyst. It actually took the doctor five tries to get into the tissue she wanted and even with a topical anesthetic, it was very painful. It was done using an ultrasound device pressed against the skin and the 'needle' sort of 'punched' into the tissue and removed what was needed. I think the doctor controls when then tissue is actually removed. This was called a "punch biopsy" procedure for insurance purposes and medical purposes and it went deep into the tissue.

I have 'scoop mark' scars that I believe were done by ETs (childhood) and I've had this punch biopsy done. The tissue in the two areas was quite different and therefore, the scars they left behind were somewhat different. The ET scar was deeper and rounder, whereas the scar left behind by the human doctor was round, but not "scooped out" so to speak. Just an FYI from my

personal experience.

>The only problem with any of the above is; none of the people in
>the photos have ever had a 'punch biopsy'. The doctors were all
>stunned to see "so many photographs" of these "rare" punch
>biopsies in one place. It is what prompted them to contact me.
>They wanted to know how I got so many.

If I may share a few photographs that I have on my Web site, I think they may interest people. I have more of scars and bruises from other abductees, but have not had the time to scan them yet.

The embedded URL is:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Gallery/photos.html>

One of the photos is similar to the circular dots like the photograph you posted John, but it is smaller.

Injection sites are another occurrence for abductees. Usually these sites have a tiny blood dot inside with a bruise around it.

Just about one month ago I remembered being given a 'shot' with a type of air-gun. I also remember having this done when I was in the second grade in 'real life'. Everyone in our class got this 'air-gun' vaccine. I don't remember what it was, but it left behind an unusual scar on the inside of my forearm.

When I had my most recent 'shot' during an exp. it was again done with a strange air-gun-type device. It left behind a series of little faint circles over the original 'real' air-gun injection site I got when I was in the second grade. As the day progressed, the little circles (each with a red dot inside) all spread together into a sort of globular circle. It is still visible, but it is very faint. Just another FYI in case anyone else has heard of this type of shot or injection device.

<snip>

>>I have one more bit for you to consider.....

>None of the doctors I spoke to could figure out why the punch
>biopsy scars that are displayed at AIC were all performed over
>perfectly healthy appearing tissue! In the 'real' world if
>tissue is removed in this manner it is taken from a site where
>suspect or diseased looking tissue is present.

I agree. The sites seem to be healthy skin, (except for the human doctor punch biopsy - well, in the end, it too turned out to be healthy, lucky for me).

One of my 'injection sites' occurred in an old 'scoop-mark' scar that I had when I was younger. Later during my life, I was visited again and clearly remember having something injected into my leg in the same scoop mark. It bled and I fell to the floor when I got out of bed because of the pain. Actually, it felt like something went into my shin bone. (Later I speculated that maybe something had been taken out and that perhaps it was a bone marrow sampling.)

(This is published in my book Alien Jigsaw with a photograph of the scar on my leg.)

I was told by one of my abductors later in life, that they use old injection sites and/or old scars. This 're-using' of old scars and/or injection sites has occurred to me twice now. Just another FYI.

>>That's why I'm always yelling for an independent _medical_ study
>>of the abductees. A rigorous medical study could answer many
>>more questions in a relatively short period of time when
>>compared to how much 'hard data' we have gathered floundering
>>around guessing over the last thirty years.

I agree. It seems that by now, we would have had a professional medical peer reviewed study done on this type of evidence that is left behind from abductions. It's really a shame that it hasn't been done yet. Maybe by posting information to this list and others, a physician will take notice and become interested in conducting such a study.

>>In my small immediate family unit of four, three of us have this
>>'scoop mark'. I'm here (in public) for some pretty serious
>>reasons, Terry. My family is involved in this mess. We all
>>need to know just what the hell is going on.

I agree completely.

Thanks John.

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 00:22:35 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:23:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 00:02:02 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Mori

>>From: Brad Sparks
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

>>I see no response to the fact that Noguez proposes the
>>pseudoscientific notion [that a double exposure could subtract
>>light and create a darker object in the Trindade photos.]

>Can you quote where Noguez "proposes ... double exposure"? At
>the end of your message you explained how you somehow understood
>that because Noguez suggested a photomontage of a Twin Bonanza,
>and the Twin Bonanza was proposed by Powell, and Powell claimed
>double exposure, then Noguez also claimed double exposure, along
>with photomontage, of course. This, despite the fact that Noguez
>explicitly claims in his conclusion photomontage, and only
>photomontage, with no margin for reasonable confusion.
<snip>

>Noguez didn't claim double exposure in his work....

<snip>

Noguez explicitly claims several contradictory and impossible
alleged events in his "Conclusions" scenario -- to say there is
no "confusion" in his writing on this point is palpably absurd.
You are trying to force me to make logical sense out of Noguez
illogical contradictions -- another type of impossibility --
just so I can defend my logical critique of his illogic. You
think you can force me to make Noguez look good (seem logical)
just so I can defend myself. Guess again buddy. I will just
reiterate Noguez's nonsense.

Earlier in his web article, Noguez discussed with approval
Powell's theory of DOUBLE EXPOSURE in the Trindade photos
wherein the "UFO" image was purportedly of a fogged up Twin
Bonanza aircraft. Then in his "Conclusions" Noguez asserts
without a shred of evidence that photographer Barauna and his
group "substituted" one roll of film in Barauna's camera with
another roll by "some method of prestidigitation" or trickery at
a certain "moment" aboard the Brazilian Navy ship and that the
"UFO" images were really a fogged Twin Bonanza. Isn't that true?
Isn't that what Noguez writes? Noguez states (sorry I have to
delete the accents because they won't come through the email):

NOGUEZ: "... tenia que hacer desaparecer el negativo de la
Rolleiflex y sustituir las fotos con las del avion.... Trataba
de encontrar el momento adecuado para la sustitucion."

ENGLISH: "... he had to make the negative in the Rolleiflex
[camera] disappear and substitute the photos with those of the
aircraft.... He tried to find the moment [most] suitable for the
substitution." [rough translation]

There is NO "PHOTOMONTAGE" here. This all happening, this "moment," aboard the ship anchored off Trindade island. This is not back at Barauna's lab in Rio. This is a switching of one film roll which had no fake "UFO" photos on it, "substituted" with another film roll which allegedly DID have fake "UFO" photos, those of the fogged up Twin Bonanza aircraft. That is what Noguez is saying here -- and tripping himself up with confusing contradictions elsewhere in the same paragraph and same section, which you refuse to acknowledge.

Maybe you misunderstand what a photomontage means. Maybe you think a photomontage is not the pasting of fabricated images onto another film but that it is a kind of double exposure or maybe that montage is not a mounting but a switching of film rolls???

Thanks for admitting that it is impossible to subtract light in a double exposure so that a double exposure cannot have created a dark UFO image superimposed on the bright sky in the Trindade photos -- you can jawbone all you want about other photos with special situations and quote anonymous pseudoscience speculation but you can't get it to work in the specific photometry of the Trindade photos with half the photos covered with bright overcast noontime sky and the dark UFO images in the midst of that sky. Why do you even defend double exposure if you insist that Noguez is only talking about photomontage and that that is what you think is the likely explanation?

Brad Sparks

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HBCC UFO On Dreamland

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 23:14:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:29:13 -0500
Subject: HBCC UFO On Dreamland

Good Day List

I like to keep folks informed as to some of the things I am working on. Some of the cases are fascinating, where others leave me with a deep feeling of sadness. I will be talking about some of these cases on Dreamland this weekend with Whitley Strieber.

Another follow-up report will be given on the Missing Time case from Kelowna, British Columbia. I know many of you out there have been following this major case, and there is a lot more to come. I must say the news is not good.

So for the latest from HBCC UFO please tune into Dreamland this weekend. Information can be found at:

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/dreamland/?id=158>

Take care

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 07:42:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:37:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 09:36:58 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 07:19:32 -0600
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

<snip>

>>Now this is simply startling! And you wrote that like you knew
>>for sure! Who are some of these so *honored* so that we may
>>trumpet them from our thatched rooftops, and herald the *honor*
>>that has been so imposed (...let them know!)?

>Regarding the acronym, CSICOP, as you presented it, i.e.,
>"Committee for the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate
>Persons"; no good would come from trumpeting the names of those
>that hold rank within the order, for so many are "unaware of
>their position." Moreover, methinks there would be nothing but
>stentorious denial. (The initials GWB do come to mind though).
>:^)

Rather like a CSICOPic Illuminati, then? LOL! And I don't think
the person suggested has the sense to know that that's where he
stands...

>Beware of those who have stopped asking questions.....

Or those that 'know' they already have all the answers? LOL! I
kill me! LOL!

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JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
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Re: NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 08:52:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 10:22:34 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg

>From: James Oberg <joberg@houston.rr.com>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA's missing two crates of Kecksburg documents
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 11:49:17 -0600

>>From: Francis Knize <Frankknee@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:01:06 EST
>>Subject: NASA's Missing Two Of Kecksburg Documents

>>[Non-subscriber Post]

>>NASA's Missing Two Crates Of Kecksburg Documents

>>Dear Steven Bassett,

>>Upon examination of the released Kecksburg documents from NASA
>>(under pressure from the Sci-Fi Channel), it has been revealed
>>that a letter from NASA Headquarters written by the Records
>>Manager; Paul Willis in 1996 said two boxes of documents went
>>missing.

>><snip>

>>"Strangely, it was skeptic - and possible agent for the
>>government for better or for worse - Jim Oberg who posted it at
>>Virtually Strange UFO Network UFO UpDates"

>><snip>

>>Wow (chuckle) - gummint agents are the enemy - the last refuge
>>of the charlatan and crackpot.

Wow (chuckle) - there's room in that refuge for more than
charlatans and crackpots, sir, who are , by the way, not
charlatans and crackpots because -you- say they are! Moreover,
if one brushes up on the writings of Dr. Michael Parenti, Gary
Webb, and Richard M. Dolan it's plain that the concept of
government agent as potential *enemy* is just not that far
afield.

>Thanks for painting yourself so
>unambiguously.

To the contrary. Mr. Knize left himself all kinds of wiggle room
with his comment... while you continue to paint yourself
predictably with yours.

>If there was a coverup, the best way to keep it from proof would
>be to muddy up the waters with ravings like this to discredit
>investigations.

Or even someone, such as yourself, making inflammatory comments
and tendering personal attacks, provoking an unthinking response
and therefore contributing to same?

>Since the same note asks for money, maybe
>comments like this - helpful to the coverup - are bought and

>paid for by the coverupers?

"CFI and Sci-Fi Channel should hire somebody like me to go find out these things and document on video....."

... This seems more a suggestion for a plan of efficacious action than the whorish bit of shameless pandering that you paint it to be (with -you-, sir, one really doesn't need to paint themselves, you swing a broad enough brush all by yourself...). I submit that the seeming wit of your comment's reach exceeds its canted grasp and comes off a little disingenuous, as the only result.

>Naw... simple silliness is a more
>likely explanation.

...Nothing remotely silly in Mr. Knize's contribution, sir. If you want "silly", go no further than the "Committee for the Seriously Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons" for whoopee cushions and floppy court jester hats.

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UK UFO Petition

From: Steve Watkins <steve@alienexistence.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 15:41:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 11:46:22 -0500
Subject: UK UFO Petition

Just to let you all know I have a UK UFO petition which started in February 2003 running for disclosure of materials related to the UFO phenomena by the government. My petition is aimed at UK government.

It can be reached at:

<http://www.alienexistence.com/petition/>

Many thanks

Steve Watkins
<http://www.alienexistence.com>
UK UFO Petition

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Re: Filer's Files #46 -- 2003

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:47:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 10:18:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #46 -- 2003

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 16:40:07 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #46 -- 2003

>Filer's Files #46 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
>George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>November 12, 2003, Webmaster: Chuck Warren
>My website is at: www.georgefiler.com/
>Majorstar @ aol.com Sponsored by: OPC-3

>Transient Lunar Phenomenon Reported

<snip>

>During the last week a series of moving lights, smoke trials,
>and strange objects have been seen on our Moon.

<snip>

George (or anyone), references or links to the recent accounts
would be helpful and appreciated.

Thanks,
Ray Stanford

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trifles." -- Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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Re: West Central Minnesota Oval Object - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 10:20:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 11:42:19 -0500
Subject: Re: West Central Minnesota Oval Object - Stanford

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 16:38:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: West Central Minnesota Oval Object

>>From: Brian Vike - HBCCUFO <hbccufo@telus.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 21:48:13 -0800
>>Subject: West Central Minnesota Oval Object

>>I have been receiving a number of reports and pictures of some
>>strange objects from around the same area from which this photo:

>><http://www.geocities.com/hbccufo/minnesotaoval.html>

>>comes. Although this is a short report, the picture is of
>>interest.

<snip>

>Hi Brian,

>I think somebody is trying to put one over on you.

<snip>

>Multiple exposures of the Moon says I. Does anybody else concur?

Hi John,

Since you asked if anybody else concurs, I contribute a response comes from the 'Amen! corner'? I think you are quite correct. To me, that conclusion came forcibly to mind upon first seeing the image, and I'm glad you have had the 'guts' to point it out - which 'guts' I didn't have, until you 'led interference.

There is, as you likely know, precedent for such loony - pun intended :) - attempts to fool UFO researchers. Caveat emptor.

Thanks, John,
Ray Stanford

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Lunar Image Anomaly

From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 18:03:33 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 14:01:58 -0500
Subject: Lunar Image Anomaly

Dear Listers,

I am currently in the process of soliciting analysis and comment from several astronomers and astronomical institutions of an image that shows an object passing over the lunar disk, as photographed from the West Midlands (UK). The image also appears to show an associated shadow cast on the lunar surface.

If anyone on List knows of any astronomers who may be willing to take a look, may I request that you point me (or them) in the right direction?

I'd also like to call upon the wealth of experience represented on this List, and ask if anyone here has observed anything similar.

The case file can be viewed here:

http://zaziork.com/theunexplained/case_files/case_008/main.htm

If anyone wishes to take a more thorough look, please get in touch and I'll email a copy of the original (full size) image file to you.

Many thanks.

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Dan Bright
www.TheUnexplained.info

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Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 12:42:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 16:31:01 -0500
Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Colvin

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 13:25:37 -0800
>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 21:57:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 09 Nov 2003 20:31:52 -0800
>>>Subject: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>During my tour of duty as a Communications Watch Officer with
>>Allied Forces South in Naples, Italy (1/77 - 1/80), I observed
>>media reports and listened to sighting reports from family,
>>friends, and co-workers.

>>The "wave" of low-level and occupant sightings occurred in early
>>1978. My Pinetamare robotic device report posted here is an
>>example of the activity.

>>Is there a mini-wave for Italy?

>Filtering for Italian cases only, there is a definite mini-wave
>in 1978 according to my data. Look at these annual counts.

>1960-1970 0 to 10 cases per year.
>1971-1976 7 to 21 cases/year
>1977 40 cases
>1978 125 cases
>1979 37 cases
>1980-1999 0 to 8 cases/year

>This overlooks the 1954 wave of course, but over 40 years, 1978
>stands out unmistakably.

>For all years combined, Italian sightings are 2 or 3 times as
>frequent in the second half of the year (July-Dec) as they are
>in the first 6 months.

Larry and List,

Thanks for the breakout on the mini-wave, as usual these 125 cases in 1978 are only the tip of the iceberg. There were dozens of reports, anecdotal and in the Italian newspapers, just in the region around Naples.

I forwarded all I could find to Charles Bowen, editor of Flying Saucer Review at that time. I didn't keep any photocopies and later learned from Gordon Creighton (long time editor of FSR, who died July 16, 2003), that Charles Bowen's wife after her husband's death destroyed the amassed files and correspondence stored in the barn. What a loss!

One peculiar story was related to me by an Italian Air Force

warrant officer who I worked with in the off-line encryption/decryption section. He says his girlfriend, a pianist, would talk of the aliens in their underground base under Mount Vesuvio. She would go into a trance state, say the aliens were calling her, and then take off. Odd.

Terry

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright 1992, Frank Rice

Terry W. Colvin, Sierra Vista, Arizona (USA)
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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 21:06:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 16:35:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

>I see no response to the fact that Noguez proposes the
>pseudoscientific notion [that a double exposure could subtract
>light and create a darker object in the Trindade photos.]

I wonder if this in fact such a big issue as you think. I have to admit that I'm not a photographic expert, and this is just off the top of my head, so I'm not putting money on it!

We're assuming that the sky, as shown in the published Trindade pictures, is quite light, with a darker grey 'object' against it. This might not have been the case.

Let us assume that a hoaxer first photographs a UFO image which is very dark against a grey background, then photographs a landscape over it. If the sky in the real landscape is darker than the background to the image, the resultant photograph will show a sky which is lighter than the real sky at the time, and will still show a UFO darker than the doubly-exposed sky, but lighter than the original photographed image.

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

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 14:07:12 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 16:27:35 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 05:52:02 -0800
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:15:06 EST
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

Hi Frank & those following this,

>>This post is about slaying dragons - the all-powerful dragons
>>of anti-Ufology, which slay the truth and harden the minds of
>>so many in the general public.

>So we're clear - we're going down an alternate path then that of
>my original post in regards to my comments made to a writer
>"ignorant" of the subject matter he was writing about, i.e.,
>UFO's.

Yes, because I don't think that "ignorance" has anything whatsoever to do with the root cause of the "True Believer" stigma. Ignorance of the UFO subject matter is a result of propaganda combined with altered facts. Once that attitude hardens, it's very difficult to change it, and trying to change it with facts alone is nearly impossible.

The writer's attitude is one of "disbelief and disdain". The result is ignorance. In terms of a cart-and-horse analogy, the "disbelief and disdain" are the horse; the ignorance is the cart. Trying to fix the cart won't fix the horse, and trying to fix the ignorance problem won't fix the disbelief and disdain problem.

For example: A person earns a Phd in math. Does anyone refer to him as a "True Believer in Mathematics"? Certainly not. Why not? Because, even though most people don't understand higher math, they know that math is a "respectable" subject. If it were an unrespectable subject, no amount of discussion of the Fibonacci Series, imaginary numbers, or statistical analysis would make it respectable or believable by the average citizen. True, some might be swayed, but they would fear being "contaminated" or "stained" by the subject until it was officially approved as being respectable.

>>The point I was trying to make earlier, about Cyclops and the
>>Government, is that they are waging a propaganda war - not a
>>war of Science and Reason - when it comes to UFOs or "Alien
>>Spacecraft".

>The most powerful "weapon on the planet" is the media; the most
>powerful people on the planet are those that control it.

Exactly. And who are those people who control the media?

>>Rationality is only superficially involved: They have to make
>>a case which can be understood and believed (Professor Moore

>>precisely calculated the balloon's trajectory, purple toy tape
>>was used on the radar reflectors producing heiroglyphic symbols,
>>and other seemingly rational statements).

>Rule no. 1 in the misinformation business: mix in some
>verifiable facts in the proposition.

>>After the case has supposedly been made, make the reader
>>feel smugly superior to those UFO loonies: They just want
>>attention, they have "the will to believe", they are silly
>>people, they don't practice science, they are "True Believers".

>>Now John Q. Public can feel informed and superior. He can
>>brush off any "flying saucer" claims with an air of
>>confidence believing that he's an informed and thoughtful
>>adult, while the True Believers are silly but harmless,
>>and certainly don't know what they're talking about.
>>And any attempts by a True Believer to persuade him
>>to the other view of UFOs are simply the desperate
>>attempts of a child to validate the monsters under his
>>bed or the "real" dreams he had the night before.

>>The propaganda from the government and Cyclops makes
>>the uninformed reader feel good! And that is a vital
>>ingredient in their recipe.

>>I am very impressed with Frank Warren's letter to the
>>writer of that "True Believer" article.

>Thank you.

>>It might even do some good - and I hope it does.

>Doubtful.

I agree that it's doubtful. I enjoyed reading it, but why did
you write it if it's doubtful that it will do any good?

>>But let's understand the full context of the game, here: The
>>writer was infected with Falsehoods and an Attitude. If we
>>come to the game with nothing more than disproving facts,
>>it's like showing up for a league softball game with
>>no uniforms and a misunderstanding of the rules of
>>slow-pitch softball. Even if we win the softball game,
>>we'll probably be laughed at by one and all, and
>>dismissed as serious contenders.

>Again, as mentioned in my previous post to Larry, I believe Mr.
>Pfisterer to be the "bi-product" of years of "debunkery" imposed
>upon the American public by the "powers-that-be." This "social
>phenomenon" is a direct result of the manipulation of the media
>and "false statements" made by the government. The end result
>has crossed generations.

>>I take Frank Warren's letter, and others by Friedman,
>>Maccabee, Rudiak, etc, etc, very seriously because I
>>understand the truth of what they're saying, and
>>the hard work they've put into acquiring that truth.
>>But some of the listeners (newspaper readers, etc) have
>>a negative "Attitude" which was created by propaganda
>>and probably cannot be dealt with through Science and
>>Reason. The "Attitude" problem can only be turned around
>>using the same weapon the other side uses: Propaganda.

>I think the propaganda of "Science and Reason" would/is an
>effective tool against false, misinformation, i.e., negative
>propaganda. Unfortunately, the fight is against the almighty
>CCMM. (Corporate Controlled Mass Media).

>>That's why I proposed "The Committee of Sneering
>>Incompetents..." and the organization called "Cyclops"
>>(CSICOP).

>>But this approach is beneath us, right? We're mature,
>>thoughtful, rational, scientific, intelligent adults -
>>not a bunch of martini-guzzling Ad-Agency people
>>trying to sell aspirin, bras, and cars.

>>Well, I have to ask the question: If we're so smart,
>>and know much more of the truth than the average
>>John Q. Public, why is the all-powerful dragon known as

>>"The True Believer Concept" still alive and well, and
>>slaying our truth day after day, year after year?

>Because the "average American" doesn't question "the news" that
>comes out of the "idiot box" every night in regards to the UFO
>phenomenon.

>>Why is it that when a UFO conference or Roswell
>>anniversary is covered by television news, the focus
>>is on the guy with the alien head or someone else
>>wearing a tinfoil hat - all the "True Believers"?

>Exactly!

>>I'll tell you why:
>>It's because we're not in that business, not playing
>>that game, and not even addressing the problem in a
>>way which permits a solution. If there were an
>>offshoot of Ufology dedicated to the propaganda side
>>of things, and if it were well-funded with a budget of
>>several million dollars per year, progress would be
>>made in slaying that dragon which irritates and
>>humiliates so many.

>Wouldn't that be something.

>>Full or even partial Disclosure of the UFO phenomenon doesn't
>>seem to be on the horizon. In the meantime, major funding and a
>>group of dragon-slayers are needed. They would need to be
>>intelligent, well-informed, and understand propaganda or
>>marketing. Without such a function operating in the world of
>>Ufology, the "True Believer" concept (and worse) will continue
>>to be believed by the public and promoted by ignorant writers,
>>smugly confident of their position, and probably immune to
>>rational persuasion.

>I had hoped the "Sci-Fi Channel" might be the entity to to which
>you refer, but at present I have "mixed feelings."

>>The outstanding research which has been done needs to continue,
>>but a different group of people needs to address the emotional
>>side of Ufology.

>>Example: Which sentence makes you feel better?

>>1. The CIA claim that U-2 flights accounted for half of the UFO
>>reports is absurd, and here's my evidence.

>>2. Most Ufologists are keenly aware of UFO reports, and the many
>>professionals who reported them (such as airline pilots,
>>astronomers, and so forth).

>>(By the way, many thanks to Bruce Maccabee for researching and
>>publishing that U-2 material! I knew the CIA claim was absurd,
>>but had no facts to support it.)

>>The U-2 research was crucial. I was easily able to understand
>>it, and enjoyed reading it. But most citizens don't flock to a
>>scientist's website looking for evidence - pro or con - of a
>>statement in a television documentary on UFOs. What's missing is
>>another group to take such material and package it for John Q.
>>Public in emotional terms.

>Although I agree Dave that "positive propaganda" in regards to
>Ufology would be beneficial to the public in general; I must
>express my sentiment that if combined with Scientific evidence,
>the effect would be far more successful in terms of getting the
>point across. If "mainstream Science" took the UFO phenomenon
>seriously, and the media reported it, I think it would force the
>government's hand in regards to disclosure.

>Cheers,

>Frank Warren

Frank, I've quoted the entire thing here because I couldn't bear
to snip all the good information. I also see that I neglected to
explain how I see "positive propaganda".

I agree with what you said, and meant to say it myself: The
scientific evidence needs to be included in any "propaganda"

message. But the message would not just be positive of the UFO phenomemon, it would also be negative against certain other entities such as the government, the media, Cyclops, etc.

I haven't had the privilege of attending one of Stan Friedman's lectures, but I gather that he does an excellent job of turning people's attitudes around _without_ using any negative spin against the government and others. However he does it, he has quite a talent for it. Moreover, it's factual information he presents (unlike the media).

But there's only one Stan Friedman, and he doesn't have a weekly television show, broadcasting his message to millions of people. If he did, a "Pro-UFO Department of Propaganda" probably wouldn't be necessary.

In the meantime, there is a force at work which ensures that the US government and the US media cast aspersions on UFO people as if they were Untermenschen. It is abundantly clear to me that the source of the Attitude is not the media: it is some department within the government.

There can probably be limited successes by individuals, such as yourself, in contacting media writers and presenting them with some facts. But "The Dragon" is not made of facts - for the most part - and therefore it cannot be successfully fought with facts - unless you're a Stan Friedman, speaking in person to an audience.

The Dragon is largely an Attitude, and it can only be fought with Attitude. Perhaps that's one reason why Friedman is so successful: He comes from a respectable position and the audience knows it. So do the rest of us, but there may be more of an instant connection of "UFO authority" with a nuclear physicist, as opposed to the professions of the rest of us.

So perhaps one reason for Stan's success - besides the excellent presentations - is that the audience is not afraid to identify with him - an articulate and intelligent expert. That in itself is psychological persuasion, and that is propoganda - even though I would never refer to Friedman as a "propagandist".

The Dragon is:

1. Falsehoods.
2. Twisted facts.
3. Missing facts.
4. A mantle of respectability for the anti-UFO position, and a mantle of bemused but benevolent arrogance towards the pro-UFO position.

"Those poor, uneducated people thought they saw short aliens, but they actually saw Air Force crash dummies and became confused... Professor Moore exactly calculated the route that the Mogul balloon would have taken, straight to the Foster Ranch; no one expects the average citizen to be acquainted with a highly secret military device..."

Notice how the reader is drawn in to feeling he's "in the know", and how the writer is able to avoid wearing a black hat by being sympathetic towards people who encounter strange sights.

The writer appears to be "a good guy".

The sympathetic attitude also translates well to someone who is very wise, caring, and has no wish to hurt "the little people out there". After all, knowledge and responsibility go together... After reading sentences like these, the average reader may have similar feelings towards the unfortunate, misguided, uneducated "True Believers" who need our sympathy and understanding - not our respect. This, in turn, translates into a superior attitude regarding the Believers. Based on that, almost no one wants to be associated with the "True Believers" who should really be called "True Wackos" - at least in the public's mind.)

There are facts and there are attitudes. Attitudes usually win out over facts. And the government has the money and the power to ensure that the facts on UFOs are twisted or deleted, and

that the media's attitude towards UFOs is one of snickering childishness, which the media perceives as "mature, adult, informed, and wise". Their attitude is "smugness", and this is passed along to the average reader who also becomes smug.

Newspaper people seem to have the perfect personalities for manipulation by the government: they're cynical and not science-oriented. They distrust anything not mainstream. They understand politics, fires, and sports. That's about it. For every other subject, they're just reporters. This makes them putty in the hands of government "lobbyists".

It's mostly Attitude combined with thoroughly researched and twisted UFO information which is all professionally shaped by very powerful forces who are well-funded and know exactly what they're doing when it comes to shaping people's opinions.

That's where the "True Believer" expression comes from: Professional opinion makers.

By the way, there was a book written years ago called "The True Believer". I think it was about the religious believer, but I'm not sure. Department-U within the government may have simply borrowed that book title for its own purposes in order to smear Ufology without being too harsh.

Mainstream Science will not publicly take the UFO phenomemon seriously until the media does. The media will not take UFOs seriously until Department-U in the government becomes unsuccessful in convincing the public that only wackos believe in UFOs. The public will not take UFOs seriously until the media does. The government will not disclose anything related to UFOs because Department-U won't let them - and that might continue for decades.

The entire solution is related to funding, and facts accompanied by pro-UFO propoganda. We have the facts (they're crucial), but we don't have the emotional support of the public. Call it what you will - persuasion, psy-ops, advertising, propoganda, mind control - whatever it is, it's missing to a large degree in Ufology.

Dave Morton

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Our Capacity To Chose

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Disclosure Dialogue -

List:

What is written below was passed along to me by a friend. Who the original author(s) may be or from where they come, I know not. Whoever did write the piece and where ever they're from, they have given the UFO/ETI issue much thought. They have captured the essence of the geo-political mess we are in and the decisions we may need to make to find a way out.

Despite its origin, it raises provocative questions, crystallizes issues in a rather unique manner and presents perspectives few of us entertain with any frequency.

Have a read...

Regards

Victor Viggiani

Decide Whether We Should Show Up

The e-mail reproduced here is circulating around the internet and was allegedly received from an unknown source. No matter its origin, the question it asks is an important one, and each of us needs to consider our answer.

DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD SHOW UP!

Whoever transmitted this translated message to you is irrelevant, and should remain anonymous in your mind. It is what you will do with this message which matters. Each one of you wishes to exercise her/his free will and experience happiness. These are attributes that were shown to us and to which we now have access. Your free will depends upon the knowledge you have of your own power. Your happiness depends upon the love that you give and receive. Like all conscious races at this stage of progress, you may feel isolated on your planet. This impression makes you sure of your destiny. Yet, you are at the brink of big upheavals that only a minority is aware of. It is not our responsibility to modify your future without you choosing it. Consider this message as a worldwide referendum! And your answer as a ballot!

Who are we ?

Neither your scientists nor your religious representatives speak unanimously about the unexplained celestial events that mankind has witnessed for thousands of years. To know the truth, one must face it without the filter of one's beliefs, however respectable they may be. A growing number of anonymous researchers of yours are exploring new knowledge paths and are getting very close to reality. Today, your civilization is flooded with an ocean of information of which only a tiny part, the less upsetting one, is notably diffused. What in your history seemed ridiculous or improbable has often become

possible, then realized, in particular in the last fifty years. Be aware that the future will be even more surprising. You will discover the worst as well as the best.

Like billions others in this galaxy, we are conscious creatures that some name "extra-terrestrials," even though reality is subtler. There is no fundamental difference between you and us, save for the experience of certain stages of evolution. Like in any other organized structure, hierarchy exists in our internal relationships. Ours is based upon the wisdom of several races. It is with the approval of this hierarchy that we turn to you. Like most of you, we are in the quest of the Supreme Being. Therefore we are not gods or lesser gods but virtually your equals in the Cosmic Brotherhood.

Physically, we are somewhat different from you but most of us are humanoid-shaped. Our existence is a reality but the majority of you does not perceive it yet. We are not mere observations, we are consciences just like you. You fail to apprehend us because we remain invisible to your senses and instruments most of the time. We wish to fill this void at this moment in your history. We made this collective decision but this is not enough. We need yours. Through this message, you become the decision-makers ! You personally. We have no human representative on Earth who could guide your decision.

Why aren't we visible ? At certain stages of evolution, cosmic "humanities" discover new forms of science beyond the apparent control of matter. Structured dematerialization and materialization are part of them. This is what your humanity has reached in a few laboratories, in close collaboration with other "extraterrestrial" creatures at the cost of hazardous compromises that remain purposely hidden from you by some of your representatives. Apart from the aerial or spatial objects or phenomena known about by your scientific community, that you call UFOs, there are essentially multidimensional manufactured spaceships that apply these capacities.

Many human beings have been in visual, auditory, tactile or psychic contact with such ships, some of which are under occult powers that "govern" you. The scarcity of your observations is due to the outstanding advantages provided by the dematerialized state of these ships. By not witnessing them by yourself, you cannot believe in their existence. We fully understand this. The majority of these observations are made on an individual basis so as to touch the soul and not to modify any organized system. This is deliberate from the races that surround you but for very different reasons and results.

For negative multidimensional beings that play a part in the exercise of power in the shadow of human oligarchy, discretion is motivated by their will to keep their existence and seizure unknown. For us, discretion is motivated by the respect of the human free will that people can exercise to manage their own affairs so that they can reach technical and spiritual maturity on their own. Humankind's entrance into the family of galactic civilizations is greatly expected.

We can appear in broad daylight and help you attain this union. We haven't done it so far, as too few of you have genuinely desired it, because of ignorance, indifference or fear, and because the situation did not justify it. Many of those who study our appearances count the lights in the night without lighting the way. Often they think in terms of objects when it is all about conscious beings.

Who are you ?

You are the offspring of many traditions that throughout time have been mutually enriched by each others contributions. The same applies to the races at the surface of the Earth. Your goal is to unite in the respect of these roots to accomplish a common project. The appearance of your cultures seems to keep you separated because you substitute it to your deeper being. Shape is now more important than the essence of your subtle nature. For the powers in place, this prevalence of the shape constitutes the ramparts against any form of jeopardy. You are being called on to overcome shape while still respecting it for its richness and beauty. Understanding the conscience of shape makes us love men in their diversity. Peace does not mean not making war, it consists in becoming what you are in reality: a

fraternity. To understand this, the number of solutions within your reach are decreasing. One of them consists in contact with another race that would reflect! the image of what you are in reality.

What is your situation?

Except for rare occasions, our interventions always had very little incidence on your capacity to make collective and individual decisions about your own future. This is motivated by our knowledge of your deep psychological mechanisms. We reached the conclusion that freedom is built every day as a being becomes aware of himself and of his environment, getting progressively rid of constraints and inertia. Despite the numerous, brave and willing human consciences, this inertia is artificially maintained for the profit of a growing centralizing power. Until recently, mankind lived a satisfying control of its decisions. But it is losing more and more the control of its own fate because of the growing use of advanced technologies, which have lethal consequences on the earthly and human ecosystems that will become irreversible. You are slowly but surely losing your extraordinary capacity to make life desirable. Your resilience will artificially decrease, independently of your own will. Such technologies exist that affect your body as well as your mind. Such plans are on the way.

This can change as long as you keep this creative power in you, even if it cohabits with the dark intentions of your potential lords. This is the reason why we remain invisible. This individual power is doomed to vanish should a collective reaction of great magnitude not happen. The period to come is that of rupture, whichever it may be. But should you wait for the last moment to find solutions ? Should you anticipate or undergo pain ?

Your history has never ceased to be marked by encounters between peoples who had to discover one another in conditions that were often in conflict. Conquests almost always happened to the detriment of others. Earth has now become a village where everyone knows everyone else but still conflicts persist and threats of all kinds get worse in duration and intensity. Although a Human being is an individual, having many potential capacities, he cannot exercise them with dignity. This is the case for the majority of you for reasons that are essentially geopolitical. There are several billion of you. The education of your children and your living conditions, as well as the conditions of numerous animals and much plant life are nevertheless under the thumb of a small number of your political, financial, military and religious representatives. Your thoughts and beliefs are modeled after partisan interests which turn you into slaves, while at the same time giving you the feeling that you are in total control of your destiny, which in essence is the reality.

But there is a long way between a wish and a fact when the true rules of the game at hand are unknown. This time, you are not the conqueror. Biased information is a military strategy for human beings. Inducting thoughts, emotions or organisms that do not belong to you via ad hoc technologies is an even older strategy. Wonderful opportunities of progress stand close to big subtle and destruction threats. These dangers and opportunities exist now. However, you can only perceive what is being shown to you.

The end of natural resources is programmed whereas no long-term collective project has been launched. Ecosystem exhaustion mechanisms have exceeded irreversible limits. The scarcity of resources and their unfair distribution - resources which entry price will rise day after day - will bring about fratricide fights at a large scale, but also strike at the very heart of your cities and countryside. Hatred grows bigger but so does love. That is what keeps you confident in your ability to find solutions. But the critical mass is insufficient and sabotage is cleverly being carried out. Human behaviors, formed from past habits and training, have inertia that leads you to a dead end. You entrust these problems to representatives, whose conscience of common well-being slowly fades away in front of corporate interests. They are always debating on the form but rarely on the content. Just at the moment of action, delays will accumulate to the point when you have to submit rather than choose. This is the reason why, more than ever in your history,

your decisions of today will directly and significantly impact your survival of tomorrow.

What event could radically modify this inertia that is typical of any civilization ? Where will a collective and unifying awareness come from, that will stop this blind rushing ahead ? Tribes, populations and human nations have always encountered and interacted with one another. Faced with the threats weighing upon the human family, it is perhaps time that a greater interaction occurred. A great wave is on the verge of emerging. It mixes very positive and very negative aspects.

Who are the "third party?"

There are two ways to establish a cosmic contact with another civilization: via its standing representatives or directly with individuals without distinction. The first way entails fights of interests, the second way brings awareness. The first way was chosen by a group of races motivated by keeping mankind in slavery, thereby controlling Earth resources, the gene pool and human emotional energy. The second way was chosen by a group of races allied with the cause of the spirit of service. We have, at our end, subscribed to this disinterested cause and introduced ourselves a few years ago to representatives of the human power who refused our outstretched hand on the pretext of incompatible interests with their strategic vision. That is why today individuals are to make this choice by themselves without any representative interfering. What we proposed in the past to those whom we believed were in a capacity to contribute to your happiness, we propose it now to you!

Most of you aren't aware that non-human creatures took part in the exercise of those centralizing powers without being suspected or accessible to your senses. This is so true that they have almost very subtly taken control. They do not necessarily agree with your material plan, and that is precisely what could make them extremely efficient and frightening in the near future. However, be aware that a large number of your representatives are fighting this danger. Be aware that not all abductions are made against you.

It is difficult to recognize the truth. How could you under such conditions exercise your free will when it is so much manipulated ? What are you really free of ? Peace and reunification of your peoples would be a first step toward the harmony with civilizations other than yours. That is precisely what those who manipulate you behind the scenes want to avoid at all costs because, by dividing, they reign! They also reign over those who govern you. Their strength comes from their capacity to instill mistrust and fear into you. This considerably harms your very cosmic nature.

This message would be of no interest if these manipulators tutorage did not reach its peak and if their misleading and murderous plans did not materialize in a few years from now. Their deadlines are close and mankind will undergo unprecedented torments for the next ten cycles. To defend yourselves against this aggression that bears no face, you need at least to have enough information that leads to the solution. As is also the case with humans, resistance exists among those dominant races. Here again, appearance will not be enough to tell the dominator from the ally. In your current state of intuition, it is extremely difficult for you to distinguish between them. In addition to your intuition, training will be necessary when the time has come. Being aware of the priceless value of free will, we are inviting you to an alternative.

What can we offer ?

We can offer you a more holistic vision of the universe and of life, constructive interactions, the experience of fair and fraternal relationships, liberating technical knowledge, eradication of suffering, controlled exercise of individual powers, the access to new forms of energy and, finally, a better comprehension of consciousness.

We cannot help you overcome your individual and collective fears, or bring you laws that you would not have chosen, or help you work on yourselves, in an individual and collective effort to build the world you desire, in the spirit of quest to explore new skies.

What would we receive?

Should you decide that such a contact takes place, we would rejoice over the safeguarding of fraternal equilibrium in this region of the universe, fruitful diplomatic exchanges, and the intense joy of knowing that you are united in order to accomplish what you are capable of. The feeling of joy is strongly sought in the universe, for its energy is divine.

What is the question we ask you ? "DO YOU WISH THAT WE SHOW UP?" How to can you answer this question ? The truth of soul can be read by telepathy. You only need to clearly ask yourself this question and give your answer as clearly, on your own or in a group, as you wish. Being in the heart of a city or in the middle of a desert does not impact the efficiency of your answer, YES or NO, IMMEDIATELY AFTER ASKING THE QUESTION! Just do it as if you were speaking to yourself but thinking about the message. This is a universal question and these mere few words, put in their context, have a powerful meaning. You should not let hesitation stand in the way.

This is why you should calmly think about it, in all conscience. In order to perfectly associate your answer with the question, it is recommended that you answer right after another reading of this message. Do not rush to answer. Breathe and let all the power of your own free will penetrate you. Be proud of what you are ! The problems that you have may have weaken you. Forget about them for a few minutes and be yourselves. Feel the force that springs up in you. You are in control of yourselves! A single thought, a single answer can drastically change your near future, in one way as in another. Your individual decision of asking in your inner self that we show up on your material plane and in broad daylight is precious and essential to us.

Even though you can choose the way that best suits you, rituals are essentially useless. A sincere request, made with your heart and your own will, will always be perceived by those of us to whom it is sent. In your own private polling booth of your secret will, you will determine the future.

What is the lever effect ? This decision should be made by the greatest number among you, even though it might seem like a minority. It is recommended to spread this message, in all imaginable ways, in as many languages as possible, to those around you, whether or not they seem receptive to this new vision of the future. Do it using in a humorous tone or derision if that can help you. You can even openly and publicly make fun of it if it makes you feel more comfortable, but do not be indifferent for at least you will have exercised your free will. Forget about the false prophets and the beliefs that have been transmitted to you about us. This request is one of the most intimate that can be asked to you.

Making a decision by yourself, as an individual, is your right as well as your responsibility! Passivity only leads to the absence of freedom. Similarly, indecision is never efficient. If you really want to cling to your beliefs, which is something that we understand, then say NO. If you do not know what to choose, do not say YES because of mere curiosity. This is not a show, this is real daily life, WE ARE ALIVE! And living! Your history has plenty of episodes when determined men and women were able to influence the thread of events in spite of their small number. Just like a small number is enough to take temporal power on Earth and influence the future of the majority, a small number of you can radically change your fate as an answer to the impotence in face of so much inertia and so many hurdles! You can ease the mankind's birth to Brotherhood. One of your thinkers once said: "Give me a handhold and I'll raise the Earth." Spreading this message will then be the ! handhold to strengthen, we will be the light-years long lever, you will be the craftsmen to raise the Earth, as a consequence of our appearance.

What would be the consequences of a positive decision?

For us, the immediate consequence of a collective favorable decision would be the materialization of many ships, in your sky and on Earth. For you, the direct effect would be the rapid abandoning of many certitudes and beliefs. A simple conclusive visual contact would have huge repercussions on your future.

Much knowledge would be modified forever. The organization of your societies would be deeply changed forever, in all fields of activity. Power would become individual because you would see for yourself that we are living.

Concretely, you would change the scale of your values ! The most important thing for us is that humankind would form a single family in front of this "unknown" we would represent ! Danger would slowly melt away from your homes because you would indirectly force the undesirable ones, those we name the "third party," to show up and vanish. You would all bear the same name and share the same roots: Mankind. Later on, peaceful and respectful exchanges would be thus possible if such is your wish. For now, he who is hungry cannot smile, he who is fearful cannot welcome us. We are sad to see men, women and children suffering to such a degree in their flesh and in their hearts when they bear such an inner light. This light can be your future. Our relationships could be progressive.

Several stages of several years or decades would occur: demonstrative appearance of our ships, physical appearance beside human beings, collaboration in your technical and spiritual evolution, discovery of parts of the galaxy. Every time, new choices would be offered to you. You would then decide by yourself to cross new stages if you think it necessary to your external and inner well-being. No interference would be decided upon unilaterally. We would leave as soon as you would collectively wish that we do. Depending upon the speed to spread the message across the world, several weeks, or even several months will be necessary before our "great appearance," if such is the decision made by the majority of those who will have used their capacity to choose, and if this message receives the necessary support. The main difference between your daily prayers to entities of a strictly spiritual nature and your current decision is extremely simple: we are technically equipped! to materialize!

Why such a historical dilemma ?

We know that "foreigners" are considered as enemies as long as they embody the "unknown." In a first stage, the emotion that our appearance will generate will strengthen your relationships on a worldwide scale. How could you know whether our arrival is the consequence of your collective choice ? For the simple reason that we would have otherwise been already there for a long time at your level of existence. If we are not there yet, it is because you have not made such a decision explicitly. Some among you might think that we would make you believe in a deliberate choice of yours so as to legitimate our arrival, though this would not be true. What interest would we have to openly offer you what you haven't got any access to yet, for the benefit of the greatest number of you ? How could you be certain that this is not yet another subtle maneuver of the "third party" to better enslave you ? Because one always more efficiently fights some! thing that is identified than the contrary. Isn't the terrorism that corrodes you a blatant example?

Whatever, you are the sole judge in your own heart and soul! Whatever your choice, it would be respectable and respected. In the absence of human representatives who could potentially seduce you into error, you ignore everything about us as well as from about those who manipulate you without your consent. In your situation, the precautionary principle that consists in not trying to discover us does no longer prevail. You are already in the Pandora's box that the "third party" has created around you. Whatever your decision may be, you will have to get out of it.

In the face of such a dilemma, of one ignorance compared with another, you need to ask your intuition. Do you want to see us with your own eyes, or simply believe what your thinkers say? That is the real question! After thousands of years, one day, this choice was going to be inevitable: choosing between two unknowns. Why spread such a message among yourselves ? Translate and spread this message widely. This action will affect your future in an irreversible and historical way at the scale of millennia; otherwise, it will postpone a new opportunity to choose to several years later, at least one generation, if it can survive. Not choosing, stands for undergoing other peoples choice. Not informing others stands for running the risk of obtaining a result that is contrary to one's expectations.

Remaining indifferent means giving up one s free will.

It is all about your future. It is all about your evolution. It is possible that this invitation does not receive your collective assent and that, because of a lack of information, it will be disregarded. Nevertheless no individual desire goes unheeded in the universe. Imagine our arrival tomorrow. Thousands of ships. A unique cultural shock in mankind s history. It will then be too late to regret about not making a choice and spreading the message because this discovery will be irreversible. We do insist that you do not rush into it, but do think about it and decide!

The big media will not be necessarily interested in spreading this message. It is therefore your task, as an anonymous yet an extraordinary thinking and loving being, to transmit it. You are still the architects of your own fate DO YOU WISH THAT WE SHOW UP?"

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Location Of Alleged Roswell Crash Sites

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Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in. :)

Over two years ago I asked for information about the location of the alleged Roswell crash sites:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/jan/m16-007.shtml>

As I recall, the best information was contained in an earlier post by Glenn Campbell:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/jul/m22-012.shtml>

As well as in an article entitled "Now Where Was It Those Aliens Crashed?" located at:

<http://members.aol.com/wmpb/CrossRos/>

In addition, I received a number of very polite and helpful responses to my earlier inquiry.

I had been "officially" off the list for awhile, but I haven't been able to resist reading the list on the web. Now I see posts re: the location of the "cameraman's crash site," e.g.:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/oct/m30-005.shtml>

and, as I indicated above, I've been pulled back in. :)

So now to my questions....

Is there any one document or web page that sets forth the specific location (GPS coordinates and/or directions with mileage) and provenance of *all* (six, or is it now seven?) of the crash sites?

Is the precise location of the area searched by the SciFi channel both known and agreed upon? Is it agreed that the area the SciFi channel searched is the correct one, or at least a correct one?

Is the precise location of the "cameraman's" location both known and agreed upon?

Is Roswell still considered the most promising or "hot" case, or is it now Kecksburg?

Forgive me if this has all been discussed ad nauseum. I've been fascinated by the Roswell incident for years, have spent a fair amount of time and effort trying to understand it, and I've been... frustrated. One thing that has always troubled and frustrated me is the trouble identifying and locating the various alleged crash sites. I feel like there should be a web page somewhere that says "here are the (six or seven) places you might want to look." I'm tempted to try to put something together, but don't want to waste the time and effort if it has already been done.

Respectfully, Charles Chapman

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CI: Cydonia And The Arcology Hypothesis

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 06:35:57 -0500
Subject: CI: Cydonia And The Arcology Hypothesis

Cydonian Imperative
11-13-03

Cydonia and the Arcology Hypothesis
by Mac Tonnies

Images and links:
<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 43)

The sprawling, dilapidated "starfish" of the D&M Pyramid, revealed by the Mars Global Surveyor, was disillusioning to some who expected to find a near-perfect pyramid. Seen up close, the D&M retains some of the curious geometry suggested by Viking and THEMIS images, but at least one of the presumed facets is largely missing. But does this mean that we're observing a purely geological formation?

[image]

The D&M Pyramid in Cydonia.

In "The Monuments of Mars," Richard Hoagland advanced the idea that the pyramidal features in Cydonia were not mere artworks left by inscrutable builders, but once-inhabited enclosures. Taking his cue from architect Paolo Soleri, whose experimental Arcosanti project employs organic forms in an attempt to counteract urban sprawl, Hoagland described the Martian enigmas in terms of arcologies, or "architectural ecologies."

[image]

Paolo Soleri's Arcosanti project, an experimental quasi-arcology.

The Arcology Hypothesis posits that the large-scale morphologies under investigation, such as the City Pyramid and D&M Pyramid (and potentially the Face itself), were designed as functional enclosures, perhaps to shelter a beleaguered Martian civilization from some sort of planetary holocaust. This hypothesis is attractive to proponents of the more general Artificiality Hypothesis because it gives otherwise inexplicable formations such as the D&M a purpose. Planetary SETI is largely hostile to the notion of aesthetically driven "landscape art." If features like the D&M are artificial constructions, either constructed "brick by brick" or by the modification of existing landforms, then the Arcology Hypothesis allows us to address their builders in a utilitarian context.

It's edifying to consider what our own civilization would do if faced with imminent global catastrophe. Would we attempt to fortify existing cities against unstable conditions, or would we seek out alternative means of coping? Fallout shelters such as the one contained in Cheyenne Mountain indicate that radical departures from traditional architecture would be called for. Of course, fallout shelters such as those constructed in the 1950s were designed for small numbers of temporary inhabitants. It's likely that the features on Mars, if artificial, were built to house thousands -- or hundreds of thousands -- in relative

comfort. Moreover, candidate arcologies such as the D&M may not have been temporary. Environmental limitations such as food and water supply may have resulted in their ultimate downfall, to say nothing of worsening surface conditions (i.e., meteor impacts, clearly observed in the Cydonia region).

[image]

Building-like formations atop a mesa in "downtown" Cydonia. Image courtesy Keith Laney.

Critics of the Artificiality Hypothesis have seized on unlikely arguments to dismiss the possibility that the features in Cydonia are anything but wind-sculpted mesas and buttes. The failure to find "roads" and "lawn furniture" (the latter suggested albeit jokingly) has been taken by the mainstream Mars science community to mean that Cydonia cannot possibly represent the work of intelligence. This "terrestrial chauvinism" fails utterly to take into account the Arcology Hypothesis, which specifically calls for enclosed living spaces, not the comparatively fragile acreage of New York, Los Angeles or Tokyo.

[image]

Dark partial square on the D&M Pyramid: evidence of eroded surface structure?

The mainstream perspective also overlooks the fact that surface detail indicative of below-ground architecture is likely to have been heavily damaged or buried by millennia of drifting Martian sands. Nevertheless, the base of the City Pyramid features interesting angled "terraces." And one otherwise inconspicuous mesa sports a row of bright rectilinear formations that look for all the world like terrestrial-scale buildings. Perhaps these are openings into a much more expansive subterranean environment. The D&M Pyramid itself has an odd dark square centered precisely on its southern facet.

[image]

A Soleri-like pyramidal arcology. What would such a structure look like after thousands or millions of years of neglect?

Architects such as Soleri have designed insulated, megascale arcologies as well as experimental open-air communities such as Arcosanti. Hoagland notes that some of Soleri's more ambitious designs take the form of vast pyramids and domes -- shapes not unlike those that have puzzled Mars anomaly researchers. Significantly, Soleri's designs call for extensive subsurface infrastructure. It's conceivable that the majority of livable space within the Cydonia structures is underground. While it would be difficult if not impossible to prove or refute this notion without on-site archaeologists, evidence of apparent structural collapse such as the recessed (imploded?) "Fort" provides circumstantial evidence that Cydonia may possess much more anomalous real-estate than meets the eye. The large City Mound, for example, is encircled by a shallow "moat" that indicates potential underground enclosures.

[image]

The City Mound, with "moat" and satellite features.

Compare the City Mound to the prospective arcology design below, notable for its reliance on below-ground architecture.

[image]

A city of the future?

Additional anomalous surface features, including a possible second Cydonia "city" complex (discovered by Bob Harrison), lend further support to the Arcology Hypothesis. While I freely admit that comparing Martian features to terrestrial architecture is inherently speculative, any determined search predicated on the idea of prior habitation of Mars demands this sort of approach. Until we have access to confirmed extraterrestrial ruins -- whether on the Moon or elsewhere -- our own conceptual habitations are all we have by which to evaluate the merits of the Arcology Hypothesis.

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More Problems For British Columbia Family

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 06:58:54 -0500
Subject: More Problems For British Columbia Family

Continuing Problems For Kelowna, B.C. Family.

Date: November 8th and 9th, 2003

Since July 31, 2003, after an UFO encounter, missing time and disturbing episodes which followed, one of the women has continued to have some medical problems. Cynthia continues to have a constant feeling of pressure on her head and is becoming worse as the days and weeks go by. This feeling of pressure has now moved into her neck. On November 8, 2003 Cynthia, while at her home, became cold as her body temperature dropped to 35.2 C. She immediately called the hospital and talked to a nurse who informed her that it sounded like hypothermia was setting in. The color of Cynthia's skin started to change, to become almost whitish/grey. She was freezing to the point where she felt paralyzed and had major problems moving or walking. Also her heart was beating really irregularly and she reports it was down to 44 bpm. Cynthia's daughter is also experiencing an irregular heart rate as well.

HBCC UFO Research Note: The average normal temperature is 98.6=B0F (37=B0C). Cynthia's temperature dropped a little over 2 degrees and no explanation has been given as to what has caused this to happen. If your recorded rectal or ear temperature is less than 97=B0F (36.11=B0C), you have an abnormally low body temperature (hypothermia). If your rectal or ear temperature is 95=B0F (35=B0C) or lower, call a health professional immediately.

Information on taking your heartbeat measurement.

Your pulse is caused by your heart beating. As your heart beats and forces blood through your body, you can feel a throbbing sensation (the pulse) by putting your fingers over one of your arteries at any point where the artery comes close to the surface of your skin, such as your wrist, neck, or upper arm. Counting your pulse rate is a simple way to estimate how fast your heart is beating. Pulse rate measurements are often done by a health professional as part of a physical examination or in an emergency, but you can easily learn to measure your own pulse rate as well.

A pulse is usually described in terms of its rate, which is the number of beats per minute (bpm). However, the rhythm and strength of the heartbeat can also be noted, as well as whether the blood vessel feels hard or soft. An irregular rhythm, a weak pulse, or a hard blood vessel may indicate a medical condition that needs further evaluation.

The pulse rate is measured by counting the beats in a set period of time (at least 15 to 20 seconds) and multiplying that number to get the number of beats per minute. When you exercise, have a fever, or are under stress, your heart rate usually speeds up to meet your body's increased need for oxygen and nutrients carried in the blood. As a result, your pulse rate normally varies from minute to minute. Unless your pulse rate is being measured to check your fitness level or in an emergency situation, it is usually measured after you have rested for 10 minutes or more. This measurement is called a resting pulse rate. It is an accurate and simple assessment of the health of the heart and

circulatory system.

I always recommend to people if they feel there are medical problems that they seek out a health professional.

On Saturday night Cynthia's daughter went to bed, after a short period of time she started having an unusual and vivid dream about being in some type of vehicle with two beings. She felt that they were there to take her somewhere. The young girl felt that where ever they were going wasn't the place to be. So in her "dream" she jumped from the vehicle and landed on the ground hitting her right leg and rolled along the ground for a short distance. Cynthia's daughter, who also has been a victim of these unwanted visits by beings from elsewhere, woke up Sunday morning, November 9, 2003 with extreme pain in her knee.

Actually as she climbed out of her bed her leg folded up right underneath her. She was fine the night before, hadn't been involved in anything which may have caused the injury that I have reported below. Cynthia's daughter's cartilage in her right knee is ripped/torn and she has to be on crutches for a while until it heals up. The doctor asked the girl if she had took part in any sporting activities, or goofing around with friends, "she replied no"! After they left the doctors office and some time later the pain moved up into her thigh and is getting worse. Cynthia is taking her daughter back to the doctor, or the hospital to have her checked out again. Cynthia told me blood tests will be done in hopes of determining what caused the drop in Cynthia's body temperature, also checking to see if there are any problems developing with her daughter. She also mentioned that both her and her daughter are craving salted products and are extremely thirsty. Both mother and daughter are totally exhausted, as if the two of them hadn't slept for days. Cynthia said, how can a person who is sleeping soundly in their bed wake up in the morning with a torn cartilage in her right knee. I have to agree with her. Very strange indeed.

HBCC UFO Note: I telephoned Cynthia Monday night to see how both her and her daughter were feeling. Cynthia sounded extremely tired, like she had no energy even to carry on a conversation.

I must say I find this to be very upsetting for me to hear what has..... and istaking place with this family. I also am going to try to get down to see them if the weather holds. There is also more which has taken place, but due to this information being of a personal nature, "I will not" be adding this to any of my reports.

Cynthia mentioned that a couple of nights before November 8, 2003 her daughter woke up at 3:00 a.m. to a loud and very strange and unusual sound coming from the orchard behind their home. And the dogs in the area were making such a noise. She was so frightened from hearing such a loud and weird sound that she pulled the covers up over her head. She couldn't even give me an example of what the noise sounded like as it was so strange.

The very next night after Cynthia's daughter heard this crazy noise, Cynthia said she got woken up at 4:05 a.m. to the same sound, or at least something she could not make any sense of. Cynthia said the dogs were going crazy, the cows in the area were acting up, so she got out of bed and moved onto the balcony and looked toward the orchard. It was dark and she could see nothing but could still hear the sound. She told me she started clapping her hands, making noises herself and the strange sound eventually stopped. Although the dogs still were acting up in the area but since the sound had stopped, Cynthia decided to go back to bed. However, no sooner did she get back under the covers than the noise returned. She rolled over and tried to block out the sound until she ended up going to sleep.

HBCC UFO Note: I tried to find out if abductees have even experienced hypothermia after an encounter. After searching and reading all kinds of matter I came up with nothing. So I contacted Mr. Derrel Sims and Mr. Whitley Stieber to ask if they had encountered anyone reporting hypothermia right after an event. They both were so helpful. Also I contacted other abductees but they also said they had never experienced hypothermia after an abduction.

Of course this raises some questions which people were interested in. From what I was told a lot of discussion has not

taken place on the idea of hypothermia after an abduction, mainly because no one has reported this phenomena as taking place. Some abductees report feeling very cold leading up to the actual abduction, also feeling very cold just after it took place. Many report a coldness when inside a craft to the point they were shaking. Some of this I am sure is due to the fear one must go through when being taken.

So why is this woman reporting hypothermia ? Is it due from being in a very cold environment (on a craft), plus the fright of the whole situation. Did this occur because she was dropped off outside in a cold environment, which it was at the time of this incident. Or was the hypothermia condition caused by a medical problem no one is aware of right now. There always seems to be more questions than answers. Maybe the blood tests, etc.. will show something. We will have to wait and see and pray for some answers.

I will leave this off here for now. I would like to say this is the end of this story, but I have my doubts. The good thing is I keep in contact with Cynthia on a daily basis and have told her if she just wants to chat, then call me anytime.

More News That I Just Received:

I just had an email from a lady who resides in Vernon, British Columbia. She has informed me that a couple of business owners were in Kelowna, British Columbia on November 8, 2003 and watched green lights in the south west sky's over Kelowna. This event took place the very same night problems started again for the Kelowna family. I hope to have a full report on the sighting of the green lights. Also I want everyone to know, no information had been given out to anyone about what took place on November 8, 2003 with Cynthia and her daughter. So again we have green lights showing up and strange events taking place with a close friend.

I can honestly say, in my opinion, there creatures that take folks from the comfort of their homes are not here to give humanity a gift, as some may suggest. They are here to experiment, degrade and frighten everyone who comes in contact with them. No one will ever convince me other wise.

Take good care out there, and please if anyone who has been involved in an abduction and has ever experienced hypothermia after the incident, I would really appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 20:38:12 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:00:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Balaskas

>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 18:03:33 -0000
>Subject: Lunar Image Anomaly

<snip>

>I am currently in the process of soliciting analysis and comment
>from several astronomers and astronomical institutions of an
>image that shows an object passing over the lunar disk, as
>photographed from the West Midlands (UK). The image also appears
>to show an associated shadow cast on the lunar surface.

>If anyone on List knows of any astronomers who may be willing to
>take a look, may I request that you point me (or them) in the
>right direction?

>I'd also like to call upon the wealth of experience represented
>on this List, and ask if anyone here has observed anything
>similar.

>The case file can be viewed here:

>http://zaziork.com/theunexplained/case_files/case_008/main.htm

<snip>

Hi Dan!

If these two identical looking darks spots are not something such as camera/image artifacts or defects - which I suspect they are - then they must be very small objects in the Earth's atmosphere and close to the observer for the following reasons:

- 1) The two spots are as dark as the black background night sky. If these two objects were in space, the sunlight reflecting off their surfaces would make them at least as bright as the dark mara or "seas" of the Moon seen in the background. If these two objects were instead in the Earth's atmosphere, then they would be black since being in Earth's nightside they would not be illuminated by direct sunlight at all.
- 2) One of these two spots cannot be the shadow of the other on the surface of the Moon (the lunar phase is just after full) since the object would be much brighter than its shadow. There are many such examples of this in photos taken by amateur astronomers of the bright Galilean satellites and their darker shadows on the upper cloud layers of Jupiter. Also, because the Sun is not a point light source but an extended round luminous object, the shadow would show some evidence of an umbra and penumbra and look very different from the object. It doesn't.
- 3) If these two spots were temporarily in lunar orbit, they would be present long enough for many more pictures to have been taken with the digital camera used. Do these other images exist, and if not, why not? If these two spots were satellites in Earth orbit, distance aircraft or even bats or bugs flying in formation, they would have crossed the face of the Moon so quickly that it seems very unlikely that the witness (the son)

would have had enough time to position his hand held digital camera and taken a quick picture of these (or some other object?) he claims to have seen moving across the Moon.

For the above reasons, I think we can rule out the large UFO or meteoroid in space as the explanation for these two spots that appear in this single picture.

That said, there are other more compelling images of a massive(?) UFO in the vicinity of the Moon taken during the flight of Apollo 16. These images along with the full details can be seen in the paper by Hiroshi Nakamura published in the latest issue (Fall, 2003 - Volume 17, Number 3) of the 'Journal of Scientific Exploration'. I still think this UFO is a window reflection of something from inside of the Command Module...

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 21:18:26 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:03:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 21:06:38 +0000
>Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 16:35:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

>>From: Brad Sparks
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 20:31:18 EST
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update [was: Trindade]

>>I see no response to the fact that Noguez proposes the
>>pseudoscientific notion [that a double exposure could subtract
>>it and create a darker object in the Trindade photos.]

>I wonder if this in fact such a big issue as you think. I have
>to admit that I'm not a photographic expert, and this is just
>off the top of my head, so I'm not putting money on it!

>We're assuming that the sky, as shown in the published Trindade
>pictures, is quite light, with a darker grey 'object' against
>it. This might not have been the case.

>Let us assume that a hoaxer first photographs a UFO image which
>is very dark against a grey background, then photographs a
>landscape over it. If the sky in the real landscape is darker
>than the background to the image, the resultant photograph will
>show a sky which is lighter than the real sky at the time, and
>will still show a UFO darker than the doubly-exposed sky, but
>lighter than the original photographed image.

>John Rimmer

John,

Well now you have a scientific argument to pose. Yeah don't put
any money on it, here's why:

The problem with that technique is that the ENTIRE PHOTO becomes
lighter too, the island, the ship, and the sky all have that
LIGHT ADDED from your "grey background" ("grey" still contains
LIGHT, whether grey or not, so that the fake "UFO" can show up
against it in contrast).

But where is the light from this hypothetical "grey background"
double-exposure of yours? It has to superimpose onto the
Trindade island and ship scenes because it is simple physics --
light adds to light in photography and CANNOT SUBTRACT LIGHT.

Yet the Trindade island scenes contain EXTREMELY DARK features
and so do the shadows of the ship's rope cables (as Barauna
stated he had underexposed the shots, and for good reason since
he was about to take shots of the launch being hoisted in which
would have been brightly lit compared to the background). Your
theorized "grey background" cannot add more light than is seen
the darkest portions of the film, yet the darkest parts are
almost pitch-black! The darkest parts of the film put an
extremely tight constraint on the amount of light that a double
exposure can possibly add, and in fact it makes it an

impossibility, as I will explain below.

Let's get quantitative here: I scanned in first-generation prints from the negatives over tens of millions of pixels (so my sampling is abundant) on the widest possible grayscale, which for simplicity we can say ranges from 0 to 10 dark to light.

The UFO image's darkest spots are at about level 6, the surrounding sky is at about level 8, and it's about the same on each of the four photos so I can discuss them collectively.

Thus the sky near the UFO image must have been at about brightness level 6 before the double exposure, and then very simply your "grey background" HAD TO ADD 2 to add up to the result of sky brightness 8 that we now see around the UFO image (and that assumes unreasonably that the fake "UFO" image had parts as black as the blackest charcoal, which is nonsense, even black paper reflects around 10% of incident light). So $6 + 2 = 8$. Do you follow me to this point?

But your "grey background" MUST ADD THE SAME 2 levels of brightness to the ENTIRE PHOTO if this is the result of a simple double exposure. Do you understand that? Yet portions of the island and the shadowed ropes of the ship are so dark they go down to blackest black at less than 0.5 on this grayscale density, meaning they seem to be near the fog density of the film or NEARLY UNEXPOSED TO LIGHT -- so where is your theorized "grey background" and all of its 2 levels of light??? These dark areas on the photos at less than 0.5 density could not possibly exist after your "grey background" double exposure had added 2 density units of light to them -- these areas would be at least level 2 brightness afterward. Do you see that? Thus a simple double exposure in these Trindade photos is a complete physical impossibility.

Nor is there any possibility of a tilted or vignetted "grey background" that is dark on one side (to be double exposed over the dark island scene) but light on the other (sky) side with a fake "UFO" image in the middle -- the sky density is the same on all parts of the photos all around the UFO, there is no preferential shading or "vignette" effect like that. And in the first and last photos there IS NO "SKY SIDE" OR "ISLAND SIDE" of the frames in the first place. The island does not even simplistically cover the bottom half of the photo but is way off to the left side on those two photos so this tilted grayscale "grey background" could not possibly work. You may not realize this but because all published versions of the Trindade photos stupidly crop out the foreground ship features of railings and darkly shadowed ropes you don't see that in Photos 2 and 3 the UFO image is encircled on 3 sides by island, ocean and ship features, and nearly so in the other shots. This background-foreground surrounding of the UFO images prevents any vignetting in a double-exposure as I just described.

To sum up, it is still a physical impossibility for the UFO image to be darker than the surrounding sky in any double exposure in the Trindade photos (I add that qualifier because of course OTHER photos could be hoaxed by double exposure).

But you can have a fake "UFO" image as dark as you want in a photomontage, with none of these photometric problems of a double exposure, just paste on the darkest fake "UFO" image you want onto pictures of Trindade and the ship! It's still a physical impossibility as I explained previously but at least you don't have photometric problems.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 04:38:59 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:50:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 17:08:14 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>Yes, I'm a convicted drug dealer. If you want specifics it was
>approximately September 1976 and the substance was Amphetamine
>Sulphate (a crap drug I have to say, but I bought some and sold
>it on). That was 27 years ago, before many on this List were
>even born. I'm not ashamed or embarrassed by it, nor has it ever
>been a secret. I have always, and will always, continue to use
>psychedelics.

Hi,

How should this List view the words of a convicted drug dealer?

And does time allow for closure on such charges?

Roy

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Burns

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 05:45:36 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 08:10:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Burns

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:07:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:53:14 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
>>>Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

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>>Having read the article in some depth I can honestly say that
>>all right-minded ufologists will want to acquire it immediately.
>>As a text book example of how an obsessive personality can
>>invent something out of nothing it's excellent.

>"As a text book example of how an obsessive personality can
>invent something [out] of nothing [,] it's excellent."

Andy, I do not have an obsessive anything, I have simply put all the facts in one place at one time. Many of the facts were retrieved from this very list as you know as well as many other printed sources.

>Presuming this is what you meant ... all we have here, still, is
>your uncited armchair proclamation on a piece of cited work,
>obviously not your own, with which you are not in agreement. It
>is work with which you seem more than willing to take unethical
>liberties... perhaps because there are not enough references to
>flying lighthouses and gassy pelicans?

>>However, instead of wasting your money on buying it, I'll have
>>it scanned by Thursday and will happily send free copies on
>>request.

>In one stroke you obliterate a copyright and provide a mechanism
>for keeping researchers from an honorable reward for their
>efforts... pretty cheesy, sir, forgetting how wrong it is.....

Alfred, I informed Mr Roberts that he did not have my permission or the publishers permission to do this. But this type of behaviour is typical as to many other things that have occurred as outlined in my article. Mr Roberts is doing this to try and stop a man who has self-published his magazine, out of his own pocket, from getting any return. Andy as a published author this is just more disgusting behaviour.

Shame on you.

Another reason to distribute to people is so that Roberts can make a big joke out of it by saying to people its so wrong I will send it to you.

I hope that many people will read this article you may disagree on some aspects you may not. I have allready discussed this article with Andy Roberts. My position is if you dont like the content you should have thought about that before you behaved the way you have and are now.

>The reader can imagine what the CSICOPian author's attitude
>would be given this kind of arrogant and mean-spirited literary
>piracy.

Well said,

Max Burns

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Re: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 02:17:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 08:23:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. - Velez

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson@alienjigsaw.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 09:18:52 -0500
>Subject: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C.

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 18:01:59 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 08:17:07 -0500
>>Subject: Punch Biopsy Photos at A.I.C. [was: Newly-Posted]

>>>From: Terry Groff <terry@terrygroff.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 14:50:38 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

>>>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 20:23:26 -0500
>>>>Subject: Newly-Posted Photos at A.I.C.

><snip>

>Thank you for sharing the URL with the very interesting
>photographs of the various scars, bruises, and 'scoop-mark'
>scars. I know they bring the reality of this phenomenon to the
>forefront of people's minds when viewing them. It is a good
>reminder of just how real this phenomenon is for the people
>experiencing it - the abductees.

Hi Katarina,

That was kind of the point of the exercise. There have been so many lame and dismissive threads about abductees recently that I thought the timing was right for a little reminder about how real and often times physically painful the phenomena can be for those who have to learn to cope/live with it.

It's easy to theorize, sit in judgement and pontificate about things that are distant (at more than arm's length) from you. It's a whole other ball of wax when it is happening to you and your family.

Two different kinds of 'real'. Know what I mean? It's easy for those outside of the experience to think that we must all be head cases. Actually I don't blame them. If it wasn't happening to me, I think I'd feel the same way.

It's the same with UFOs in many cases. People become convinced that UFOs are *real, (*physical aircraft) only after they have seen one for themselves. Before that... people who see UFOs are all nuts. Comprene?

The pictures I posted are a challenge and a reality check for anyone who wishes to simply dismiss out of hand, or explain 'all' of our reports, as being the result of a purely psychological phenomenon. Any 'psych' explanation must address and take into account (be able to explain) the attendant physical manifestations. Otherwise the theory is inadequate and

fails to address the 'whole' of the phenomena being presented/reported.

Are these things from 'outer space'? Who knows? Is the phenomena real? You bet. I'm neither crazy, hallucinating, or a liar. I don't have the luxury of 'doubt' nor am I able to pretend I know enough to tell others that what has happened to them- didn't happen. I leave that to all the smug, 'holier than thou' armchair experts who have never had any first hand experience with the phenomenon.

Thank you for your contribution to the thread Katarina. Always good to hear from you.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Burns

From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 06:03:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 08:13:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Burns

>From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO Updates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 00:02:19 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 9 Nov 2003 17:41:19 -0000
>>Subject: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>I am pleased to announce the release of the latest issue of
>>Dr Larry O'Hara's magazine "Notes From The Borderland".

><snip>

>>We proudly publish The Usual Suspects:Anatomy of a
>>disinformation campaign in ufology, by veteran ufologist Max
>>Burns. Max reveals the extreme depths some in ufology sank to in
>>order to shut him up concerning the March 1997 Howden moor ufo.

>>One usual suspect David Clarke - formerly of the Sheffield Star
>>newspaper, already discredited for disgusting reporting of the
>>1989 Hillborough tragedy and relentlessly targeting framed
>>anarchist Mark Barnsley. Another is convicted drug
>>supplier/armchair ufologist Andy Roberts

><snip>

>Much as I've had my differences with Clarke and Roberts, you
>have to be very sure of your ground before you describe somebody
>as a convicted drug supplier.

>On another UK list Andy Roberts has recently admitted to being a
>longstanding user of psychedelic substances, and has expressed
>the view that all drugs (including hard drugs) should be legal.
>Is this what you're referring to?

>If not, and if you stand by your description of Andy as a
>convicted drug supplier, I hope you can back up your statement.
>If you can't, I suggest you withdraw the remark.

Nick,

I am completely certain I have all the press cuttings from my
trip to the Colindale Newspaper archive in London, researching
my article.

Thanks for the good advice,

Max

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 02:23:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 12:29:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 18:03:33 -0000
>Subject: Lunar Image Anomaly

>I am currently in the process of soliciting analysis and comment
>from several astronomers and astronomical institutions of an
>image that shows an object passing over the lunar disk, as
>photographed from the West Midlands (UK). The image also appears
>to show an associated shadow cast on the lunar surface.

>If anyone on List knows of any astronomers who may be willing to
>take a look, may I request that you point me (or them) in the
>right direction?

>I'd also like to call upon the wealth of experience represented
>on this List, and ask if anyone here has observed anything
>similar.

>The case file can be viewed here:

>http://zaziork.com/theunexplained/case_files/case_008/main.htm

>If anyone wishes to take a more thorough look, please get in
>touch and I'll email a copy of the original (full size) image
>file to you.

Hi Dan,

Nick Balaskas is an astronomer that reads this List. Hopefully, Nick will chime in and comment on the pix. As an amateur astronomer I can tell you that it is likely that the "objects" in the photo (if they are 'objects' and not aberrations on the negative or print) are located within the earth's atmosphere and not on the moon. If they are objects flying over the surface of the moon they would have to be miles in diameter to appear so large against the moon (from that distance) in the photo.

Most likely they were between the moon and the earth and well within our own atmosphere. I'm sure Nick will confirm my estimation/statements.

There is some footage floating around that was taken by a Japanese astronomer that shows a really large disc shaped object flying over the surface of the moon and casting a shadow on the ground as it traverses the surface. Footage that has never been shown to have been hoaxed. I have seen it several times but I cannot recall precisely where or on what program I might have seen it. Anybody?

Nick... are you monitoring this thread?

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:29:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:18:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Lehmborg

>From: Victor Viggiani <zland@sympatico.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:42:40 -0500
>Subject: Our Capacity To Chose

>Disclosure Dialogue -

>List:

>What is written below was passed along to me by a friend. Who
>the original author(s) may be or from where they come, I know
>not. Whoever did write the piece and where ever they're from,
>they have given the UFO/ETI issue much thought. They have
>captured the essence of the geo-political mess we are in and the
>decisions we may need to make to find a way out.

>Despite its origin, it raises provocative questions,
>crystallizes issues in a rather unique manner and presents
>perspectives few of us entertain with any frequency.

>Have a read...

<snip>

Presuming, for a moment, the documents verity for the sake of argument, and whatever the genesis of it (forgetting the typos, seeming ability to speak in only one language, and engaging but human nuanced writing) the strange text speaks to the importance of the individual in the elevation of our aggregate species and eschews the mainstream agencies, institutions, and governments a programmed and programmable humankind has inflicted upon it:

"There are two ways to establish a cosmic contact with another civilization: via its standing representatives or directly with individuals without distinction. The first way entails fights of interests, the second way brings awareness."

The author seems to be saying that 'Individuals' can achieve intellectual, spiritual, and emotional quality, these quality individuals can collect into formidable teams, and it is the collections of individual human beings in these quality teams that impact favorably on the rising and advancing of aggregate human spirit... providing a larger reality that we can make, pretty much, for ourselves. The individual (as I've written for years) seems key.....

Accepting, for argument, that this piece was contributed by EBE, I take th at moment of reflection suggested and answer (in as much as I believe that "blissful ignorance" is a myth and a -mine field- and continued ignorance does not equal continued bliss...) that they should "show up", now, in fact, and do so with all deliberate speed! An alternative course of action would be to wait for Mr. Oberg's take on it here in this forum, and then do (or think) the thing exactly opposite (just to be sure).
<g>

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he
gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged
-- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 00:46:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:14:35 -0500
Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison - Hatch

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 12:42:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 13:25:37 -0800
>>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

<snip>

>>>Is there a mini-wave for Italy?

>>Filtering for Italian cases only, there is a definite mini-wave
>>in 1978 according to my data. Look at these annual counts.

>>1960-1970 0 to 10 cases per year.
>>1971-1976 7 to 21 cases/year
>>1977 40 cases
>>1978 125 cases
>>1979 37 cases
>>1980-1999 0 to 8 cases/year

>>This overlooks the 1954 wave of course, but over 40 years, 1978
>>stands out unmistakably.

>>For all years combined, Italian sightings are 2 or 3 times as
>>frequent in the second half of the year (July-Dec) as they are
>>in the first 6 months.

>Thanks for the breakout on the mini-wave, as usual these 125
>cases in 1978 are only the tip of the iceberg. There were dozens
>of reports, anecdotal and in the Italian newspapers, just in the
>region around Naples.

>I forwarded all I could find to Charles Bowen, editor of Flying
>Saucer Review at that time. I didn't keep any photocopies and
>later learned from Gordon Creighton (long time editor of FSR,
>who died July 16, 2003), that Charles Bowen's wife after her
>husband's death destroyed the amassed files and correspondence
>stored in the barn. What a loss!

>One peculiar story was related to me by an Italian Air Force
>warrant officer who I worked with in the off-line
>encryption/decryption section. He says his girlfriend, a
>pianist, would talk of the aliens in their underground base
>under Mount Vesuvio. She would go into a trance state, say the
>aliens were calling her, and then take off. Odd.

Hello Terry:

What a tragedy! You would think Mrs. Bowen would know any number
of qualified people who could take all those materials off her
hands. I just can't understand that.

If I were left a garage full of religious materials, or
something similar I had no use for, I could call up the most
relevant and qualified scholar or clergyman to take it for the

sake of those who are deeply interested.

Is this some sort of revenge? I'm at a loss here.

As for my records, I can only put in the data I have. Filtering out what look (to me) like weaker cases, I would naturally have a minority of them in any case.

Thanks for the info

- Larry

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

From: **Andy Roberts** <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 16:57:55 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:25:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Roberts

>From: Max Burns <max.burns@ntlworld.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 06:03:04 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

Pilgrims,

Whilst I have no issues whatsoever with Max and his muppets discussing my beliefs on drugs or my convictions, I fear he is using this as a smokescreen to disguise the real message of his article (which was in fact ghost written by Larry O'Hara). If ebk is happy to let the politics of recreational drug use and their transient, culture sensitive, laws discussed on this List I'm happy to do so. And I have a lot of factual stuff to say on the matter because I've been involved for 30 years and work professionally in the area.

I rather hope, however, that he'd prefer to stick to the mechanics of ufology, however bizarre it may be.

To sum Max's problem up, he's miffed because:

- * His 'investigation' of the Sheffield Incident was a mish mash of conjecture and nonsense

- * He couldn't cope with the fact that Dave Clarke did a definitive investiagtion which elicited different statements from witnesses

- * We sent him on a merry dance round Derbyshire's Peak District as part of a controlled experiment (hoax, for the dullards among you) - which he is now desparately claiming he knew about all along, yeah, right!

Miffed, bitter, and wanting revenge.

Some of you may not like how Max was treated. Tough. If self-styled investigators can't solve simple hoaxes then there is no point in believing a word they say. Like it or lump it as we say in these parts. I've done it before, since and will be doing it again. One day those who have fallen for these hoaxes will be revealed in a book, which will expose just how ufology works. Funny, though, that Max's chum Matthew Williams is a na ccomplished and admitted crop circle hoaxer but that, somehow, is 'art'. I prefer my 'art' to include people, not crops, up close up and personal.

Anyway...

- * Sometime during Max's investigation he was arrested, convicted and sentenced for possession with intent to supply a large amount of Ecstasy, as part of a huge investigation by South Yorkshire police.

- * Max, at the time, claimed that he had been set up - by Dave Clarke and myself and is now claiming, indeed the bulk of his article is built on this canard, that we are working for the government. Read that bit again. Do you believe that?

* So, let me re-iterate that. Max Burns is claiming, and genuinely believes, with no evidence whatsoever, that two prominent UK ufologists are 'agents' working for the government. He's cleverly confected this argument out of several unrelated events and incidents all loosely connected to the Sheffield Incident.

* Fundamentally it's all down to jealousy because he wasn't allowed to build the Sheffield case into something it wasn't (but which he would have liked it to be). When he was nicked for dealing E (which in fact turned out not to be E, but a lesser drug, therefore making Max a rip off merchant as well as a convicted dealer) he latched on to this as a form of martyrdom 'THEY' were onto him and he needed silencing and what better way to do it than a drug set up. Well, yeah, if you want to believe that. Max can't just accept that he was a drug addled dealer with a small time interest in ufology who got caught. All his nonsense about appealing against the conviction is just so much hot air. It isn't happening Max. You were nicked, it had nothing to with ufology, you did your time. Trying to find scapegoats either for inept investigation or for breaking the law is purely escapism on Max's part.

* I am vigorously breaching his copyright because if he chooses to write about me I reserve the right to let people know about it. If he or Lardy O'Hardly have a problem with this I suggest they take me to court. They won't of course as they would far rather bleat about being victims than actually do anything.

Max replied to Nick Pope, about my drug conviction - and stick with this because it's relevant.

>I am completley certain I have all the press cuttings from my
>trip to the Colindale Newspaper archive in London, researching
>my article.

And how do you think Max knew either about my convictions or which newspaper they were in? Easy, when I knew he was practising his writing skills I told him exactly what I'd been done for and where to find it. Otherwise he wouldn't ahve known anything. Presenting given facts as some form of investigative coup is rather sad, but there you are.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Hamilton

From: **Bill Hamilton** <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:24:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:21:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Hamilton

>From: Victor Viggiani <zland@sympatico.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:42:40 -0500
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<snip>

Victor,

Who Wrote the Message?

The author of the message is Jean Ederman, a French pilot, air traffic controller and airport manager, who claims to have been given the Message by a visiting group of 'benevolent ETs' after 'mentally projecting himself into their space'. On his website:

www.geocities.com/changetheworld_now/index.html

he describes a number of experiences he has had with visiting ET races over the years as well as the experience that produced the Message: "after having learned how to mentally project myself to a place in the presence of benevolent ETs, I received the following message on behalf of their hierarchy."

Found on: <http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-7.htm>

Beware of ETs giving messages, especially on behalf of their hierarchy...

Bill H

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Secrecy News -- 11/14/03

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood@fas.org>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:40:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 14:05:38 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 11/14/03

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CIA LOOKS AT THE FUTURE OF BIOWEAPONS

As bad as the threat of biological weapons may seem-- it's actually worse.

That is the upshot of a summary report prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency based on a workshop with non-governmental scientists held last January.

"Growing understanding of the complex biochemical pathways that underlie life processes has the potential to enable a class of new, more virulent biological agents engineered to attack distinct biochemical pathways and elicit specific effects...", the document stated.

A copy of the two page CIA report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "The Darker Bioweapons Future," Office of Transnational Issues, Directorate of Intelligence, November 3, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/bw1103.pdf>

No less interesting that the document itself is the tangled process that produced it.

The CIA, in a becoming act of humility, reached out to biological scientists early this year for insight and advice. It then squandered much of the good will it had engendered by informing the scientists that the conclusions of their open meeting would be classified. But then, facing criticism, the Agency reversed itself, belatedly yielding the present document. (Secrecy News, 4/02/03)

"CIA proactively reached out to the scientific community, but instead of getting credit for it, it got slammed," according to one non-governmental participant who said critics were mistaken to believe CIA was acting in bad faith.

"I hope that the scientific and security communities have both learned something from this experience and will continue to make the effort to work together," he said today. "We'll have to do a lot more of it in the future."

For background on the earlier dispute see "CIA openness report to be classified?" by Peg Brickley, The Scientist, April 7, 2003:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/news/20030407/03>

DOE ERODES THE FACA OPEN MEETING LAW

Congress has yielded to pressure from the Department of Energy to relax the open meeting requirements of the 1972 Federal Advisory Committee Act.

After closed door meetings of the DOE advisory committee on the National Ignition Facility were successfully challenged by the Natural Resources Defense Council and Tri-Valley Cares, DOE decided the rules needed to be changed.

Congress acquiesced in language inserted into the 2004 Defense Authorization Act.

The details and background of the change were first reported by Ian Hoffman in "DOE May Sidestep Open Government Law," Oakland Tribune, November 13:

<http://www.oaklandtribune.com/Stories/0,1413,82~1865~1763595,00.html>

IAEA REPORT ON IRAN

A November 10 report from the International Atomic Energy Agency found that Iran has been secretly pursuing proscribed nuclear technologies for the past 18 years, in violation of its Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty commitments.

A copy of the explosive new report, which has not been formally released to the public, was obtained and posted by the Natural Resources Defense Council (in a large PDF file) here:

<http://www.nrdc.org/nuclear/iaeairan.asp>

SECRET SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

The occasional practice of holding closed door sessions of Congress is surveyed in "Secret Sessions of Congress: A Brief Historical Overview" by Mildred Amer, Congressional Research Service, updated August 5, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RS20145.pdf>

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 19:48:28 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:05:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 02:23:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 18:03:33 -0000
>>Subject: Lunar Image Anomaly

>Hi Dan,
>Nick Balaskas is an astronomer that reads this List. Hopefully,
>Nick will chime in and comment on the pix.

Hi John, Nick, and other kind respondents,

Very many thanks for your analyses and comments, I very much appreciate it. I have also now heard back from a NASA representative, who similarly theorised that the objects may be jet aircraft. I'll keep the website file updated with any new comment/analyses/hypothesis as and when received.

Thanks again.

All the best,

Dan Bright

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More Reports On Light Beam & Object In BC

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 11:30:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:03:39 -0500
Subject: More Reports On Light Beam & Object In BC

Witnesses are still reporting an event which took place in the skies from Kamloops to Kimberley, British Columbia.

I may be a bit off on the count, but I believe there have been over 200 reports that have come in to me over this unusual event, plus the object which was witnessed minutes before the beam of light showed up.

I have even had some from the Kelowna area saying that nothing took place, nothing in newspapers, on radio, etc., about this incident.

Well, I would say to them, open their darned eyes. Newspapers carried the story on this and other events in the area, radio also carried the story. What this object or beam of light was, is anyone's guess right now as I cannot come up with an answer, neither can the professionals. So it remains a mystery.

Below is another report from a kind person who wanted to tell me what he witnessed.

Kelowna, British Columbia

August, 2003

Dear Sir,

I was just visiting your web site and I must say what I read not only shocked me, it sent shivers up and down my spine! I felt I had to contact you and tell you about my experience with the sighting of the mysterious beam of light that was observed back in July and again three weeks later, which is when I witnessed this odd phenomena.

It was fairly late in the evening as I recall because I was already in bed watching T.V. when all of a sudden I caught something out of the corner of my eye. I turned my head and out of my bedroom window I saw this very bright beam of light hovering in the sky going from northwest to southeast at what I would judge to be at least 20,000 ft. or better in altitude. It looked to be about 100 ft. in width and stretched across a long portion of the sky. This beam of light was very much like what you would see from a neon tube in that it had a very distinct outline, much like a very long rectangle. It looked like it might be rotating slowly, but it was very hard to tell really, because of the brightness of the object. I say object because that is the best way I can describe what it was I saw.

The out line of this beam was very distinct in that within it, it was so bright and yet all around it, it was a very dark clear night. You could see the stars above and below and I saw a plane flying at a high altitude [much higher and further away] off to the southwest, travelling from west to east, as is not unusual any night of the week.

This sighting was unlike any thing I have ever witnessed before in my lifetime. I have lived up north and out on the prairies,

and have seen the northern lights on hundred"s of occasions and I can tell you this was definitely not what I saw that night! This beam of light, for want of a better term sat stationary in the sky for a few seconds then seemed to blink out from south to north, like it was being drawn back to a point of origin. The best way I can describe what I mean by this is it was much like what I remember seeing in the movie 'Star Wars', when Luke drew his light saber sword. I know that seems funny, but it is the only way to describe what I saw that night.

I hollered for my room-mate to come and see it. By the time he got to my room this thing was gone, but he would certainly tell you I was quite agitated and excited by what I had just witnessed. I could not believe my eyes, but I said to the roomy "there is no way anyone who was outside at that time of night could possibly have missed it!".

We watched the news on our local station for the next few nights in hopes someone else may have seen it, but nothing came up and so I never gave it another thought as I have seen many strange things in the night sky over the years I have lived here in Kelowna; many times with other people, but have never reported anything before because I did not want the attention. So when I came across your website tonight you can understand how it hit me to find out I was not alone! I just got a computer last week and am only now learning how to use it, but I had to write you when I saw the reports on your sight. I had no idea you even existed until tonight.

Anyway, I will be watching the sky more often now as I know I am not alone in wondering what is going on up there.

Thank you to this witness for the report.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:06:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:48:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 04:38:59 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 17:08:14 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

<snip>

>How should this List view the words of a convicted drug dealer?

>And does time allow for closure on such charges?

Personally, I think Andy's attitude is totally irresponsible in the matter of drugs. However, Andy has not promoted any connection between his chemical escapism and ufology. That honour goes to a more recently convicted drugs dealer, Max Burns. He introduced it as a lame excuse for being "fitted up" by the nasty MIB from the MOD because he knew too much about flying saucers. At least Andy is honest about his past (and even his current) narcotic activity.

On a personal level, I can forgive a youthful error, but I fail to understand how or why Andy maintains his habit. If I were a prospective employer, especially in the professional drug abuse field, he would be crossed off the list of applicants as soon as he expressed his views. Andy is however (AFAIK) under no obligation to disclose his previous conviction, un-like Max Burns.

Seeking a weakness to gain retribution on Andy for "conspiring" with Dave Clarke to expose the flaws in his "big UFO case", Max has seen fit to introduce the topic into ufology yet again, dredging up an offence which took place 27 years ago. Unfortunately for Max, Andy doesn't give a toss.

Max's standard excuse for not disclosing his evidence that he was "fitted up" is that he is currently in the process of appeal. Well, it would not compromise that appeal if he were to divulge the name of the solicitor representing his case, the firm that they work for, the court with which the notice of appeal is lodged, and the reference number. These details could then be validated by some neutral person known to and trusted by all and confirmed on list. I would not be at all surprised however if this did not happen, and that the appeal is as much a fabrication as his "fit up" story is.

Regarding closure over time, I would say that once a sentence is spent (Max's won't be until 10 years after his conviction I believe) and the offender expresses genuine remorse for their actions, I would happily give them the benefit of the doubt. Unfortunately, this is not the case with either Andy or Max.

Well, you did ask.....

Regards ,

Joe

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:05:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:31:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 19:48:28 -0000
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>Very many thanks for your analyses and comments, I very much
>appreciate it. I have also now heard back from a NASA
>representative, who similarly theorised that the objects may be
>jet aircraft. I'll keep the website file updated with any new
>comment/analyses/hypothesis as and when received.

Hi Dan,

Sister Mary Margaret, pray for us! If the person you contacted
at NASA is indicative of the caliber of people that they hire,
we're in even deeper doo-doo with that pseudo-military agency
than I ever imagined. Even in my worst nightmares.

If the image that is presented on the Web is not an enlargement
of a portion of the original photographic image, and it is an
accurate representation of the magnification and image scale of
the original, then whoever you contacted at NASA misrepresented
him/herself to you and the individual must be one of the
janitorial staff who just happened to field your call/e-mail
when it arrived. It's possible!

Picture it... a lonely janitor absentmindedly mopping the floor
when suddenly he notices that someone forgot to shut down their
computer station! There, in front of him, is a seductively
throbbing, "You've got mail" icon with your e-mail inquiry in
queue just waiting for this bored-silly sod to open it, read it
and respond to it!

The NASA person said, "jets"??? I can only respond in one way...
as the boys in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn would say...

"Whatta freakin' maroon!"

I can't believe the answer you received. I re-read it several
times in order to convince myself that I wasn't mis-reading it.
Boggles the mind. This guy makes Herr Oberg look like a genuine
rocket scientist!

At the magnification level that the photo was taken, (with the
condition that it is not an enlargement) jet planes would have
appeared, if at all, as a much smaller and fuzzier elongated
smear or blur.

Because of the longer exposure times required for lunar photos,

generally between a quarter and 1 to three seconds depending on several factors, anything that is closer to the photographer than the subject he is focused on is going to appear badly out of focus. Especially objects in motion; like a pair of jets. Also, at night, the lights from the pair of jets would have recorded colored streaks on the film. Nothing of the kind is in evidence. One more, two commercial jets would never fly in a side by side, at close-quarter formation, like that. At twenty to thirty thousand feet, and hauling-ass at 500+ miles per hour, such a cruising configuration is just plain dangerous. If they were two military jets the wingman would be slightly behind and off to one side of the other airplane. The two 'objects' depicted are of approximately the same 'apparent' size, and distance from the cameraman. Neither one shows signs of wings or lights or any other feature that is associated with jet aircraft. What was this NASA person's speculation based on? Did he/she say?

I'm just a rank amateur and even I know better than to make a 'guess' as bad as the one made by the NASA 'janitor'. My best guess is; if anything, those two black things are glitches in either the emulsion of the original negative, or an artifact of the developing/ printing process of the image. Nick Balaskas who is an astronomer thinks the same thing.

In my own defense and so people don't accuse me of just mouthing off; before anybody here ever heard of me, I earned my living as a journeyman lithographer/graphic artist. For sixteen years I created and assembled images on spec for commercial printers - using film and a myriad of photographic techniques. I have attended classes Upstate New York at the Kodak plant and I have a rock solid working knowledge of film, cameras and photographic techniques. So I'm not just blowing smoke when I venture a guess about a photo image of any kind.

The guy from NASA who dismissed the marks/objects in the image as "jets" - apparently without much thought or justification, doesn't know his keester from a hole in the ground. Geez, this NASA person is everything you'd expect from years of public education and government training - and much, much more. It's scary!

As Homer Simpson would say... "Jeebus help me," if these folks, ie; Herr Oberg and now this new 'NASA genius,' is truly representative of the brains trust that is working at, and running, agencies as vital to society, and the future, as NASA.

A chill just went up my spine.

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 22:48:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:34:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 21:18:26 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 21:06:38 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Rimmer

>>I wonder if this in fact such a big issue as you think. I have
>>to admit that I'm not a photographic expert, and this is just
>>off the top of my head, so I'm not putting money on it!

>>We're assuming that the sky, as shown in the published Trindade
>>pictures, is quite light, with a darker grey 'object' against
>>it. This might not have been the case.

>
>>Let us assume that a hoaxer first photographs a UFO image which
>>is very dark against a grey background, then photographs a
>>landscape over it. If the sky in the real landscape is darker
>>than the background to the image, the resultant photograph will
>>show a sky which is lighter than the real sky at the time, and
>>will still show a UFO darker than the doubly-exposed sky, but
>>lighter than the original photographed image.

>
>>John Rimmer

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>
>John,

>
>Well now you have a scientific argument to pose. Yeah don't put
>any money on it, here's why:

>
>The problem with that technique is that the ENTIRE PHOTO becomes
>lighter too, the island, the ship, and the sky all have that
>LIGHT ADDED from your "grey background" ("grey" still contains
>LIGHT, whether grey or not, so that the fake "UFO" can show up
>against it in contrast).

>
>But where is the light from this hypothetical "grey background"
>double-exposure of yours? It has to superimpose onto the
>Trindade island and ship scenes because it is simple physics --
>light adds to light in photography and CANNOT SUBTRACT LIGHT.
>Yet the Trindade island scenes contain EXTREMELY DARK features
>and so do the shadows of the ship's rope cables (as Barauna
>stated he had underexposed the shots, and for good reason since
>he was about to take shots of the launch being hoisted in which
>would have been brightly lit compared to the background). Your
>theorized "grey background" cannot add more light than is seen
>the darkest portions of the film, yet the darkest parts are
>almost pitch-black! The darkest parts of the film put an
>extremely tight constraint on the amount of light that a double
>exposure can possibly add, and in fact it makes it an
>impossibility, as I will explain below.

<Long explanation cut>

What you are basically saying is that the Trindade photographs

could not be a double exposure because parts of them are so dark they could not have had a lighter image superimposed on them. Surely the problem with all your complicated calculations is that you are working from a print, not the original negatives. Is it not possible that the photos you have examined were over-exposed at the printing stage to make them seem darker?

Talking of complicated calculations, you haven't told us where we can see the ones you used to work out, from a series of blurred still photos, how fast the claimed UFO was allegedly spinning.

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

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Re: More Problems For British Columbia Family -

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson@alienjigsaw.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 18:02:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:37:59 -0500
Subject: Re: More Problems For British Columbia Family -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO <hbccufo@telus.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 15:38:23 -0800
>Subject: More Problems For British Columbia Family

>Continuing Problems For Kelowna, B.C. Family.

>Date: November 8th and 9th, 2003

>Since July 31, 2003, after an UFO encounter, missing time and
>disturbing episodes which followed, one of the women has
>continued to have some medical problems. Cynthia continues to
>have a constant feeling of pressure on her head and is becoming
>worse as the days and weeks go by. This feeling of pressure has
>now moved into her neck. On November 8, 2003 Cynthia, while at
>her home, became cold as her body temperature dropped to 35.2 C.
>She immediately called the hospital and talked to a nurse who
>informed her that it sounded like hypothermia was setting in.
>The color of Cynthia's skin started to change, to become almost
>whitish/grey. She was freezing to the point where she felt
>paralyzed and had major problems moving or walking. Also her
>heart was beating really irregularly and she reports it was down
>to 44 bpm. Cynthia's daughter is also experiencing an irregular
>heart rate as well.

>HBCC UFO Research Note: The average normal temperature is 98.6=B0F
>(37=B0C). Cynthia's temperature dropped a little over 2 degrees
>and no explanation has been given as to what has caused this to
>happen.

<snip>

>Take good care out there, and please if anyone who has been
>involved in an abduction and has ever experienced hypothermia
>after the incident, I would really appreciate hearing from you.
>Thank you

>Brian Vike, Director

Thanks for the update Brian. I have a few things to share
regarding Cynthia's feeling cold and her low blood pressure.
Maybe it will help, maybe not. Perhaps it will help her not to
be so afraid.

In approximately 1982 I felt very ill and my husband at that
time, took me to the hospital (Camp Lejeune). I felt I was
freezing to death, I was shaking and I was scared. The doctor in
the emergency room examined me and could find no reason for my
feeling cold, but did admit that my temperature was below
normal. I think it was similar to:

"You can't have a fever because your temperature isn't even
registering as normal... I can't understand why you are shaking
so much."

I was shaking because I was freezing - I could hardly stand up
or walk. I don't remember my skin changing color though.

I eventually got over whatever was wrong, but no diagnosis was

provided. That was the time when I started consciously remembering my experiences, but not knowing they were ET - I was remembering human appearing doctors and nurses during my experiences.

After 20+ years and having remembered and learned a lot about what is happening to me, I can say that I have some things in common with Cynthia. My blood pressure is low - so low in fact that whenever I bend over and stand up again, I almost always feel faint. My doctor said that is "position induced faintness" or something to that effect.

When I get sick, my temperature drops rather than rises. This has always been the case with me for as far back as I can remember. My mother was always confused about it, but later she just accepted it. When I got sick, my temperature would go down. I have had it as low as 96 degrees on many occasions. I also have an irregular heart beat and I noticed it often when I was a child. I used to call it a "flutter."

Perhaps more important to Cynthia and her feelings about this is, many times before an encounter, my body temperature drops and I become extremely cold. It is a "precursor" if you will, to abduction for me. This is something that I have learned to use as a guide. It doesn't always happen before an abduction, but an abduction always follows when it does happen.

It is a way for me to mentally prepare (as much as I can) for an "encounter."

It is just my speculation, but it is possible that there is some sort of trigger, perhaps biologically induced or perhaps by way of an implant or perhaps even telepathically, that is done by certain ETs. It may be to prepare our bodies better for transport - it may be that our body temperatures have to be lower (colder) to move through matter or to be in space or hyperspace or another dimension - No one really knows where or how they take us each and every time. Different ETs may use different methods, which is why it doesn't happen with "every" type of abduction.

I agree that Cynthia and anyone else who experiences this should see a doctor and have a complete work-up. It may not be the same for everyone who experiences a drop in body temperature, but it could be a similar occurrence for some abductees.

I believe I am in good health, overall. I have lab work done every year and my blood tests always come back "Great" according to my doctors - and from what I see on the print-out, things look just fine. It's just like Cynthia, I have low blood pressure, feelings of pressure in my head and neck (most of the time) along with migraines, and low body temperature from time to time.

Hoping this is of some help -

Katharina Wilson

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See Green Ball In Skies Last Night?

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:37:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:41:03 -0500
Subject: See Green Ball In Skies Last Night?

Source: Denver's ABC 7 TV

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com>

See Green Ball In Skies Last Night?
People Report Seeing Meteor At 8:40 P.M.

DENVER -- If you saw something shooting across the Denver sky last night and were alarmed, don't be. It was a meteor.

People reported seeing the meteor around 8:40 p.m. Thursday, saying that was heading south and it had a bluish-green color to it.

The Denver Nature and Science Museum is interested in getting more information from people who saw the meteor.

If you think you did, you are asked to fill out a meteor information form at Cloudbait.com.

Scientists use those reports to estimate the orbit of the original meteoroid, and determine something about its parent body, and possibly find any possible meteorites that might be produced.

"If you can keep your wits about you, your observation could be scientifically valuable. First, make note of the time. Next, look around for references such as telephone poles, chimneys, trees, or peaks.

Carefully note where you first saw the meteor, and where you last saw it.

What is important to note for both of these points is the altitude, which is measured in degrees from the horizon (90 degrees is straight overhead), and the azimuth, which is measured in degrees clockwise from north.

You also need to note your exact location, from a map or GPS receiver.

Think about the colors you saw, whether pieces were breaking off, and whether there was a smoke trail or glowing air behind the meteor. If you heard any sounds, how long after you saw the meteor did they happen?" the Cloudbait Observatory said on its Web site.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 02:39:20 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:55:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:06:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

<snip>

>At least Andy is honest about his past (and even
>his current) narcotic activity.

Hi,

Did Andy Roberts reveal to this List, that he was a convicted
Drug Dealer, at the time of attacking Max Burns, for the same
offence?

Roy

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Re: Trindade - Mori

From: **Kentaro Mori** <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 10:59:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Mori

Based now on first print scans, there's further confirmation that all four images of the UFO are different versions of only one original image:

<http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trind.htm>

Regards,

Mori
<http://www.strbrasil.com/ca/>

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Re: Consensus Blindness - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 23:23:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:04:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Consensus Blindness - Maccabee

>From: Ed Gehrman <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:egehrman@psln.c>om>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <
>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 11:25:55 -0800
>Subject: Consensus Blindness

>Excerpt from a Robert Temple essay

>Complete article at:

><http://www.para-normal.com/nuke/html/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1957>

>Forgotten Technology: Modern Lenses in Ancient Times

>...The earliest actual lenses which I have located are crystal

<snip>

>If there is all this evidence, why has no one ever talked about
>it before? The answer seems to be that unique capacity for
>stupidity which so distinguishes the human race, for obstinacy
>and the determination not to see. I call it consensus blindness.
>Everybody agrees not to look at things that make them
>uncomfortable, or which they think shouldn't exist. Therefore,
>the fact that more than 450 ancient lenses have been sitting
>around in the world's museums for all of these years and have
>been invisible is explicable only by invoking the theory that
>people subconsciously conspire not to see what they don't want
>to see.....

You are referring to what I call the "self-cover-up".... a major
reason for UFO rejection.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:30:50 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:07:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Gates

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 04:38:59 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Andy Roberts <aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Nov 2003 17:08:14 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>Yes, I'm a convicted drug dealer. If you want specifics it was
>>approximately September 1976 and the substance was Amphetamine
>>Sulphate (a crap drug I have to say, but I bought some and sold
>>it on). That was 27 years ago, before many on this List were
>>even born. I'm not ashamed or embarrassed by it, nor has it ever
>>been a secret. I have always, and will always, continue to use
>>psychedelics.

>How should this List view the words of a convicted drug dealer?

>And does time allow for closure on such charges?

Roy,

Picture this. A person claims that he or she saw a UFO land, saw occupants, etc etc. During the course of the investigation it comes out that said person had been busted for drugs and admits to continuing to use psychedelics to this day.

The skeptibunkers (who couldn't readily explain the sighting by the usual crop of suspects, balloons, birds, stars, or venus) would be all over this as the main reason why said witnesses story could not/should not be trusted and why their credibility was in doubt and why anything they say should not be believed.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 05:32:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:40:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Our Capacity To Chose - Hatch

>From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22@fastmail.fm>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 07:24:18 -0800
>Subject: Re: Our Capacity To Chose

>>From: Victor Viggiani <zland@sympatico.ca>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:42:40 -0500
>>Subject: Our Capacity To Chose

>>What is written below was passed along to me by a friend. Who
>>the original author(s) may be or from where they come, I know
>>not. Whoever did write the piece and where ever they're from,
>>they have given the UFO/ETI issue much thought. They have
>>captured the essence of the geo-political mess we are in and the
>>decisions we may need to make to find a way out.

>>Despite its origin, it raises provocative questions,
>>crystallizes issues in a rather unique manner and presents
>>perspectives few of us entertain with any frequency.

>Who Wrote the Message?

>The author of the message is Jean Ederman, a French pilot, air
>traffic controller and airport manager, who claims to have been
>given the Message by a visiting group of 'benevolent ETs' after
>'mentally projecting himself into their space'. On his website:

>www.geocities.com/changetheworld_now/index.html

>he describes a number of experiences he has had with visiting ET
>rares over the years as well as the experience that produced the
>Message: "after having learned how to mentally project myself to
>a place in the presence of benevolent ETs, I received the
>following message on behalf of their hierarchy."

>Found on: <http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-7.htm>

>Beware of ETs giving messages, especially on behalf of their
>hierarchy...

I hit up the URL and read as much as I could stomach.

Yeee-e-e-e-ikes!

This guy is an Air Traffic Controller in France?

There is much to be said about the French train service. Lots of
wines, and relatively few train wrecks.

I remember coming out of a red-wine stupor aboard one of those
trains in the years before the 'Chunnel'.

I asked where we were. Somebody said "halfway to Paris you
fool!". From where? "From London of course!"

That couldn't be true, we would all be in the English Channel!
(My perfectly correct verbal adversary was yet another

geographical illiterate.)

More to the point, I wonder if this ATC-contactee exists at all.

Back to my red wine stupor in la France (like it or not!)

I checked my watch. It was something like 2:30 PM California time. I forgot to reset it to local time. What made me happy was the way my new digital watch lit up in the dark! This was 1985 after all, a darned good year for me, and the wine kinda smoothed out the details.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:09:46 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:42:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 20:38:12 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 18:03:33 -0000
>>Subject: Lunar Image Anomaly

<snip>

>1) The two spots are as dark as the black background night sky.
>If these two objects were in space, the sunlight reflecting off
>their surfaces would make them at least as bright as the dark
>maras or "seas" of the Moon seen in the background. If these two
>objects were instead in the Earth's atmosphere, then they would
>be black since being in Earth's nightside they would not be
>illuminated by direct sunlight at all.

Hi Nick,

Out of interest, would brightness and secularity vary, based upon the material composition of the object in question? Or would these variations be too small to significantly change the visual observation? Would this factor depend upon how close the object was to point of observation? How about if an object had passed, say, mid-distance between the point of observation and the moon; how bright would it appear, given the illumination conditions in this image?

If such an object were to pass close to the lunar surface, or indeed were in orbit around the moon, would the light reflected off the moon (lunar glow) not render the light reflected off the smaller body insignificant in terms of this observation? Or in other words, would the reflected light from the smaller body be 'drowned out' by that of the larger, causing it to appear darker?

Do you know of anywhere that calculations are published which, at a given point in time, predict the relative brightness of a space object, taking into account the material make-up of the body, the distance of the body from the point of observation, and the illumination that may be expected due to direct sunlight, earth glow, and lunar glow?

Apologies for my ignorance, I'm gradually working towards becoming a novice when it comes to astronomy!

Best,

Dan

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Dan Bright
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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 16:39:36 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:50:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Bright

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:05:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 19:48:28 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>Very many thanks for your analyses and comments, I very much
>>appreciate it. I have also now heard back from a NASA
>>representative, who similarly theorised that the objects may be
>>jet aircraft. I'll keep the website file updated with any new
>>comment/analyses/hypothesis as and when received.

<snip>

>If the image that is presented on the Web is not an enlargement
>of a portion of the original photographic image, and it is an
>accurate representation of the magnification and image scale of
>the original, then whoever you contacted at NASA misrepresented
>him/herself to you and the individual must be one of the
>janitorial staff who just happened to field your call/e-mail
>when it arrived. It's possible!

Hi John,

I must admit that the NASA reply did cause a raising of
eyebrows, but I figured that he must have been speaking from
vast experience of observing such phenomenon.

The reply that I received was as follows:

"It's not uncommon to see aircraft flying in front of the Moon.
Most likely, that's two Air Force fighters flying in formation.
We see them flying like that around here all the time."

It must be noted that he did not request to view a full-size
copy of the image, which might suggest that he was pretty
confident of his theory considering that the image on the
website is clearly marked as having been compressed and scaled
for web presentation purposes. As you rightly assumed, the web
copy is an accurate representation of the magnification and
image scale of the original.

>Because of the longer exposure times required for lunar photos,
>generally between a quarter and 1 to three seconds depending on
>several factors, anything that is closer to the photographer
>than the subject he is focused on is going to appear badly out
>of focus.

The image was a digital image, taken using a Kodak Easyshare CX
4230 (with zoom). The camera was held to the eye piece of the
4.5 inch reflector telescope. Would this set-up also cause
blurring of an object that moved across the field of view in an
estimated 11-30 seconds (from witness report)? Moreover, could
an aircraft (or pair of aircraft) be observed taking this time
to traverse this distance, given an appropriate speed and

altitude? Has anyone on list observed high flying jets using similar optics?

Thanks again for your comments John. I'm trying to thrash this thing out and ascertain exactly what it is possible to observe, under what circumstances, and the appearance that an observed target would have given the conditions under which the observation took place.

Best,

Dan

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Dan Bright

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Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 08:25:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 11:48:07 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers -

>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 14:07:12 EST
>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren@pacbell.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 05:52:02 -0800
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Nov 2003 17:15:06 EST
>>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Still Have Plenty Of True Believers

>>>This post is about slaying dragons - the all-powerful dragons
>>>of anti-Ufology, which play the truth and harden the minds of
>>>so many in the general public.

>>So we're clear - we're going down an alternate path then that of
>>my original post in regards to my comments made to a writer
>>"ignorant" of the subject matter he was writing about, i.e.,
>>UFO's.

>Yes, because I don't think that "ignorance" has anything
>whatsoever to do with the root cause of the "True Believer"
>stigma. Ignorance of the UFO subject matter is a result of
>propaganda combined with altered facts. Once that attitude
>hardens, it's very difficult to change it, and trying to change
>it with facts alone is nearly impossible.

Dave, Et Al,

I believe we're on the same page here, Dave; perhaps for clarification, "intent" would be a better word to use regarding Mr. Pfisterer's article; that is I don't believe he had any agenda, and/or "malicious intent" when publicizing his views on UFOlogy. His mind-set, as you say, is the direct result of years of "propaganda and altered facts."

>The writer's attitude is one of "disbelief and disdain". The
>result is ignorance. In terms of a cart-and-horse analogy, the
>"disbelief and disdain" are the horse; the ignorance is the
>cart. Trying to fix the cart won't fix the horse, and trying to
>fix the ignorance problem won't fix the disbelief and disdain
>problem.

>For example: A person earns a Phd in math. Does anyone refer to
>him as a "True Believer in Mathematics"? Certainly not. Why not?
>Because, even though most people don't understand higher math,
>they know that math is a "respectable" subject. If it were an
>unrespectable subject, no amount of discussion of the Fibonacci
>Series, imaginary numbers, or statistical analysis would make it
>respectable or believable by the average citizen. True, some
>might be swayed, but they would fear being "contaminated" or
>"stained" by the subject until it was officially approved as
>being respectable.

>>>The point I was trying to make earlier, about Cyclops and the
>>>Government, is that they are waging a propaganda war - not a
>>>war of Science and Reason - when it comes to UFOs or "Alien
>>>Spacecraft".

>>The most powerful "weapon on the planet" is the media; the most
>>powerful people on the planet are those that control it.

>Exactly. And who are those people who control the media?

>>>Rationality is only superficially involved: They have to make
>>>a case which can be understood and believed (Professor Moore
>>>precisely calculated the balloon's trajectory, purple toy tape
>>>was used on the radar reflectors producing heiroglyphic symbols,
>>>and other seemingly rational statements).

>>Rule no. 1 in the misinformation business: mix in some
>>verifiable facts in the proposition.

>>>After the case has supposedly been made, make the reader
>>>feel smugly superior to those UFO loonies: They just want
>>>attention, they have "the will to believe", they are silly
>>>people, they don't practice science, they are "True Believers".

>>>Now John Q. Public can feel informed and superior. He can
>>>brush off any "flying saucer" claims with an air of
>>>confidence believing that he's an informed and thoughtful
>>>adult, while the True Believers are silly but harmless,
>>>and certainly don't know what they're talking about.
>>>And any attempts by a True Believer to persuade him
>>>to the other view of UFOs are simply the desperate
>>>attempts of a child to validate the monsters under his
>>>bed or the "real" dreams he had the night before.

>>>The propaganda from the government and Cyclops makes
>>>the uninformed reader feel good! And that is a vital
>>>ingredient in their recipe.

>>>I am very impressed with Frank Warren's letter to the
>>>writer of that "True Believer" article.

>>Thank you.

>>>It might even do some good - and I hope it does.

>>Doubtful.

>I agree that it's doubtful. I enjoyed reading it, but why did
>you write it if it's doubtful that it will do any good?

As mentioned in a previous post in response to Bruce, it does
"me more good" to write it, (usually), against any positive
effect on the opposing author.

<snip>

>I agree with what you said, and meant to say it myself: The
>scientific evidence needs to be included in any "propaganda"
>message. But the message would not just be positive of the UFO
>phenomemon, it would also be negative against certain other
>entities such as the government, the media, Cyclops, etc.

>I haven't had the privilege of attending one of Stan Friedman's
>lectures, but I gather that he does an excellent job of turning
>people's attitudes around _without_ using any negative spin
>against the government and others. However he does it, he has
>quite a talent for it. Moreover, it's factual information he
>presents (unlike the media).

You hit the "nail on the head" Dave; Stan fights the battle with
"facts!" When "facts" are presented in a "no-spin forum" to
"clear rational thinking people," then said people have the
opportunity to come to their own conclusions about the "UFO
phenomenon" less any misinformation, or negative propaganda etc.

>But there's only one Stan Friedman, and he doesn't have a weekly
>television show, broadcasting his message to millions of people.
>If he did, a "Pro-UFO Department of Propaganda" probably
>wouldn't be necessary.

Well for those with the strings reading these posts - I think

"Stan should have his own weekly television show!" Yes, it's true, "there is only one Stan Friedman"; however there are many others with similar accolades who have fought, and continue to fight the battle. Many of these "esteemed individuals" of course participate in this forum that Errol so graciously provides for us all.

>In the meantime, there is a force at work which ensures that the
>US government and the US media cast aspersions on UFO people as
>if they were Untermenschen. It is abundantly clear to me that
>the source of the Attitude is not the media: it is some
>department within the government.

I believe the "current mind-set" of the media is also the direct result of the propaganda we both speak of, that began, and certainly had malicious intent so many years ago. This doesn't mean that "manipulation of the media" doesn't occur today, as evidenced by the choking points of the various "wire services"; only to say that the media, like the populace has suffered from the same ill-effects of debunkery that has literally crossed generations.

>There can probably be limited successes by individuals, such as
>yourself, in contacting media writers and presenting them with
>some facts. But "The Dragon" is not made of facts - for the most
>part - and therefore it cannot be successfully fought with facts
>- unless you're a Stan Friedman, speaking in person to an
>audience.

Personally I don't feel my letter to any "media writer" will make a dent in the ideologies of the "less informed"; moreover, as I said, that action was more for medicinal purposes. Sadly to say, "money" is usually the road-block in fighting a successful battle against the propagandists. We certainly have the talent from the Generals down to the foot soldiers--but without the gas-- we remain idle.

>The Dragon is largely an Attitude, and it can only be fought
>with Attitude. Perhaps that's one reason why Friedman is so
>successful: He comes from a respectable position and the
>audience knows it. So do the rest of us, but there may be more
>of an instant connection of "UFO authority" with a nuclear
>physicist, as opposed to the professions of the rest of us.

This is a very valid point; the flip-side of that is why the talking heads are so successful in "guiding the mind-set of American society." The average person succumbs to the news from the media, as it "must be true" since it comes from such authoritative sources.

<snip>

>Mainstream Science will not publicly take the UFO phenomemon
>seriously until the media does. The media will not take UFOs
>seriously until Department-U in the government becomes
>unsuccessful in convincing the public that only wackos believe
>in UFOs. The public will not take UFOs seriously until the media
>does. The government will not disclose anything related to UFOs
>because Department-U won't let them - and that might continue
>for decades.

Now that is certainly a quagmire; Science by virtue should grasp the UFO phenomenon by the "proverbial horns" and pedestal it as it's foremost enigma to be solved; but alas, I'm afraid your assessment is an accurate one.

>The entire solution is related to funding, and facts accompanied
>by pro-UFO propaganda. We have the facts (they're crucial), but
>we don't have the emotional support of the public. Call it what
>you will - persuasion, psy-ops, advertising, propaganda, mind
>control - whatever it is, it's missing to a large degree in
>Ufology.

Agreed!

Cheers,

Frank Warren

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Weber

From: Bill Weber <wweber1@sc.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 13:13:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:25:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Weber

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:05:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

<snip>

>The guy from NASA who dismissed the marks/objects in the image
>as "jets" - apparently without much thought or justification,
>doesn't know his keester from a hole in the ground. Geez, this
>NASA person is everything you'd expect from years of public
>education and government training - and much, much more. It's
>scary!

Hi, John,

I believe you're wrong, and unfortunately so, John. I have it on good authority the 'expert' was, in fact, well-trained for his analysis on a \$1,500 stipend (voucher) by the dutiful folks at Sylvan Learning Centers International.

I suspect he's the product of the new 'privatizing' of NASA, "No Bureaucrat Gets Left Behind" Act. Although he can't actually answer the subject matter of any inquiry he receives (primarily because he's unable to read above the second grade level), he can answer standardized questions about letters of inquiry in general (i.e. "The main theme of this letter of inquiry is..."), and do it at a 60% rate of accuracy. This became part of the NASA educational program a few years ago and is happily presided over by the standardized testing division of McGraw-Hill Publishing.

After determining the main theme of the inquiry, the analyst is then nearly capable of including the McGraw-Hill standardized "response to letters of inquiry" (form W-4b - purchased exclusively for NASA) in a responding email. It is important to remember that when sending in letters of inquiry, one must also supply requisite multiple choice answers to accompany any question. Otherwise, as you see here, the NASA recipient is required to send back the McGraw-Hill standardized (form W-4b) response.

<snip>

>A chill just went up my spine.

You better start dressing in layers. There's more of this type of crap on the way.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Trindade - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:27:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Rimmer

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>Based now on first print scans, there's further confirmation
>that all four images of the UFO are different versions of only
>one original image:

><http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trind.htm>

Kentaro Mori and his colleagues have here brilliantly explained how the Trindade Island hoax was accomplished.

All we have to do now is sit back and wait for Jerome Clark to explain where the missing 45 witnesses went, and for Brad Sparks to explain how the double exposure demonstrated on this website is "scientifically impossible".

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

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From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 16:36:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:17:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Blanton

Listers:

The Space Station did transit the moon just before the eclipse.
See:

<http://spaceweather.com/>

about half way down. Great image by Ed Morana of Tracy, CA!

Terry

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Re: Trindade - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:05:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:31:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

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Meantime, we can all await Rimmer's explanation for the mysteriously non-existent negative witnesses, and all have a good laugh at his self-congratulatory use of the adverb "brilliantly" - and also, of course, his amusingly self-serving, not to mention conveniently premature, closing of the debate. I don't blame him, of course. He has a lot riding on Trindade's discrediting. One single legitimate photographic case of a structured craft, and the whole psycho-social house of cards collapses.

The rest of us, happily, can follow the technical debate without Rimmer's sense of desperation. Unlike him, I - and I'm sure the rest of you - await subsequent developments with anticipation and fascination.

Jerry Clark

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Re: More Problems For British Columbia Family -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 19:02:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:34:53 -0500
Subject: Re: More Problems For British Columbia Family -

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson@alienjigsaw.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 18:02:36 -0500
>Subject: More Problems For British Columbia Family

<snip>

>It is just my speculation, but it is possible that there is some
>sort of trigger, perhaps biologically induced or perhaps by way
>of an implant or perhaps even telepathically, that is done by
>certain ETs. It may be to prepare our bodies better for
>transport - it may be that our body temperatures have to be
>lower (colder) to move through matter or to be in space or
>hyperspace or another dimension

I find it interesting that the same coldness accompanies
appearances of ghosts. May mean that the UFO technology and
natural ghost manifestations have a common set of physics
principles at work.

Eleanor White

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Budd Hopkins' Holiday Party & Art Sale '03

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <ifinfo@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 23:22:21 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:40:41 -0500
Subject: Budd Hopkins' Holiday Party & Art Sale '03

Budd Hopkins Intruders Foundation
Annual Holiday Party, Gala Fundraiser And Art Sale

Date: Saturday, December 6th
Time: 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Budd Hopkins=E2=C7=D6 Art Studio, New York City

Many members and IF supporters will remember with pleasure last year's fundraiser, a combination party and art exhibition and sale at Budd Hopkins' Chelsea studio. We're going to do it again this year, but it will be bigger and better than ever. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday December 6th, 2003, and we will offer red and white wine, soft drinks, coffee, hors d'oeuvres, sushi, cakes, homemade pastries and other treats. There will also be some surprise guests - noted UFO researchers and experiencers - plus a few new surprises, an intriguing art exhibition and a tour of Budd Hopkins' studio and personal art collection.

As before, there are two ticket prices: a \$25 contribution to IF entitles you to join the festivities, but for those who make a \$100 contribution to IF, you not only attend the party and bring a guest with you, but you also receive a gift of a work of art, a painting, drawing, collage, signed lithograph, etching or photograph, framed and ready for hanging! Many of these works are by artists of national reputation and are worth far more than the \$100 contribution you are making to IF.

For those making the \$100 contribution, you will select your work from a wall of desirable artwork. You take a number from out of a hat, lottery fashion. The lucky person who picks number one gets first choice from the wall of artworks. Number two gets second choice, number three, third choice, and so on. And so it is highly possible that if a contributor receives, for example, number fifteen, that person's first choice, the work he or she most desires might still be available, not yet having been selected by anyone else. But in any case, each \$100 contributor is guaranteed an artwork.

Attendance will be limited to 75 people, so we recommend making an early reservation. Checks made out to IF for the type of contribution you wish to make can be mailed to IF, PO box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Remember, you are making a contribution to a not-for-profit organization whose goals you share, and whose accomplishments you have recognized. Thus, for \$100 you receive not only a personal sense of satisfaction for having aided a cause in which you believe, but also you and your guest will enjoy a party in an artist's studio and you will obtain an artwork for your home. A bargain, no matter how you slice it. Registration forms may be downloaded and printed out from our website at:

http://www.intrudersfoundation.org/if_events.html.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to know more about Budd Hopkins and his nonprofit

scientific research organization, as well as past and future IF events? Please visit our website.

Intruders Foundation Website:

www.intrudersfoundation.org

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Trindade Photos A Fake?

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 10:20:00 -0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:57:29 -0500
Subject: Trindade Photos A Fake?

Dear folks,

If the Trindade Island photos are fakes, then someone has to explain the following:

1. Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional photographer (enough to be officially invited by the Navy on several expeditions), wasn't even on the deck of the Almirante Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon. He was sea-sick at that moment and it was just after some of the crew members saw the object that he was called upon to register the thing with his camera. He shot the pictures in front of everyone on board.

2. The ships commander ordered Barauna to develop the film right away. To do that, a small cabin on the Almirante Saldanha was immediately transformed into a dark room and all the developing procedures were conducted by the photographer in the presence of several of the ships officers.

If Barauna had faked the photos at that moment, then it has to be assumed that some top officers of the Brazilian Navy were involved in the scam, which isn't reasonable. What about the other members of the crew, who actually saw exactly the same object which appeared in the photos, that they examined after the developing?

3. The very same pictures developed in that simple lab were retained by the military on the spot and taken to shore, where they were further analyzed by Navy experts. Only after the examination process were they returned to Barauna. Barauna did not have contact with his own photos for at least 2 weeks. Further analysis of the very same pictures was asked of several independent labs in Rio de Janeiro, including a North American company. None of the analysers have ever found any signs of fakery in the photos.

4. Barauna was the object of intense interrogation by all sorts of authorities and media people, over and over and over, and never hesitated in the repeating of his report - not one contradiction. His report remained exactly the same for the following decades.

After all that, only when Brazilian military authorities were absolutely sure of Barauna's integrity and of the circumstances involved in the taking of the photos did Brazilian president Jucelino Kubistchek agreed to follow his staff's advice and release the photos as genuine. (There is a rumor that has been received by president Jucelino Kubistchek once.)

If these photos are fake, then someone, please, tell me how these things are possible.

A. J. Gevaerd

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Re: Trindade - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 08:11:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 13:16:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>Based now on first print scans, there's further confirmation
>>that all four images of the UFO are different versions of only
>>one original image:

>><http://www.geocities.com/airsmith/trind.htm>

>Kentaro Mori and his colleagues have here brilliantly explained
>how the Trindade Island hoax was accomplished.

Yea and verily! The truth has been so proclaimed (from the overstuffed and mega padded arms of a CSICOPian lazy-boy recliner), list brytheren! No further discussion is required or otherwise encouraged and we can return to the center of our crystal spheres, regain our position as jewel in the crown of creation, and once again be the favorite of an omnipotent God!

>All we have to do now is sit back and wait for Jerome Clark to
>explain where the missing 45 witnesses went, and for Brad Sparks
>to explain how the double exposure demonstrated on this website
>is "scientifically impossible".

<golf clap>

Bravo! Well done! Proof positive you're a ufological master baiter! Forgetting for a moment how quickly you move in support of research that remotely supports your contention and has little (if any!) peer review, extremely obdurate (and non-thinking) consistency is always an astonishment to behold.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:13:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 13:18:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:06:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

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>Andy is however (AFAIK) under no obligation to disclose his
>previous conviction, un-like Max Burns.

Joe,

Can you please qualify, why the above should be so?

Roy

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Secret Development Of The Roundwing Plane?

From: Heiner Gehring <heinergehring@web.de>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 17:37:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 13:23:05 -0500
Subject: Secret Development Of The Roundwing Plane?

Hello Listmembers,

Can anyone help me? Where can I find or does anyone know something about the book:

The Secret Development Of The Roundwing Plane In The United States
by
John Livermore

Birmingham (AL) 1996
Pandora's Box Publishing

Thank you!

Heiner Gehring
Germany

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25th Anniversary Of New Zealand Sightings

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 12:26:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 13:30:37 -0500
Subject: 25th Anniversary Of New Zealand Sightings

Jeff Rense has posted an article that summarizes part of the formerly famous (famous 25 years ago) radar-visual-photographic sightings that occurred off the coast of New Zealand in December, 1978.

<http://www.rense.com/general44/newz.htm>

Those of you who were "around" at that time may remember the worldwide press coverage that included 5 minutes of time on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite, January 1, 1979. Cronkite showed portions of the film with the reporter's on-scene commentary (audio tape made during the sightings). He also showed J. Allen Hynek and Phil Klass discussing the sightings. He closed the news show with his standard comment.. "And that's the way it is..." and then he added ".... or is it...".

I first learned of the sightings from an ABC TV report on January 2. Then CBS broadcast the 5 minute "documentary" on the sightings. I thought something like this: "Well, that's quite interesting. Probably some lucky UFO investigator in Australia will be fortunate enough to see the film and do some analysis." I then went on to other things.

Two days later I got a call from NICAP: do you want to analyze the film? I thought about that for a few microseconds and then said "yes." A week after the sighting the original film was at my house. Thus began a long "saga" of analysis that lasted years!

Anyone who reads the summarized version of my report at Jeff Rense's site may want to also read

http://brumac.8k.com/NEW_ZEALAND/NZFlashingLight/NZFlashingLight.html

http://brumac.8k.com/New_Zealand/NZSB.html

www.scientificexploration.org/articles

Look for "Atmosphere or UFO: A response....."

This is a .pdf file that discusses two radar UFO sightings, the second being the New Zealand case, featuring the "Double Wide Target".

IMHO, after 25 years, this is still the most thoroughly documented civilian UFO sighting featuring:

- 5 witnesses on the airplane (pilot, copilot, cameraman, reporter, sound recordist/reporter)
- tape recording made on the airplane in "real time"
- color movie film (16 mm professional movie camera)
- airplane radar at one time
- ground radar continuously from Wellington Air Traffic Control center

- two witnesses to radar events: controller and radar technician
- government released Air Traffic Control Center tape
- my in-depth interviews with all witnesses (I traveled to NZ and Australia in early 1979)
- considerable investigation of the circumstances of the sightings (why they occurred; potential explanations)
- book written by pilot (Bill Startup) giving the impressions of the air crew
- book written by the reporter (Quentin Fogarty) that presents his understanding and also summarizes my investigation

This case is not "perfect" but close to it.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:43:18 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 13:26:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:30:50 EST
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>Roy,

>Picture this. A person claims that he or she saw a UFO land, saw
>occupants, etc etc. During the course of the investigation it
>comes out that said person had been busted for drugs and admits
>to continuing to use psychedelics to this day.

>The skeptibunkers (who couldn't readily explain the sighting by
>the usual crop of suspects, balloons, birds, stars, or venus)
>would be all over this as the main reason why said witnesses
>story could not/should not be trusted and why their credibility
>was in doubt and why anything they say should not be believed.

Robert,

In the light of Andy Robert's expose Drug Dealing Conviction,
and as he tells this List : "I have always, and will always,
continue to use psychedelics"

Should there be a reevaluation of his previous investigation
answers into the UFO debate?

If no, then is this List happy with anyone with such an offence
and habit, to carry out UFO investigations, and can judge their
investigation data reliable?

Would a jury in a court consider such data reliable?

Can someone on this List with a medical background, confirm
whether or not psychedelic drug use, can impair rational thought
and logical thinking and reasoning ?

Another question I would like to ask:

Was Dr David Clarke aware that Andy Roberts, was a convicted
drug dealer, and user of psychedelic drugs, at the time of
making his attacks on Max Burns, for the same offence?

If yes, does Dr David Clarke think this information should have
been submitted to this List, and the wider UFO community, as a
balance on the data at the time in question?

Roy

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Re: Trindade - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:52:33 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 14:54:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:05:42 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade

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... and wait for Jerry's mysterious non-existent independent
witnesses. A point, you will notice, he has never addressed in
all the thousands of words expressed on this topic over the past
year. As he obviously has a strict policy of never answering any
of my questions, maybe someone else could ask him why, despite
all the publicity over the Trindade case, after fifty years we
do not have a single first-hand witness account by any of the
multitudinous witnesses, except two friends of the photographer.

> and all have a good laugh at his self-congratulatory use of
>the adverb "brilliantly" -

I was not congratulating myself, I was congratulating Kentaro
Mori and his colleagues on the excellent work they have done -
which I notice Jerry Clark does not comment on.

>and also, of course, his amusingly
>self-serving, not to mention conveniently premature, closing of
>the debate. I don't blame him, of course. He has a lot riding on
>Trindade's discrediting. One single legitimate photographic case
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>cards collapses.

No, I'm not closing the debate. I just think that at the moment
Kentaro et. al. are putting forward the scientific evidence far
better than I am able to.

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>Rimmer's sense of desperation. Unlike him, I - and I'm sure the
>rest of you - await subsequent developments with anticipation
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Jerry's desperation to defend this case, one of the cornerstones
of the "objectively existing" hypothesis (which is really the
ETH in mufti so as not to frighten the horses!), is of
considerable interest to us psychosociological ufologists. I
also am awaiting subsequent developments with anticipation and
fascination, and await Brad Sparks' rebuttal with interest. I
also of course, await details of how he has been able to work
out so much detail about the alleged rotation of the Trindade
'object' from four blurry photographs.

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

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:59:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 14:57:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
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>saw the object that he was called upon to register the thing
>with his camera.

Oh no he wasn't. Barauna's own words, from Olave Fontes report:

"It was on January 16, at 12:15 p.m. The ship was preparing to
leave the island, to come back to Rio. I was on the deck
observing the operations to take aboard the boat used in the
trips between the ship and the island"

What is your evidence for saying otherwise?

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

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'The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:07:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:07:33 -0500
Subject: 'The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men'

Source: This Is Bristol - UK

<http://www.westpress.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=127638&command=displayContent&sourceNode=127637&contentPK=7774530>

The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men

09:30 - 14 November 2003

Ello 'ello 'ello, what's goin' on 'ere then? There seem to be rather a lot of spaceships hovering in the West's night skies. More than 200 police officers have come forward to say they have seen UFOs flying over the British countryside, a detective revealed yesterday.

And according to the bobbies' X-files experiences, for the past 50 years the West has been a buzzing hotspot for extra-terrestrial activity.

One of the first recorded incidents out of the 84 recorded on the Prufos (Police Reporting UFO Sightings) website, comes from 1963 when PC Anthony Penny, on duty and wearing his uniform, saw an orange shape zoom over the sky and disappear into a field.

A few days later, when a large crater was found in the meadow, a bomb disposal team was sent to investigate, and the incident was even mentioned in Parliament.

Det Con Gary Heseltine, who works for the British Transport Police in Leeds and runs the database, feels the sightings are particularly credible because they all come from serving or retired officers.

"To my logical, police-trained mind, the officers provide excellent witness testimony promoting the 'nuts and bolts' evidence that supports the extra-terrestrial hypothesis," he wrote in a special report for this month's UFO Magazine.

And yesterday, the 43-year-old said he believed the sightings were only the tip of the iceberg.

"Many officers are worried about saying anything in case it affects their jobs or careers. That's why many sightings are only reported to me after officers have retired or if there are multiple sightings that several officers have seen," he said. "The police are trained observers, they are out 24 hours a day."

A firm believer in extra-terrestrial life, Det Con Heseltine has himself had two UFO experiences. But one of the most dramatic brushes with a UFO was reported by two off-duty policemen at dusk on an October day in 1967, in Lytchett Minster, Dorset.

A large cigar-shaped spaceship, that was changing colour and form, was hovering over the village. As they watched, it split in two, disappeared and reappeared, and then shot from view.

And PC Roger Willey was one of two officers in a patrol car who

reported giving chase to a cross-shaped spaceship in Okehampton, Devon. Their official report filed after the flying saucer sighting said it hovered over Salisbury in Wiltshire for almost a minute.

[UFO UpDates thanks <http://www.anomalist.com> & Richard Hendricks for the lead]

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Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash

From: **Nathan Steele** <nathan.steele@btinternet.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 19:40:32 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:38:31 -0500
Subject: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash

Did a UFO crash land on the fells of Cumberland England on March 4th 1954. I have received documentation on this UFO crash and the story seems to have been further enhanced by newspaper articles with new revelations coming from Sharon Larkin, the current UFO Magazine investigator of the year and premier UK ufologist.

New evidence reveals that UFO activity was monitored on 4/3/1957 by the US navy in the Irish Sea whilst participating in Operation Mariner and further witness testimony was credible from a report by a Tiger Moth airman in the Magna Flux exercise.

Ufologist Sharon Larkin claims to be in contact with a witness who was detained by the military for two weeks at Kirkbride Airfield and the incident takes on a sinister role as a local vicar who also witnessed the crash had died in mysterious circumstances as he was about to go public with his testimony.

I find this case of to be of significant ufological value as it may be connected to the March 4th 1954 Rouen France UFO photograph and wish to get more information of this UFO crash.

Nat

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 20:56:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 09:43:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 02:39:20 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:06:06 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

<snip>

Before I start to respond to your quick-fire questions Roy, I would like to politely remind you that you haven't responded to my post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m13-005.shtml>

Perhaps you didn't receive it?

>>At least Andy is honest about his past (and even
>>his current) narcotic activity.

>Hi,

>Did Andy Roberts reveal to this List, that he was a convicted
>Drug Dealer, at the time of attacking Max Burns, for the same
>offence?

I don't know, why don't you check the archives and find out? Or if you can't be bothered, ask Andy and he might tell you. I'm not interested.

>>Andy is however (AFAIK) under no obligation to disclose his
>>previous conviction, un-like Max Burns.

>Joe,

>Can you please qualify, why the above should be so?

First, you and Max may like to familiarise yourselves with the following extract from the Rehabilitation of offenders act 2001, Chapter 6:

"3. Spent convictions : offence to publish or broadcast.

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section and to any order under section 10(1), any person who -

(a) publishes, or causes or permits to be published; or

(b) broadcasts, or causes or permits to be broadcast, any matter imputing that a rehabilitated person has committed or been charged with or prosecuted for or convicted of or sentenced for an offence which was the subject of a spent conviction shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding =A32,500.

(2) In proceedings against a person for an offence under

subsection (1) it shall be a defence for him to satisfy the court that -

(a) the publication or broadcast took place before the conviction in question became spent; or

(b) the rehabilitated person, or a person whom he reasonably believed to be the rehabilitated person, had given his express consent to the publication or broadcast; or

(c) the publication or broadcast was ordered by a court in the Island; or

(d) the person took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence; or

(e) the publication or broadcast took place not less than 30 years after the death of the rehabilitated person."

This has very obvious implications for Max, Larry O'Hara, and anyone else that persists in dragging up 27-year-old convictions.

To answer your question, if you visit:

http://www.crb.gov.uk/factsheets/fact_roa.asp

You will see that anyone sentenced to a term in prison of between 6 months and 2.5 years is required by law to disclose their conviction when asked if they have any criminal record by potential employers (including voluntary organisations, eg UFO groups). I am sure that Max is aware of this, you could simply have asked him rather than raise it on the list.

Finally, in response to:

>Should there be a reevaluation of his previous investigation
>answers into the UFO debate?

Yes, I think that you should do so, and report back any instances that you believe (oh, there's that word again!) indicate that Andy has hallucinated any facts due to narcotic abuse. You obviously have plenty of time in which to carry out this important task for the list.

Which brings me to my final point - I do not have the time to fritter on 27-year-old convictions, bogus Tornado crashes, drug abuse in general, etc., so I am reluctantly withdrawing from such threads on this (or any other) list.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Trindade - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 09:46:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:52:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:05:42 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade

Patient and gentle listfolk:

>>Meantime, we can all await Rimmer's explanation for the
>>mysteriously non-existent negative witnesses,

>.... and wait for Jerry's mysterious non-existent independent
>witnesses. A point, you will notice, he has never addressed in
>all the thousands of words expressed on this topic over the past
>year. As he obviously has a strict policy of never answering any
>of my questions, maybe someone else could ask him why, despite
>all the publicity over the Trindade case, after fifty years we
>do not have a single first-hand witness account by any of the
>multitudinous witnesses, except two friends of the photographer.

Let's see now. John Rimmer, in the face of numerous challenges,
has yet to come up with a single statement from a negative
witness. And he accuses me of not answering questions.

Let me repeat: There is not one negative witness, among dozens,
possibly hundreds, who should have been out there. The number is
zero. The silence is total.

Given the multitude of witnesses who, in the many years since
and over the history of vast attention this crucial case
continues to receive (as the current discussion indicates), have
uttered not a discouraging word to anybody - ufologist,
journalist, debunker, even family member, friend, neighbor, or
casual acquaintance who then took the secondhand testimony to
one or more of the three just-mentioned - this is in itself most
remarkable. Anyone less desperately partisan than John would
have no trouble acknowledging that obvious point.

Yet he sails along blithely, as if this inconvenient point did
not present severe, possibly fatal, problems for his hoax
hypothesis. "Hypothesis" here is used charitably. There may be a
way to discredit the Trindade photos (after all, just about
any case is, at least theoretically, a potential hoax), but
John, it becomes ever more embarrassingly apparent, is not
pursuing it.

We have seen other discussions of the positive-witness question
- for example, the point has been made, from a contemporary
account, that the naval witnesses were specifically ordered not

to talk with the press about the incident. Which is hardly surprising, and pretty much what one would expect under the circumstances. We all know any number of comparable instances in UFO history, and we know that military witnesses in any context are traditionally advised, or actively ordered, not to talk about an unexpected, possibly serious occurrence. (In Iraq, for example, American troops are enjoined from talking to journalists about non-fatal casualties, whose existence therefore is vastly under-reported. By John's reasoning, I guess, we are to conclude that this means there are none.)

We have a pretty good idea, however, of what the Navy personnel were testifying to secretly. The Brazilian Navy clearly heard no negative testimony from its personnel - who could have filled investigators' ears with a deafening volume of same if there were any to give. Thus, it went on to endorse the case and to provide the data on which Brazil's president publicly backed the sighting and the photographic record of it.

Let there be no mistake about it:

If we are to take John's theories seriously, the Brazilian Navy had to be accomplices to the hoax. There is no way around it, since given the number of witnesses on the ship (men who, on being interviewed, would have been able to assert that nothing was seen) it could not possibly have been ignorant of a hoax. I would like to believe that John has the intellectual integrity to admit as much - and, if he does, to provide serious (i.e., nontrivial, nonsarcastic) arguments, with attendant evidence, showing that the Navy participated in such a hoax and why it did so.

Or perhaps I'm not being fair to John. Perhaps he will argue that the Brazilian Navy is extraordinarily incompetent and gullible. If that is the case, perhaps he can provide us with comparable instances in which that nation's Navy was hoodwinked easily and went public to validate as authentic an absurd, easy-to-disprove prank committed as dozens of counterwitnesses stood by.

Meantime, in the face of all this, John - who, let us remember one more time, has not a single witness attesting to his preferred version of events (e.g., that nothing happened or was seen) - can only concede that yes, proponents of the case do have witnesses, with names and statements.

After making that damaging concession, he is reduced to the feeble argument that the witnesses were "friends" of the photographer (actually, fellow members of a club whose representatives were invited on board the ship), as if that settled the matter. Meantime, he remains, as usual, conveniently silent on

(a) the fact that they were civilians, thus free to speak, and that's why we know their names, and

(b) the utter absence, after nearly five decades, of any evidence that the other named witnesses were liars or, moreover, active agents in a stunt that could have not only blackened their reputations but brought them retribution from the authorities. (John's argument reduces in its entirety to: They knew the photographer; therefore, they are fellow hoaxers.) Military agencies everywhere do not take kindly to those who try to fool them, especially on matters with national-security implications and, even more especially, when those efforts engender massive national and international publicity.

And we're supposed to take psychosocial ufology seriously? With each posting John reminds us of why that approach is itself of interest only to librarians, liberal-arts majors, and students of the habits of pelicans. As an approach to ufology, the psychosocial approach John relentlessly advocates is itself merely a psychosocial phenomenon, a predictable response to the threat to order and cozy scientism that unknowns - UFOs, for example - may pose. No wonder reasonable argument is not a priority in that quarter.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men' -

From: Michael Christol <spachopr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:42:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 09:50:01 -0500
Subject: Re: 'The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men' -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>To: <- UFO - UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:07:33 -0500
>Subject: 'The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men'

>Source: This Is Bristol - UK

>[http://www.westpress.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=127638&command=displayCont
>ent&sourceNode=127637&contentPK=7774530](http://www.westpress.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=127638&command=displayContent&sourceNode=127637&contentPK=7774530)

>The Boys In Blue & Their Little Green Men

>09:30 - 14 November 2003

>Ello 'ello 'ello, what's goin' on 'ere then? There seem to be
>rather a lot of spaceships hovering in the West's night skies.
>More than 200 police officers have come forward to say they have
>seen UFOs flying over the British countryside, a detective
>revealed yesterday.

<snip>

Has anyone ever considered the possibility that what has been witnessed, e.g.,

"A large cigar-shaped spaceship, that was changing colour and form, was hovering over the village. As they watched, it split in two, disappeared and reappeared, and then shot from view."

May have been a "hologram?"

One of the abduction cases I investigated in 1989 included such a suggestion from the abductee, himself. This person, said that he noticed the UFO above the automobile in which he was a passenger, and he also saw another one high above that one, accelerating upward and quickly out of sight.

He seems to think the "projected hologram" was used to draw attention away from the actual UFO so it could leave unnoticed. This could also explain how UFO's appear to do so many fabulous things. We may actually be watching a hologram rather than the real object.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Trindade - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:08:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 10:44:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Connors

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:52:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade - Rimmer>

<Snip>

Perhaps Mr. Clark and Mr. Sparks may know something you and others do not and research is being kept close to their vests...only to come to full fruitation at a time of their choosing?

Smug attitude from an armchair Twonk who can't substantiate the opposite of what you are demanding. Maybe it's time you and your ilk stop bothering real researchers with insipid ramblings... ya think?

Makes you look bad.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Trindade - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 19:29:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:15:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Fleming

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade - Rimmer

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>Based now on first print scans, there's further confirmation
>>that all four images of the UFO are different versions of only
>>one original image:

>><http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trind.htm>

>>Kentaro Mori and his colleagues have here brilliantly explained
>>how the Trindade Island hoax was accomplished.

>>All we have to do now is sit back and wait for Jerome Clark to
>>explain where the missing 45 witnesses went, and for Brad Sparks
>>to explain how the double exposure demonstrated on this website
>>is "scientifically impossible".

It says on the referenced web page describing the example of how
light subtraction can be achieved using a double exposure:

"This was digitally made, using a multiplier to merge the two
images ..."

Did Mr. Barauna have access to something like Photoshop or
Paintshop Pro running on a Macintosh or PC back in the 1950's
when the photos were taken? I don't think so. It's easy to use
layers to get subtractive effects with modern digital image
processing applications and computers. I'm not very
knowledgeable about what can be achieved by trickery with
chemical film, but digital finagling most certainly does not
demonstrate anything about how the light subtraction could be
achieved using film.

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Psychosociological Researchers

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:01:41 -0500
Subject: Psychosociological Researchers

An adequate name, put another way, is: psychotic sociopaths who actually believe they are important to the field of Ufological research.

They feed off the efforts and expertise of others for a fast buck.

Living in "Magonia" seems to cause this pathetic condition.

Brings a tear to the eye...don't it?

Wendy Connors

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Larry Hatch Disinformationist Minion!

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 16:45:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:12:29 -0500
Subject: Larry Hatch Disinformationist Minion!

Hello all:

Some weeks after it first appeared, my Eltanin Antenna web page is still getting over 100 visits a day:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/ELTANIN.html>

While I have received very little (generally positive) feedback from the Eltanin page, there was apparently some reaction in the darker corners of the 'net:

At this blog url:

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=164905;article=1742;>

.. you will read the following:

(from) Michael Lawrence Morton

This is a very desperate Regurgitation of a Lie ..
Thu Oct 23 16:35:41 2003 205.188.209.106

This very desperate Regurgitation of a Lie ..
this absurd "sponge" bullshit .. is being circulated,
currently, by a person named Larry Hatch .. who is a
long-time *disinformationist*.

He sent me a copy of this desperate lie, himself, recently.

As soon as I saw that this piece of #&! was sent by
"Larry Hatch" .. I knew right away what was happening.
He's been hanging around various email-Lists and forums
for years .. plying his "disinfo" trade. I've had some
run-ins with him myself .. several years ago.

So .. *CONSIDER THE SOURCE* and know that this is a
desperate spreading-and-re-circulation of a Big Lie.

When researcher-author Bruce Cathie came-out with his
work .. he (B.Cathie) was "hit" with this SAME ploy !!
Cathie mentions this .. in at least one of his
publications .. recounting how "the authorities"
ended-up calling this_obviously_artificial object ..
"some sort of plant-life, or something".

This is another example of the kind of outright LYING
and the sort of desperate extremes of deception that The
Establishment will resort-to, when their "cover(s)"
is/are threatened to be blown.

Larry Hatch is a veteran disinformationist .. one of the
"old hands" at it. He's *re-vamping* and *re-circulating*
this "sponge" Lie .. because I've_come-up_with such strong
evidence .. backed by such impeccable mathematical
correlations involving the ASM .. including dramatic
mathematical evidence of_Nibiru's_orbit-path.

The Establishment .. or, at least a significant portion of their minions, is very frightened. And very desperate. And so they are predictably resorting to any-and-all Lies and various ploys of deception .. trying to "stave-off" the ever-more-quickly-crumbling facades and false-pinions of their empire.

-- Michael L.M.

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The "impeccable mathematical evidence" of Nibiru's Orbit path is on a separate page on the same blog: (watch your cookies .. numerology in full bloom!)

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=164905;article=1740;>

The title of which is "Grid Point".

Here's a short excerpt from that number salad:

Not only is 2.480502134 the Grid Point Value of The "Eltanin Antenna" .. it is a decimal-harmonic of the Y2K Grid LONG for SIRIUS.
AND; not only is 23687.05056 the Grid LONG of The "Eltanin Antenna" .. it is a decimal-harmonic of the Y2K Grid Point Value of SIRIUS.
AND .. "Eltanin" is a *NAME* (Arabic .. "El Tanin") for .. the Star "GAMMA DRACONIS" .. !!
AND .. (GAMMA DRACONIS * Eltanin Antenna) .. = Quetzalcoat1 Complex Grid Point Value = 9.118906529; at Teotihuacan, Mexico.
AND .. "Quetzalcoat1" is one of the *names* for .. "Thoth/Ningishzidda/Hermes/Kukulkan/Mercury".
Yes .. all one-and-the-same person .. {See Z.Sitchin} .. "

How's that for mathematical rigor?

Further reading (I can't blame you if you pass) will reveal that the Capitol Rotunda (Washington DC) multiplied by the Galactic Center equals the "Cydonia City Square Center" which equals pi times 18!

[18 Pi (in radians) is exactly nine full turns around a circle. 360 degrees = 2*pi radians.]

I think charges that I am a Lying Minion of the Establishment, desperately spreading disinformation etc. should be aired publicly so all will be warned of the quickly crumbling facades or whatnot.

I responded to the Morton blog site already. I gave them my Eltanin URL again. Morton had somehow left that out (chuckle!)

My apologies to anyone who finds this distasteful.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:20:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 10:20:00 -0200
>Subject: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>1. Barauna ... wasn't even on the deck of the Almirante
>Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon. He was sea-sick
>at that moment and it was just after some of the crew members
>saw the object that he was called upon to register the thing
>with his camera. He shot the pictures in front of everyone on
>board.

John Rimmer already pointed out Barauna's own words to Olavo
Fontes:

"I was on the deck observing the operations to take aboard the
boat used in the trips between the ship and the island (the
island has no harbor). ... Suddenly, Mr. Amilar Vieira and
Captain Viegas called me"

And from Jose Geraldo Brandao Navy's report, 3-III, quoting
Barauna's own reporting, we also have:

"He [Barauna] was on the deck of the 'NE Almirante Saldanha' when
he was called to see a strange object"

>2. The ships commander ordered Barauna to develop the film right
>away. To do that, a small cabin on the Almirante Saldanha was
>immediately transformed into a dark room

Still Brandao's report, quoting Barauna:

"He took out the film from the camera and remained for almost one
hour with it in his hands - waiting the passing of a strong
emotional disturbance he was feeling; then he went to the dark
room to develop the exposed film"

>and all the developing
>procedures were conducted by the photographer in the presence
>of several of the ships officers.

Same report, still quoting Barauna:

"He remained in the darkroom for about 10 minutes, accompanied by
the [retired] AF Captain [Viegas, friend of Barauna], who was
helping him"

>What about the
>other members of the crew, who actually saw exactly the same
>object which appeared in the photos, that they examined after
>the developing?

Yes, what about them? Who were them? We all want to know about
them.

>3. The very same pictures developed in that simple lab were
>retained by the military on the spot and taken to shore, where
>they were further analyzed by Navy experts. Only after the
>examination process were they returned to Barauna. Barauna did

>not have contact with his own photos for at least 2 weeks.

Same report, still Barauna, 3-V:

"He kept the negatives and brought them to Rio where, in his photolab, he made several enlargements"

3-VI:

"In order to increase the contrast, he made an operation known as "clearing", ... he cut the film and submitted to the process only the four other negatives"

Now Brandao writing on the "negative points" of the "photographic proof":

"No prints of the film were made at the moment it was developed. The ship's Commander didn't take possession of the negatives, after developed, in order to get the prints made later in the presence of witnesses. The making of prints and enlargements was done by the photographer in his own photolab"

Returning to Fonte's interview with Barauna:

"The ship stopped first at Vitoria ... As it was going to stay there for two days and later travel to Rio, we were permitted ... to leave the ship there and to take a bus for the rest of the trip. Later, two days after the arrival of the 'Almirante Saldanha' at Rio, Com. Bacellar... appeared at my residence. He wanted to see the enlargements made from the negatives, and asked permission to take them to the Navy's authorities. Two days later they were returned with congratulations. I was also requested to appear at the Navy Ministry as soon as possible. They wanted to ask me certain questions, and to see the negatives again"

>Further analysis of the very same pictures was asked of several
>independent labs in Rio de Janeiro, including a North American
>company. None of the analysers have ever found any signs of
>fakery in the photos.

I wonder why they also didn't find about the apparent inversion and mirroring. With first prints from two sources, Sparks acknowledged at least the inversion. And I and others hope to have showed this remarkable similarity on all four photos, also from first prints, that needs an explanation. Our suggestion is that this is a very clear (and, should I say, amusing) sign of photographic trickery.

>If these photos are fake, then someone, please, tell me how
>these things are possible.

Maybe some of them are not possible, and simply didn't happen as you told. If you have some other sources to support what you claimed, I would like to know them, but then there will be testimony contradiction, at most.

And, let's not forget the basics: no testimonial evidence will ever be able to deny physical evidence.

>From the beginning I am repeatedly asking people with first prints on hands to independently confirm or deny the claim of inversion and now mirroring, which indicates that all four photos are versions of only one original image. This is now over a year. And Powell's original work was published on 1999.

Those who defend the case as authentic must either deny the similarity, or explain how a real physical object could have the same image, rotated, and mirrored, as it traveled through the sky.

If the similarity is acknowledged - as Sparks did - and no convincing explanation for a real physical object showing it is given - as it wasn't, to this point - then no amount of testimonial evidence or discussion will ever be able to account for this single physical evidence of hoax.

We surely must never get to the point to assume that a real UFO was sighted and photographed, but that for some reason Barauna switched the real UFO photographs for hoaxed ones.

Mori

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Re: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:03:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:17:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash - Hatch

>From: Nathan Steele <nathan.steele@btinternet.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 19:40:32 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash

>Did a UFO crash land on the fells of Cumberland England on March
>4th 1954. I have received documentation on this UFO crash and
>the story seems to have been further enhanced by newspaper
>articles with new revelations coming from Sharon Larkin, the
>current UFO Magazine investigator of the year and premier UK
>ufologist.

<snip>

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Hello Nat:

This story is a new one on me. Did it escape all mention in the
general UFO literature?

Best

- Larry

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Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 22:48:26 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:25:35 -0500
Subject: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

Hello all:

Hooo-boy!! It didn't take long to get a response to my rather tame message giving the URL to my Eltanin page to the Grid Pole Blog:

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=164905;article=1816;>

M.L. Morton omits my Eltanin URL again, choosing instead to quote Bruce Cathie as if he wrote Holy Scripture.

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?id=164905;article=1818;>

I can send samples of Morton's "impeccable mathematical correlations" to anyone interested. Weirdness central.

I hope this doesn't upset anyone here.

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(from) Michael Lawrence Morton
You, Mr. Hatch, are a spreader of manure ..
Mon Nov 17 00:08:08 2003 64.12.96.231

OK. I see that this insidious spreader of lies and coverups .. is back.

Desperate he is. His ilk is very desperate .. especially as more and more evidence piles-up .. precise, redundant, self-referential evidence of not-only massive *artificial* structures on Mars .. especially at Cydonia .. but *specifically-and-precisely* correlated .. mathematically .. with major structures on Earth .. *via* the ASM encoding .. and, with various precise stars-and planets' sky-locations at the Y2K moment of our calendar .. again, according-to the ASM .. the SKY-portion.

And now I've found precise correlations involving the "Harmonic Concordance", which are also precisely and redundantly-mathematically correlating with the "Y2K" figures, with the "Giza" figures, and with the "Cydonia" figures. All undeniably spectacular !!!

But; of course .. people such as Mr. Hatch are *hopelessly* in-denial of reality. They must continuously LIE and engage in orchestrating, regurgitating, and spreading false scenarios and innuendos.

His ilk is now extremely desperate and very much still in-denial.
They are constant liars. People of the Lie.

I'm quoting, here .. directly .. from the book by researcher/author Bruce Cathie .. "The Harmonic Conquest of Space" .. from page 11 of his book ..

.. " On 29th August of 1964 the American survey ship 'Eltanin' was carrying out a sweep of the seabed off the coast of South America. A series of submarine photographs was being taken of the area by means of a camera attached to a long cable. A surprise was in store when these photographs were developed. On one of the prints, in marvellous detail, was an aerial-type object sticking up from an otherwise featureless seabed.

This object appeared to be metallic and perfectly symmetrical in construction. The array consisted of six main crossbars with small knob-like ends and a small crossbar at the top. Each cross looked to be set at an angle of 15 degrees to the others, and the whole system stood about two feet in height."

And B.Cathie goes on to write, .. "As this bit of ironmongery was situated at a depth of 13,500 feet below the surface, I was certain that no human [MLM; "Earth-human"] engineers had placed it there."

Then; B.Cathie says still-more, here .. on page 11 ..

"Since this photo was taken, there has been a determined attempt by the scientific world to label this object as nothing more than a plant of some sort. A journalist friend and I managed to visit 'The Eltanin' during one of its few visits to New Zealand, and when we discussed this object with some of the scientists on-board, the comment was that it was classed as an artefact. This was before the great hush-up, but regardless of that I believe that the mathematical proofs will show without doubt that the object is artificial and most probably an aerial of some sort."

Still .. more from Bruce Cathie, on page 11 ..

"The form of this aerial-like structure also fitted-in with the general pattern of the grid as I had envisaged it on the plastic ball." [MLM .. B.Cathie had been working with a plastic-ball model] .. "The six main crossbars denoted the radiating points of six, or twelve, great circles which form the main structure of the grid."

Now .. you see that the author-researcher (Bruce Cathie) actually visited the ship and talked with some of the scientists involved. You see what I just quoted from his book.

Obviously .. there has been a disinformation campaign on-going for many years concerning this subject, indeed. The liars have been at this for a long time. Mr.Hatch is simply dredging-up this old piece of bullshit, and trying put new legs and a face on it.

So .. there you have it .. Bruce Cathie's own words, straight out of the book. And you've got all my figures .. which totally support and corroborate B.Cathie's findings and his own figures, as well, on this very important subject.

Mr Hatch .. you are a despicable fool. And, yes .. you are a disinformationist, as well. You are in-denial of reality. You are a poisonous creature .. spreading lies and cover-ups. I tell it like it is.

-- Michael L.M.

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Yes, by all means. Tell it like it is.

Desperately [burp!]

- Larry Hatch

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Aftermath Of Dr. Mack's Book 'Abduction'

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 17:01:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:07:27 -0500
Subject: Aftermath Of Dr. Mack's Book 'Abduction'

[An excerpt from this e-mail was posted to FocusUFO-L last week.
Below is the entire letter / P.C.]

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reserved.

This letter was written by Dr. Bruce Cornet to defend Dr. Mack
against the outrageous attack against him by the secret
committee at Harvard University trying to remove him from his
position as faculty for his statements on the existence of
extraterrestrials. Dr. Mack has interviewed hundreds of
patients who claim to have been abducted by extraterrestrials,
and is the author of the best selling book, "Abduction," and
earned the Pulitzer prize in 1977 for "A Prince of Our
Disorder."

Unfortunately, Dr. Cornet does not have an internet account,
which is why I am posting this information for him.

Marc Whitford

Dated: 11 March 1995

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Arnold S. Relman, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Relman & Associates:

I have been contacted by Dr. John E. Mack, and have been asked
by Dr. Mack to communicate to you my professional judgement
regarding a number of issues that your Committee is addressing.
I am concerned that any "findings" that you make with regard to
Dr. Mack's work will be based on inadequate or biased data and
misinterpretation, and on an inadequate understanding of the
benefits his work is having on his patients, not to mention
mankind.

I wish my present STATEMENT to be included as a formal part of
the Official Record of your inquiry into the research being
conducted by Dr. Mack.

My education and professional backgrounds are as follows:

I earned my B.A. in biology (1970) and M.S. in paleobotany

(1973) at the University of Connecticut, and my Ph.D. in geology and palynology (1977) at the Pennsylvania State University. I did post-doctorate research in geology and paleobotany at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University (1989-1990), and worked closely with Professor Paul E. Olsen, one of the leading experts in the country on ancient climatic cycles and dinosaur evolution. I am the author or coauthor of 21 refereed scientific papers and two books, all on paleontological and/or geological subjects. I have 14 years experience in the oil industry, and was president of Geminol, Inc., which successfully explored for and found oil on the East Coast in the early 1980's in Triassic age rocks thought to be barren of hydrocarbons. I was an integral part of the largest, NSF funded, continental coring project on the East Coast (1990-1992), which successfully recovered the first detailed history of the earth's climate preceding and during the early part of the age of dinosaurs.

During my doctoral studies at Penn State I discovered angiosperm-like pollen in rocks 100 million years older than the oldest accepted age for the flowering plants, and I publically announced my discovery not long after the majority of botanists had cast their vote for the dominant theory, which stated that no such fossils of that age could exist. Subsequent discoveries of leaves and flowers strongly support a Triassic rather than Cretaceous age for the oldest angiosperms. One of my most recent discoveries on this subject is acknowledged in the January 1995 issue of Discover magazine.

Selected references for my publications are given below:

Cornet, B., In Press. A new gnetophyte from the late Carnian (Late Triassic) of Texas and its bearing on the origin of the angiosperm carpel and stamen. In Taylor and Hickey (eds.), Angiosperm origin, evolution and phylogeny, Chapman & Hall, NY.

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Cornet, B., Traverse, A., and McDonald, N.G., 1973. Fossil spores, pollen, and fishes from Connecticut indicate Early Jurassic age for part of the Newark Group. *Science*, 182: 1243-1247.

With regard to the issue of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, it is my professional and academic judgement that there are ample physical, geophysical, and photographic data collected by me during my two and a half years of research into the UFO phenomenon to support the hypothesis that this planet is currently inhabited by more than one sentient intelligent humanoid species, and that this non-human species has in its possession technologies thousands of years beyond our own. Through my own personal experiences I have observed and witnessed this phenomenon, and interacted with this intelligence. From direct field investigation I have overwhelming photographic and geophysical evidence for the existence of these technologies and this intelligence, and for the ability of this species to conceal its activities through the use of technology-assisted mind control techniques and telepathy. My success in obtaining these unprecedented data appears to have been deliberately planned by the non-humans as part of a long term agenda to gradually educate mankind without causing undue harm or damage to his religious and socio-economic structures and institutions. I can state from personal contact with this species that their behavior, culture, and appearance are so different from ours that no simple and direct contact is currently possible without overloading man's capability to recover from the intellectual and cultural shock. My education by the extraterrestrials has been slow, progressive, and benign, with considerable compassion, foresight, and planning to allow me to recover from the many tolerable shocks I have endured through their revelations. Because of my scientific training and critical inquiry, I first attempted to model what I had learned in order to build a credible theory for their activities and purpose. I have attempted to falsify my interpretations wherever and whenever possible, and I required the non-humans to give me adequate redundancy of evidence before I would draw any substantial conclusions. It has been made clear to me by them that they will push our envelope of acceptance of new realities only as far as we can tolerate the rate of change (i.e. without causing rupture of the envelope). I can demonstrate from the sequence of my many personal experiences, contacts, and discoveries that they have carefully laid out many clues, symbolic and actual, for me to contemplate and/or follow as my awareness of their reality and the reasons for their methods has increased. They want us to know them without fearing them. They will no longer tolerate cover-ups.

After watching the miniseries on television called *Intruders* in May of 1992 (based on the work of Hopkins and Mack), I was moved to want more information on the subject of alien abductions. Prior to seeing that miniseries I had no interest and almost no conscious knowledge of UFOs or aliens. I went to the bookstore and found one book that in hindsight changed my life, research interests, and career goals. It was *Silent Invasion* (1991) by Ellen Crystall. From reading that book I discovered that I lived next to a major UFO hotspot in Orange County, New York. I contacted Ellen, and she took me out into the field with her. It only took two visits to the Pine Bush area before I realized that what I was seeing was too weird to be explained as either natural phenomena or conventional aircraft. I began a 20 square mile magnetic and geologic survey of the area, which was completed in 1993. From that survey I discovered magnetic anomalies that could not be produced by any natural or known phenomena. I discovered and documented locations for apparent underground transmitters of polarized magnetic photon beams out into space. One physicist told me that my data proved a theory that such a form of "invisible" light actually existed! I found areas where the magnetic background sometimes became so unstable

and changed so radically that I could feel it change moment by moment. I recorded transient magnetic anomalies that were measured in tens of thousands of gammas, which is far beyond anything normal or cultural. And I witnessed and recorded my compass pointing towards the south during the photographing of a UFO performance, indicating a synchronous aerial magnetic anomaly.

I have photographically recorded with time exposures (sometimes with accompanying dynamic camcorder records) over 100 night sightings and close encounters, including low fly-overs and spectacular maneuvers of plasma lights in the sky. The shapes of these craft were anything but conventional, and they certainly were not figments of my imagination (there were sometimes multiple witnesses). Their stealth technology is awesome, and beyond anything our military has admitted to having. For example, I was in a helicopter over the hot spot in daylight when a craft buzzed us at Mach 8 less than 500 feet away. We saw a flash of light and felt a very muffled shock wave that bounced the helicopter. We captured three such passes on film and videotape, which allowed me to determine speed and plasma light characteristics. But why then did these craft put on so many spectacular performances for my cameras? The military would not display top secret technology for any civilian camera.

I have redundant documentation that these craft use ionized plasmas for light sources rather than conventional lights. I have extraordinary photographs that show plasma bubbles being generated (identified and confirmed by plasma physicists). The plasma lights can be powered up to 30 times normal size and brightness, lighting up the sky and causing the ionization of the atmosphere to produce plumes of visible nitrous oxide gases. The photographs are conclusive! Such displays have to involve enormous amounts of energy. I have photographic and audio documentation that they can mimic conventional aircraft light patterns and colors, produce conventional aircraft sounds, and even change shape to confuse and/or deceive observers. From my observations, most craft travel silently; they can hover, make high speed right angle turns, and can accelerate to incredible speeds in an instant (documented with video and photographs). The performances for my cameras were clearly designed to show me their technological capabilities and how they can transformation to create illusions. I have documented with cameras on tripods two feet apart that their craft can project different images to each camera and observer. I have dozens of photographs that show how they can manipulate and bend their plasma lights by powerful magnetic force fields around the craft to produce all sorts of figures in the night sky on my photographic canvas. I have time exposures showing double helix patterns complete with nodes, Fibonacci vortices, giant loops of spiral light, and various types of wave forms, small spirals, alternating loops, and harmonic oscillations that cannot be reproduced by camera vibration or any known natural phenomena. I even have two photographs showing craft diving into the ground without any visible or detectable effect. I don't know of any stunt pilot who could create such an illusion, if that is what it was!

I have dozens of photographs that prove that the pilots of these craft are capable of either reading my mind or controlling my mind during a photographic event. Sequences of time exposures for several encounters show purposeful movements or signatures of light just after the camera shutter opened and just before it closed. One sequence shows a craft making right angle elevator moves timed exactly across the gaps between pictures, indicating a synchronicity that is undeniable and impossible to explain without employing some kind of telepathy! My being able to capture a craft travelling at Mach 8 past my helicopter with single photographs taken at 1/1000th of a second is extraordinary proof that there was a mind link during the fly-by. There is no other way to account for such timing or synchronicity. The distance the lights moved at that exposure time was how I established their approximate speed. Try photographing a bullet leaving the muzzle of a rifle without knowing when that rifle is going to be fired; muzzle velocities are typically less than a third the calculated speed of the craft. I captured on film three such craft buzzing the helicopter like that, and each picture shows the plasma lights on the craft just entering the frame! I also have corroboration from a video record of one of those events. Through photographing numerous performances I became aware of changes in my mental state during the events. I found that I could override

or confuse the situation by deliberately changing my thoughts and reactions, which resulted in out-of-sync patterns of light movement. Through experimentation (with willing performers) I have accumulated an extraordinary body of evidence that strongly supports if not proves the existence of intelligently controlled non-human technology on earth.

My gradual education by the extraterrestrials progressed to the point that I would sometimes be escorted by a UFO as I drove along a highway at night. A single bright white light would move close to my vehicle, and position itself just off to the right side of the highway. The craft itself was usually as black as the night sky, and only occasionally would a silhouette of its shape be glimpsed. It would pace my vehicle about 1/8th to 1/4 mile ahead of me about two or three tree heights above the ground. This light matched the speed of my vehicle, stopped with me for tolls, and made the same exit and turns I made. On several occasions such a light would precede me home (so that I would always have it in sight while driving), and then park itself in the sky for awhile before leaving or blinking out. One time a UFO light paced my van with my family in it from Red Bank, New Jersey, to Newark airport. I got photographs. Another time when a friend (who works as an editor for the New York Times) and I entered the UFO hotspot area in New York, a craft (with one large white light and a small red light) moved in front of us and escorted us silently into the area, stopping with us (just above and ahead of the traffic light), then turning with us several times. I had a clear telepathic link with one of the occupants, because I got a mental greeting and felt an expression of joy or excitement that I was there. When I told my friend, who was driving (he was impressed beyond words), that we were going to make a turn up ahead, the craft sped ahead and waited for us at the turn! I know of no helicopter pilot who could do that without first bugging our vehicle!

Another time two UFOs paced me along the Garden State Parkway, one on either side of me, all the way from the Atlantic City exit to Red Bank, a distance of about 72 miles. I had clear telepathic contact with occupants of both craft, who complimented me on the cable TV show I had just done on UFOs in Atlantic City, and who even made some funny statements, such as, "You must have a problem refueling." I was telepathically told not to slow down or stop. One craft moved silently back and forth across the highway in plain view of other drivers, and shot ahead several times. For me it was entertaining to see this activity, and realize how unperceptive and blind to this reality most humans are. That craft stopped and hovered over some buildings, and began glowing a powder blue color. The size of the elliptical craft was enormous. The other smaller craft paced me all the way to Red Bank, and allowed me to photograph it at an intersection. As I slowed to a stop for a red light, the craft slowed to a stop just ahead of me. I thought of taking a picture, and grabbed my camera, which was on the seat beside me. The craft turned around and came back towards my truck. I braced and steadied my camera against the side window for one second exposures. The pilot stopped the craft over the intersection in front of the camera, and turned on many lights so that I could get two spectacular photographs. This really happened, and I've got photographs to prove it!

There are now many reports being made by individual human beings that they have had direct personal contact with Extraterrestrial Beings who pilot these so-called Unidentified Flying Objects. But to me they are no less identifiable than any conventional aircraft I see in the skies. I have had many sightings and encounters with such craft, and now can identify several different types, their sizes and shapes, their flight characteristics, and their lighting characteristics. It is my professional and academic judgement that these craft have been designed and built by non-humans. Based on my own abduction experiences, of which I have had three since I became involved in this research, and based on fragmentary spontaneous recall of abductions that go back at least to my senior year in high school, memories of which did not begin to surface until after I saw Intruders on television, I can say without equivocation that these beings do exist. I have met them. I know what they look like, feel like, smell like, and telepath like. I have had telepathic conversations with them in their presence and while they were in their craft. They are not a figment of my imagination, an hallucination, or characters in a lucid dream. I know because of the surgical procedures some of these beings

have performed on me, marks and scars of which still can be detected. I have also sustained serious injuries: e.g. just before being paralyzed and then knocked unconscious (from an energy blow to the back of my head, which left a large brown bruise) I looked into the intense plasma lights of a shuttle craft as it landed next to my parked vehicle. A sharp pain shot through my left eye. As I turned away a clear telepathic voice said, "Do not look at the lights; look straight ahead." But it was too late. The vitreous humor in that eye was permanently damaged. My wife was there also, and remembers the craft and missing time. Every day I am reminded of that experience by what I see! I can never forget it. I am not bitter. But there are many people who have experienced these traumas, and they don't want their intelligence insulted by some professional with a belief problem who says, "It's all just in your head!"

It is my understanding that your Committee is contemplating declaring that Dr. John Mack's work with persons who have reported to Dr. Mack that they have been abducted by Extraterrestrial Beings is both violative of the standards of the psychiatric profession and contrary to the standards of scholastic research demanded of faculty members of Harvard University. If such is the case, and if such happens, then Harvard University will sink to a new standard for incompetent leadership and psychiatric malpractice.

Even if Dr. Mack communicates his personal beliefs regarding these phenomena, or his personal beliefs are known to the patient prior to counseling, his integrity and honesty would have far less damaging effect than a psychiatrist who does not believe in the reality of such experiences or who refuses to consider such a reality when treating a patient. It is my professional and academic judgement that The Committee would be committing a very serious error if it were to conclude that any such communication of belief on the part of Dr. Mack to his patients is professionally or academically unsound. A professional must look objectively at all possible explanations for reported contact with extraterrestrial beings, and must consider all available evidence, including the vast literature on UFOs. I have found that most scientists in mainstream science are profoundly ignorant of that literature, and the wealth of valid data it contains. I am appalled by the attitudes of scientists, who turn in their academic credentials in order to ridicule a phenomenon about which they know so little, and all because of appearance and vanity. How unprofessional and closed minded can one be!

In my opinion, it is Dr. Mack who should convene your Committee in order to determine the validity and integrity of your inquiry. I do not consider it irresponsible for Dr. Mack to communicate to his abductee-experiencers and associates his judgement that the UFO phenomenon is real, and the possibility that experiencers are actually being abducted by UFO occupants. On the contrary, I consider it his duty as a professional psychiatrist to examine evidence for alien abduction so that he can help the experiencer deal with his or her trauma. It is only through revealing the truth about a problem that someone can deal with that problem effectively. You should know that!

If I were accorded a reasonable opportunity to appear personally before your Committee, I would be able to answer any questions which The Committee might have concerning the specific data and experiences that form the basis for my professional judgement in each of these related areas. I challenge you to come with me into the field so that I can introduce you to our non-human earth inhabitants. They have been around here longer than we have, and I can show you earth-shaking lunar evidence in support of that statement also!

However, without your willingness to undertake such an inquiry, it is my firm professional judgement that your Committee will be doing Dr. Mack, your respected university, and your personal professional reputations a grievous disservice if you manifest the "findings" set forth above on the basis of a record which is so transparently devoid of any reasonable effort on your part to become objectively informed of the undeniable evidence and substantial proofs available in this field. Albert Einstein said, "Pure logical thinking cannot yield us any information about the empirical world; all knowledge of reality starts from experience and ends in it. Propositions arrived at by purely logical means are completely empty of reality." It is the

experiencers who know the reality of which you are so ignorant.

I do hope that you will listen to the evidence in support of Dr. Mack before you precipitiously rush to judgement against him and his patients in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Bruce Cornet

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>An adequate name, put another way, is: psychotic sociopaths who
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Hats off to you Wendy Connors!

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Wiseman recently succeeded in squashing 100s of billions of dollars earmarked to the quacks in psychiatry. That's just for starters. I remember as a kid when people would report seeing a UFO or an abduction they were literally dragged off and drugged and ruined in the psych-centers. It is something very difficult for me to recount.

So, add to being carted-off against your will, harrassed by government, ignored by the press, ridiculed by science and society and you wonder why we can't get to the bottom of the sightings and abduction phenomena.

Best,

Greg

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 07:45:18 -0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 12:17:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:59:57 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 10:20:00 -0200
>>Subject: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>If the Trindade Island photos are fakes, then someone has to
>>explain the following:

>>1. Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional
>>photographer (enough to be officially invited by the Navy on
>>several expeditions), wasn't even on the deck of the Almirante
>>Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon. He was sea-sick
>>at that moment and it was just after some of the crew members
>>saw the object that he was called upon to register the thing
>>with his camera.

>Oh no he wasn't. Barauna's own words, from Olave Fontes report:

>"It was on January 16, at 12:15 p.m. The ship was preparing to
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Further facts of the case had appeared since then, most of them only corroborating the original stories by the addition of minors but important details. Others clarify certain aspects of it. The info that Barauna was sea-sick isn't new. I met the gentlemen personally on a few occasions, including when he was with Dr. Hynek in Brasilia, 1983. I published the Barauna interview in my magazine a few years ago. He always said that most of the crew members were on deck, but he was apart from them while he was sea-sick.

Most of the personnel were watching the maneuvers from the deck, but he wasn't with them, watching the small boat being taken aboard. He was apart from the rest of the crew. Barauna always said that he wasn't the first person to see the UFO. That he had his attention called upon to see it, by others, and then he shot the pictures. It is natural to say that, at the moment that the UFO appeared, the people on the ship were all observing the small boat being taken aboard.

In the November 2003 edition - # 82 - of the Brazilian UFO Magazine I've published a long and detailed review of the case by top Brazilian UFO researcher/engineer Claudeir Covo (who has also reviewed and ruled out Ed Keffel's Barra da Tijuca photographs). The review contains a precise, updated version of the case, and can be found, in Portuguese, by anyone interested. Barauna is described by Covo as laying down on some part of the deck, but apart from the rest of the crew, sea-sick and with a headache.

Do you want a copy of the article? I guarantee it is the best piece ever written about the case so far.

A. J.

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:59:02 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 12:30:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - Hale

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 20:56:04 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

<snip>

>Before I start to respond to your quick-fire questions Roy, I
>would like to politely remind you that you haven't responded to
>my post at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m13-005.shtml>

>Perhaps you didn't receive it?

Hi,

Yes Joe, I believe ET has arrived here on planet earth.

>I don't know, why don't you check the archives and find out? Or
>if you can't be bothered, ask Andy and he might tell you. I'm
>not interested.

Strange answer, in one mail you defend Andy Roberts to the hilt,
and give us facts on his character, and now you are "not
Interested"?

>First, you and Max may like to familiarise yourselves with the
>following extract from the Rehabilitation of offenders act 2001,
>Chapter 6:

Please, I am sure Max can defend himself on this List, I am
writing about this topic, purely on the basis of mass-hypocrisy
within ufology, something you seem unable to grasp, as your bias
in your mails has shown.

>You will see that anyone sentenced to a term in prison of
>between 6 months and 2.5 years is required by law to disclose
>their conviction when asked if they have any criminal record by
>potential employers (including voluntary organisations, eg UFO
>groups). I am sure that Max is aware of this, you could simply
>have asked him rather than raise it on the list.

So you think it was okay for Andy Roberts not to disclose his
previous drug convictions to this List, whilst he was part of a
team attacking Max Burns for the same offence?

>Yes, I think that you should do so, and report back any
>instances that you believe (oh, there's that word again!)
>indicate that Andy has hallucinated any facts due to narcotic
>abuse. You obviously have plenty of time in which to carry out
>this important task for the List.

Personal insults are not needed Mr McGonagle.

A question for you on UFO research:

Are you happy or would you question, a collection of UFO research data given to you by a user of psychedelic drugs?

>Which brings me to my final point - I do not have the time to
>frigger on 27-year-old convictions, bogus Tornado crashes, drug
>abuse in general, etc., so I am reluctantly withdrawing from
>such threads on this (or any other) List.

I guess I am correct in my questions.

Such a quiet List - at times.....

Roy

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:54:36 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:43:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
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>Wendy Connors

Oh dear, another example of calling people names;
"skeptibunker", "pelicanist", etc., to avoid having to face
their arguments. Now I'm a "psychotic sociopath"! Whatever, as
Jerry Clark would say.

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

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Old Sydney Nova Scotia Sightings?

From: Eugene Frison <GeneFrison@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 13:03:22 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:39:07 -0500
Subject: Old Sydney Nova Scotia Sightings?

2003.11.17

Dear List:

I am interested in knowing if any of you can provide me with information pertaining to a 'mini-wave' of 'ghost rocket' type UFO sightings allegedly occurring over Sydney, Nova Scotia during June and July of 1976.

These reports were 'called-in' to radio stations in Sydney during that time (I know, because I heard many of them personally). The year I am providing is accurate because one of my own sightings happened during this 'mini-wave' and I was able to confirm the date of my personal sighting from the RCMP report made at the time.

To date, I have not been able to find much 'hard copy' information on this 'mini-wave' of 'ghost rocket' type sightings.

Thanks!

Regards,

Eugene Frison

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:41:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

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So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental to the case.
If something so basic can be wrong with the reporting of the
case, then there is no way whatsoever that it can be regarded as
a reliable case, and just confirms the view that Trindade cannot
stand up to scrutiny.

I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

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

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Re: Trindade - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:39:50 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:45:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:52:33 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 14:05:42 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade

<snip>

>Patient and gentle listfolk:

>>>Meantime, we can all await Rimmer's explanation for the
>>>mysteriously non-existent negative witnesses,

>>.... and wait for Jerry's mysterious non-existent independent
>>witnesses. A point, you will notice, he has never addressed in
>>all the thousands of words expressed on this topic over the past
>>year. As he obviously has a strict policy of never answering any
>>of my questions, maybe someone else could ask him why, despite
>>all the publicity over the Trindade case, after fifty years we
>>do not have a single first-hand witness account by any of the
>>multitudinous witnesses, except two friends of the photographer.

>Let's see now. John Rimmer, in the face of numerous challenges,
>has yet to come up with a single statement from a negative
>witness. And he accuses me of not answering questions.

>Let me repeat: There is not one negative witness, among dozens,
>possibly hundreds, who should have been out there. The number is
>zero. The silence is total.

<snip>

Jerry,

You are showing obvious signs of desperation as one of your
favourite "structured craft" cases comes close to collapse.

Perhaps you have forgotten that in a post dated 29 October I
conceded that it was not impossible for negative witnesses to
come forward, but that their absence in this case was easily
explained, even if there was a real UFO to be seen. It was
simply because they were either below deck or were busy working
in other parts of the ship.

Only if they were standing next to Barauna and friends and
failed to see what he said they saw would they be likely to have
anything to say about the matter.

It would be meaningless for any of the crew to say they didn't
see the UFO if they were not in a position to do so. Surely,

Re: Trindade - Harney

when you hear about a crime or a traffic accident in Canby,
Minnesota, you don't phone the police to tell them that you
didn't see it?

John Harney

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From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:50:03 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:47:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Harney

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
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Who are these "psychosociological researchers" or "psychotic sociopaths" who make a "fast buck"? Surely it's the writers who assure the punters that most UFO stories are literally true and write sensational books, and give lectures illustrated with lots of fuzzy photos and videos, who rake in the cash. I've never heard of any psychosocial researcher or sceptic getting rich on retailing UFO yarns.

John Harney

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 15:13:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:50:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Velez

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:33:33 EST
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

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>starters.

Hi Wendy, Greg, All,

Kudos Wendy! Tell it like it is! A respectable portion of the
abduction-related posts that I submit to this List are written
in response to 'psycho-babble' from the psycho-sociologists.
I've been wanting to find a way to tell them all to take a long
walk off of a short pop-culture pier, but I couldn't find a
polite way to say it. Wendy simply grabbed her guns and she shot
straight from the hip, - which is what I should have done ages
ago. I tip my hat to you Wendy for being a 'better man' than I
am. <g>

Greg wrote:

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>UFO or an abduction they were literally dragged off and drugged
>and ruined in the psych-centers. It is something very difficult
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I don't know how long you've been reading the UFO UpDates List,
Greg. Several years ago I shared (on the List) a very personal
story about one of my family members, my paternal uncle to
be precise.

Long story - short...

Back in the mid-fifties my uncle (tio Ping) was committed to a mental institution and subjected to horrible electro-shock therapy treatments and I don't know how many mind-addling drugs for reporting essentially the same phenomena/experiences that I and several thousand others are reporting today.

For readers who may already be dismissing my uncle as 'just another nut-case,' I'd like to inform you that he was a Master craftsman and university professor. (San Juan University, P.R.)

My uncle was an acknowledged master cabinet and furniture maker who taught conservancy and restoration of antiquities for many years at the university level. This was a gifted artist and respected academic. No 'sloucher' or mere 'nut-job' to be readily or easily dismissed.

Anyone who thinks there is no 'reality' behind the statement you made about people being put away is sadly mistaken. People have, in the past, been committed to institutions and subsequently to a life of literal medieval torture and suffering. And all for reporting the same phenomena that is being widely reported by thousands (worldwide) today.

>So, add to being carted-off against your will, harrassed by
>government, ignored by the press, ridiculed by science and
>society and you wonder why we can't get to the bottom of the
>sightings and abduction phenomena.

Exactly! Well said. I can't wait for the day when the truth that some of us have to live with becomes common knowledge. Only then will people begin to realize what witnesses/abductees have had to learn to deal with -isolated, alone and unassisted.

There are a few abductees that I know of that I consider to be genuine heros. Debbie Jordan-Kauble and Travis Walton to name but two. These are people who are more than worthy of serving as psychological 'role models' to the rest of us. At least in terms of demonstrating how to adapt to and integrate into their own psyche (with the least amount of psychological disruption) some of the most psychologically challenging and oft times mind-shattering experiences. All the while they somehow maintain their inner balance and equilibrium. And, without losing their minds completely in the process.

Think about it. It's not an easy thing for anyone to have to do. Much harder... to have to do it alone. To be the one to blaze the trail because there is no one to turn to for advice. Add to it public ridicule and dismissal and you begin to get an idea as to how much is actually being dealt with. The 'alien' intervention alone is enough to make you nuts. Instead of people helping to lessen or lighten the load that abductees and witnesses have to carry, they pile on even more crap for them to deal with.

Thanks Greg for bringing attention to the 'human' part of the equation. It is the part that always seems to gets lost in all the psycho-babble.

Regards,

John Velez
Abductee

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Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:02:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:10:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly - Velez

>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 16:39:36 -0000
>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:05:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>>From: Dan Bright <ufo@zaziork.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Nov 2003 19:48:28 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Lunar Image Anomaly

>>>Very many thanks for your analyses and comments, I very much
>>>appreciate it. I have also now heard back from a NASA
>>>representative, who similarly theorised that the objects may be
>>>jet aircraft. I'll keep the website file updated with any new
>>>comment/analyses/hypothesis as and when received.

><snip>

>>If the image that is presented on the Web is not an enlargement
>>of a portion of the original photographic image, and it is an
>>accurate representation of the magnification and image scale of
>>the original, then whoever you contacted at NASA misrepresented
>>him/herself to you and the individual must be one of the
>>janitorial staff who just happened to field your call/e-mail
>>when it arrived. It's possible!

Hi Dan,

You wrote:

>I must admit that the NASA reply did cause a raising of
>eyebrows, but I figured that he must have been speaking from
>vast experience of observing such phenomenon.

Isn't it amazing what a rapid downhill run you find yourself on
when one begins to 'assume?' <g>

>The reply that I received was as follows:

>"It's not uncommon to see aircraft flying in front of the Moon.
>Most likely, that's two Air Force fighters flying in formation.
>We see them flying like that around here all the time."

He sees them flying around like that "all the time" eh? <LOL> I
think Terry Blanton may have stumbled upon the best explanation
so far.

>It must be noted that he did not request to view a full-size
>copy of the image, which might suggest that he was pretty
>confident of his theory considering that the image on the
>website is clearly marked as having been compressed and scaled
>for web presentation purposes. As you rightly assumed, the web
>copy is an accurate representation of the magnification and
>image scale of the original.

Of course he didn't want to view a full-sized version, it would have confused the issue further with facts.

>>Because of the longer exposure times required for lunar photos, >>generally between a quarter and 1 to three seconds depending on >>several factors, anything that is closer to the photographer >>than the subject he is focused on is going to appear badly out >>of focus.

>The image was a digital image, taken using a Kodak Easyshare CX >4230 (with zoom). The camera was held to the eye piece of the >4.5 inch reflector telescope.

The 4.5" reflector telescope with an eyepiece in place explains the magnification and frame filling image scale of the Moon. It also had to be a long focal length mirror, f/8 + or higher in order for it to produce the large and detailed image that is presented. Wow! He just put the camera up to the eyepiece and fired off a shot? It's a miracle that so much detail was captured. A remarkable photo considering the fact that the camera and telescope were not linked together as a single unit by a telescope to camera adapter.

>Would this set-up also cause blurring of an object that moved >across the field of view in an estimated 11-30 seconds (from >witness report)?

Eyeball field of view or telescopic field of view? If telescopic field of view, depending on the magnification, if something takes around 30 seconds to pass from one end of the visually observable field to the other, the object in question (if well 'inside' of our atmosphere) would be moving slowly indeed. Thirty seconds naked eyeball from horizon to horizon at very high altitude or travelling way out in space is something else altogether in terms of speed.

>Moreover, could >an aircraft (or pair of aircraft) be observed taking this time >to traverse this distance, given an appropriate speed and >altitude? Has anyone on list observed high flying jets using >similar optics?

I had a jet pass in front of my telescope's field of view one time while making an observation at high magnification. It almost knocked me on my ass it gave me such a start! The sudden appearance of those lights and the jet which appeared so large in the eyepiece really rattled my cage. Because I was using such high magnification at the time, the jet passed through my field of view quickly, one or two seconds at most. I can only estimate the altitude of the plane at about 20,000 feet plus or minus.

What I can tell you is; at high magnification (6mm eyepiece in a long focal length 8" Schmidt Cass scope) a jet plane at night with all the party lights on is a mind blowing sight. Especially if it's unexpected! When you're doing astronomy in your own backyard it gets real quiet, you get concentrated on whatever you're doing and a sight like that just blows your mind and shatters the quiet, peaceful state you're in.

If it was jets and your witness was using high magnification, then he would have known what it was immediately. When it happened to me my first reaction was to take my eye away from the eyepiece, increase my field of view and locate the offending plane using my naked eye. I'm sure that your guy would have done the same thing. Ask him if he did.

>Thanks again for your comments John. I'm trying to thrash this >thing out and ascertain exactly what it is possible to observe, >under what circumstances, and the appearance that an observed >target would have given the conditions under which the >observation took place.

Nick is the best guy to ask. He has much more knowledge and experience than I do. Best of luck. Please keep us all apprised of your progress.

Best,

John Velez

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Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 15:17:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:05:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - White

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
>To: UFO - UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 22:48:26 -0800
>Subject: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

<snip>

Hi -

I've been roundly rapped by Larry Hatch on a number of occasions. I've also had some off list communications with Larry. I don't have time to read every post on UFO Updates, but:

Our mind control group has decades of experience with disinformationists, and we've developed a fairly good set of red flags over time. I have seen nothing from Larry that raises any disinformationist red flags. He's a skeptic, in my view, which is an honourable state.

Eleanor White

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:14:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:05:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:33:33 EST
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

<snip>

>If that brings a tear to your eye, you should see the list of
>psychiatric abuses perpetrated worldwide over the past 100 years
>or more.

Not everyone on this List might be aware of the most recent
psychiatric horror: Time-release psychoactive drugs by
implantation! Too bad if your meds aren't right for you, you
are subject to the whim of the branch of medicine with the least
consistency among practitioners. One-year implants are being
talked about now. And surgery to change or remove the implants
is, "Gosh, gee, so _terribly_ expensive and inconvenient."

The implication being "So why don't you just let the implant
expire and _then_ we'll take it out."

I know a local lawyer who specializes in mental health here
in Hamilton, and she reports some gruesome side effects,
which are legalized torture, from meds like Haldol, taken
by mouth or injection. Like all-body pain and the need to
pace throughout the day _and_night_ until the patient is
so exhausted he or she cannot walk a step further. That's
called "restless leg syndrome" and comes with the territory
once the arbitrary "science" of psychiatry deems you "in
need of help."

But the way doctors are ladling out Ritalin and Prozac to
schoolkids, it's not hard to imagine a day when everyone gets
their tailor-concocted psychoactive implant for life.

(Would anyone guess how many UFO abductees might receive these
dandy little torture dispensers?)

There is a second side to this story, and the general public is
not aware of it. Thanks to Greg Boone for peeking into it.

Eleanor White

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Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>

Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:18:41 -0500

Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:26:24 -0500

Subject: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun

Huge rock-ice body circles Sun - Astronomers have found a large object orbiting the Sun near Neptune's orbit.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3277033.stm>

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BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan & Crash Sites

From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc90405@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 13:19:27 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:09:32 -0500
Subject: BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan & Crash Sites

While researching the locations of the Roswell crash sites, I found the BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan. It can be found at:

<http://www.nm.blm.gov/rfo/NEPA%20documents/RMP/PLAN.pdf>

Significantly, the Plan states on page 42:

"There has been considerable interest in trying to identify the location of the alleged 1947 UFO crash site(s). The most commonly discussed locations are represented on maps in this document. Irrespective of location, if such an event is determined to have occurred on BLM-administered land, the BLM will interpret and protect the area(s) by:

- excluding the lands from rights-of-way location;
- withdrawing the lands from mining claim location;
- closing the lands to solid mineral leasing;
- closing the lands to disposal of mineral materials;
- leasing oil and gas with no surface occupancy stipulations;
and
- closing the lands to OHV use.

The site(s) will be retained in federal ownership."

According to footnote one of the document, there are two alleged UFO crash sites on BLM land. The two "Alleged UFO Crash Sites" are indicated by:

- (a) item 34, on Map 4, Areas Withdrawn, found on page 16;
- (b) item 6, on Map 2, Oil and Gas Leasing Stipulation Areas, found on page 5;
- (c) item 34, on Map 4, Areas Withdrawn, found on page 16;
- (d) item 6, on Map 5, Areas Closed to Leasing of Solid Minerals, found on page 18;
- (e) item 6, on Map 6, Areas Closed to Disposal of Mineral Materials, found on page 20;
- (f) item 6, on Map 7, Rights-of-Way Exclusion Area, found on page 23; and
- (g) item 6, on Map 8, Rights-of-Way Avoidance Area, found on page 24.

-- Charles Chapman

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:25:57 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:28:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:50:03 -0000
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
>>Subject: Psychosociological Researchers

>>An adequate name, put another way, is: psychotic sociopaths who
>>actually believe they are important to the field of Ufological
>>research.

>Who are these "psychosociological researchers" or "psychotic
>sociopaths" who make a "fast buck"? Surely it's the writers who
>assume the punters that most UFO stories are literally true and
>write sensational books, and give lectures illustrated with lots
>of fuzzy photos and videos, who rake in the cash. I've never
>heard of any psychosocial researcher or sceptic getting rich on
>retailing UFO yarns.

Well, actually, the real money is in the skeptical movement.
Compare, for example, the budgets of CSICOP vs. those of any
UFO, Fortean, or anomalistics group, and you know where the
money goes.

In fairness, it doesn't go to Magonia, either. None of us are in
it for the money, though I'm sure none of us would turn it down
if it were offered. Which it won't be.

You're not a sociopath, John, and I seriously doubt that Wendy
believes you are, either. Call it rhetorical exuberance, of
which we are all guilty - including Magonians - from time to
time.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:41:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:37:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:50:03 -0000
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Wouldn't you say that a person who derives income from the sale
of "Magonia," uses various UFO lists to beat their chests and
proclaim their superiority (even though they've never done first
account research, lacks the ability to see the forest from the
trees?

Nah. You're obviously oblivious to the concept. See your
statement above.

I stand on my observation that psycho-social researchers are a
tad bit wonky and demonstrate continually, this aberration on
UFO discussion lists. After all, why would a person who doesn't
believe in possibilities/probabilities and misguided into
believing they contribute to knowledge, be interested in a UFO
researchers forum, except to try and be bigger and smarter than
they really are by bullying researchers...much like the immature
bully on the playground?

Your reply to my post certainly tells me and probably others,
that you are very, very naive and certainly extremely
emotional.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Trindade - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:39:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:22:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:39:50 -0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

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Sigh, John,

>>Let's see now. John Rimmer, in the face of numerous challenges,
>>has yet to come up with a single statement from a negative
>>witness. And he accuses me of not answering questions.

>>Let me repeat: There is not one negative witness, among dozens,
>>possibly hundreds, who should have been out there. The number is
>>zero. The silence is total.

>You are showing obvious signs of desperation as one of your
>favourite "structured craft" cases comes close to collapse.

Dream on, guy. I didn't think it would have been possible,
but I'm actually beginning to feel sorry for you guys. With
each passing posting, you're making the case look stronger,
if only to underscore just how hard to credit the alternative
hypotheses (if they deserve so elevated a characterization)
are.

If by some chance the Trindade case does turn out to be a
hoax (an eventuality for which I do not hold my breath, but
hell, anything is possible), we may safely predict, without
resort to psychic powers, that it is not the kind of hoax
Johns Harney and Rimmer would have us believe.

>Perhaps you have forgotten that in a post dated 29 October I
>conceded that it was not impossible for negative witnesses to
>come forward, but that their absence in this case was easily
>explained, even if there was a real UFO to be seen. It was
>simply because they were either below deck or were busy working
>in other parts of the ship.

And you base this assertion on what specific evidence? Your own
armchair speculation doesn't count. All accounts from the time,
official, journalistic, and ufological, insist that the sighting
occurred in full view of an impressive number of witnesses.

>It would be meaningless for any of the crew to say they didn't
>see the UFO if they were not in a position to do so. Surely,
>when you hear about a crime or a traffic accident in Canby,
>Minnesota, you don't phone the police to tell them that you
>didn't see it?

Does anybody think this argument makes any sense?

First of all, let's take his strange analogy about a car accident. It makes as much sense as the rest of his argument. Suppose someone called in to report a car accident on the street in front of our house and police cars and ambulances raced to the scene. If I saw or heard nothing out of the ordinary and therefore had good reason to judge the report bogus, I would certainly say so to investigating officers and medical personnel immediately. So would my wife. I think I can speak for our neighbors in stating that they would do exactly the same.

Let's see what else John Harney's curious argument requires us to believe:

A spectacular UFO sighting is alleged. It is also reported - widely - that the photographs taken of the alleged structured object depict what dozens of witnesses on board the ship saw as it flew within their range of vision. And then, after years and years and years of publicity focused on the case, repeating the just-mentioned detail endlessly, not a single person comes forward to say, "I was there and saw nothing. Neither did anybody else I talked with. I never met anybody who even knew anybody who saw the thing. Therefore, I don't believe this incident happened as claimed."

It's worth noting that we don't even have secondhand testimony to that effect. By that I mean nobody has ever said that he or she heard or overheard a crew member reject the standard account as fictitious on above-stated (or any other) grounds.

That all persons without exception would for decades remain silent, given the extraordinary circumstances of the incident - remember, it made headlines at the time; the Brazilian Navy backed the case; so did Brazil's president - defies not only belief but the most elemental common sense or historical experience. Next, are we to expect the psychosocial speculationists to resort to conspiracy theory to explain this mysterious silence?

Or is that sound I hear pelican wings struggling nobly, though failing utterly, to take flight over Trindade?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:42:09 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:25:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Sparks

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 10:20:00 -0200
>>Subject: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>Those who defend the case as authentic must either deny the
>similarity, or explain how a real physical object could have the
>same image, rotated, and mirrored, as it traveled through the
>sky.

>If the similarity is acknowledged - as Sparks did - and no
>convincing explanation for a real physical object showing it is
>given - as it wasn't, to this point - then no amount of
>testimonial evidence or discussion will ever be able to account
>for this single physical evidence of hoax.

<snip>

Huh? Real physical objects rotate and flip over, reverse course
(your imaginary "mirroring"), and wow even change direction!
Witness testimony reported the object wobbling back in 1958 -
if it was a hoax how could they anticipate someone in 2003
finding evidence of such wobbling, high-speed rotation shown by
motion blur, and even flipping, in the photographs of the object
you claim did not even exist in the sky over Trindade but was a
fabrication of no "real physical object" at all over Trindade?

Can you tell us why a real physical object cannot rotate and
flip over? No "convincing explanation" is necessary for real
physical objects doing what they are capable of doing. On the
other hand you must explain how hoaxers can obey the laws of
physics and optics in carrying out a hoax with 1958 technology.
Hoaxes must obey the laws of science.

Brad Sparks

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Roswell Debris Field Look For The Monument

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:32:12 -0500
Subject: Roswell Debris Field Look For The Monument

For those interested in the location of the Roswell debris field, apparently all you have to do is look for the monument. Recounting the 2003 Roswell UFO Festival, the September edition of the IUFOMRC Newsletter states:

"Saturday morning a small band of people left early to drive to the debris field for a monument dedication in memory of those involved in the 1947 Incident. Among those involved were researchers, a SCI FI channel executive, movie producer and family members of one of the main participants in the event."

Source:

http://iufomrc.org/newsletters/IUFOMRC_2003_09.pdf

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There monument, which low to the ground like a tombstone, appears in two photographs. I think I recognize Don Schmitt in one of the photographs. Thus, the location is presumably accurate.

Charles Chapman

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>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>Perhaps he will argue that the Brazilian Navy is extraordinarily incompetent and gullible.

The Brazillian military personnel can be so at times. As the US, or the UK ones.

>If that is the case, perhaps he can provide us with
>comparable instances in which that nation's Navy was hoodwinked
>easily and went public to validate as authentic an absurd, easy-
>to-disprove prank committed as dozens of counterwitnesses stood
>by.

The famous "Barra da Tijuca" case - which Bara=FAAna himself made fun of - is a nice example. It involved even the millitary attache to the US embassy, col Hughes, who spoke of how he "couldn't doubt its authenticity".

The Brazillian Air Force conducted a study, with specialists, to find an explanation to the photos. They made a wood model of the saucer, topography measurements, took hundreds of photos. They couldn't reproduce the images - which pointed then to photomontage. But they didn't reach a conclusion! More than that, what was indeed revealed to the public, was that the study pointed to the authenticity of the photos, as it was evidenced that it couldn't be a model - then it must certainly have been a real saucer!

This is even on the Condon report:

<http://ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/case48.htm>

It turns out that aparently there were fishers on place while the hoaxers took their photos of the landscape, to later do the photomontage. A magazine mentioned this negative testimony. Nevertheless, neither the contemporary Brazilian ufologists, nor the military investigators, nor the debunkers (of which there were none on Brazil, and there isn't still) heard them.

There are not few "official" statements about the authenticity of the Tijuca photos. But we know this was a badly made hoax, the shadows are incoherent, this can be seen by anyone clearly. Last year, the hoax of Barra da Tijuca was more widely defended here in Brazil, at last. But on a curious way: to compensate for the "revelation" of the Tijuca hoax, the Trindade case is being promoted as one solid authentic counterpart. This was all published on November last year, and that's what Gevaerd recently referenced.

So, the idea that Trindade was a hoax, and that the Brazilian Navy made a lot of extraordinary errors, is not that far fetched. Even on some of the official reports we do know, they mention some of the errors made, and that in fact, they can't say if this was for real.

Regards ,

Mori

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Re: Old Sydney Nova Scotia Sightings? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 00:36:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:50:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Old Sydney Nova Scotia Sightings? - Hatch

>From: Eugene Frison <GeneFrison@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 13:03:22 EST
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Subject: Old Sydney Nova Scotia Sightings?

>I am interesested in knowing if any of you can provide me with
>information pertaining to a 'mini-wave' of 'ghost rocket' type
>UFO sightings allegedly occurring over Sydney, Nova Scotia
>during June and July of 1976.

>These reports were 'called-in' to radio stations in Sydney
>during that time (I know, because I heard many of them
>personally). The year I am providing is accurate because one of
>my own sightings happened during this 'mini-wave' and I was able
>to confirm the date of my personal sighting from the RCMP report
>made at the time.

>To date, I have not been able to find much 'hard copy'
>information on this 'mini-wave' of 'ghost rocket' type
>sightings.

<snip>

Hi Eugene:

I have cases my database for June-July 1976, but none of them
are at all close to Sydney, NS. There could be several reasons.
If the 'ghost rockets' were seen as passing fireballs , I would
not have catalogued them for one thing.

If you know somebody with a working copy of UFOCAT, there might
be some listings in there.

Sorry

- Larry

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Burns Lake & Saucers Over Clinton, B.C.

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:34:02 -0500
Subject: Burns Lake & Saucers Over Clinton, B.C.

I just received a very interesting report a little while ago. This involves a man moving his belongings to his new home in Vernon, B.C. from Terrace, B.C. While on the road just south of Clinton, B.C. he has himself an interesting sighting of two saucer shaped object. A rather up close and personal encounter as both objects flew by the moving truck at approx: 1000 to 1500 feet above him. I will write this up and post when I feel a bit better.

Take care,

Brian

Burns Lake, British Columbia

Date: November 16, 2003
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Two witnesses were traveling back home to Houston, British Columbia on November 16, 2003 after taking a two week holiday. They were climbing a small hill on Highway #16 just before Babine Forest Products when they both noticed a red ball of light a head of them, dropping on a slight angle from low in the sky. The witnesses said, the object, what ever it was seem to come down just on the other side of the hill they were climbing. Also what they found to be strange was just after they lost sight of the red ball of light behind the hill, all of a sudden at the crest of the grade, on the highway , the whole area was glowing a bright reddish color. They reported that the tops of the tress were also bathed in a reddish glow. From their vantage point they could not see anything as they had not arrived at the top of the hill. They were only a few hundred yards away from reaching the top and from this location they should have been able to see what was causing this reddish glow.

Just before they reached the top the light went out. The couple slowed down and kept their eyes open to maybe catch sight of it again somewhere just off the highway. But nothing could be observed. No vehicles were seen driving along the highway a head of them.

Thank you to the witnesses for their report.

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 00:54:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:35:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 07:45:18 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>In the November 2003 edition - # 82 - of the Brazilian UFO
>Magazine I've published a long and detailed review of the case
>by top Brazilian UFO researcher/engineer Claudeir Covo (who has
>also reviewed and ruled out Ed Keffel's Barra da Tijuca
>photographs).

Small correction: that would be November 2002, last year. The
November 2003 edition of the Brazilian UFO mag is the one who
has the cover article of "Cosmic Miscigenation: Aliens may be
abducting humans to create a hybrid race". Of course you know
all that, you are the editor of the magazine, I'm just informing
those who may not know.

>The review contains a precise, updated version of
>the case, and can be found, in Portuguese, by anyone interested.
>Barauna is described by Covo as laying down on some part of the
>deck, but apart from the rest of the crew, sea-sick and with a
>headache.

You claimed that "Barauna ... wasn't even on the deck". If you
have sources to actually support that, and many other claims you
made, I don't know why you continue quoting sources who deny
them.

>I guarantee it is the best piece ever written about the case so far.

I second that. Sadly, and with respect for the author, the
article has nothing new, being a review, basically all it
contains can be already read on-line in English, in the cufos
website for instance, and in a complete form. It also contains
some errors (like talking about "monte Desejo" - that would be
Desejado - and how the UFO hidden behind it and reappeared "on
the other side" - it actually reappeared on the same side,
returning more or less on the way it came, at least according to
the testimony I know of).

This is also the article which is accompanied by headlines like
"Trindade Island: inquestionable document of the alien presence
on our planet", or "since the fifties the UFOs already lurked
the Brazilian coast. What to they look for?". But, well, this is
the Brazilian UFO mag. The cover article for this November 2002
edition is "Aliens among us". An affirmative, not a question.

There is a Brazilian ufologist who may actually have new
testimonial evidence on the Trindade Island, and we are all
expecting for his work to be completed and published. Maybe on
the Brazilian UFO mag. Then it will probably have something new.

Mori

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:50:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:08:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:54:36 +0000
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
>>Subject: Psychosociological Researchers

>>An adequate name, put another way, is: psychotic sociopaths who
>>actually believe they are important to the field of ufological
>>research.

>>They feed off the efforts and expertise of others for a fast
>>buck.

>>Living in "Magonia" seems to cause this pathetic condition.

>>Brings a tear to the eye... don't it?

>Oh dear, another example of calling people names;
>"skeptibunker", "pelicanist", etc., to avoid having to face
>their arguments. Now I'm a "psychotic sociopath"! Whatever, as
>Jerry Clark would say.

There ya go, John, baby! I didn't say anything about you being a
psychotic or a sociopath, but you responded in typical fashion
for psycho-social incontinentals, who mark their spots on all that
isn't theirs.

Like they say. If the shoe fits... you've already convinced me
you have no argument.

Wendy Connors

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2 Saucers Over Clinton BC

From: **Brian Vike HBCC UFO** <hbccufo@telus.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 22:22:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:49:17 -0500
Subject: 2 Saucers Over Clinton BC

Clinton, British Columbia

Date: April 6, 2002
Time: 6:45 a.m.

I had a call today from a fellow who is now residing in Vernon, British Columbia. He saw a flier on the wall at the Vernon library requesting that if anyone has witnessed an unusual object in the skies to write or call me. So he did. The witness lived at one time in Terrace, British Columbia and had rented a moving truck and was moving to Vernon, B.C. he had everything packed up and hit the road early on April 6, 2002 and started his long journey to his new home. He passed through the small community of Clinton, B.C. which is midway between Vancouver and Prince George and is located 39 kms north of the Trans Canada Highway #1 and Cariboo Highway #97 junction, having an elevation of 887 meters. The population of Clinton currently stands at approximately 740. As he was driving south a few kilometers out of Clinton, B.C. on a straight stretch of road at dawn when he noticed something rather unusual way off in the horizon. He said he was able to observe a dot, or very small object which seemed to be floating around, still very far away at this time.

As he drove, he slowed because what ever this was he was looking at was acting really strange and it started growing larger in size due to it heading in his direction. The witness told me, his Dad is a pilot, his Uncle is a pilot and his cousin is a pilot and he said he has been around aircraft all his life and knew what he was seeing was something he had never observed before. He also reports that what ever it was had no strobe lights on it, as it drew closer the object took on a metallic silver color to it. The shape was that of a saucer type craft, and as it approached it dropped in altitude to approx:1000 feet and flew straight over top of the truck he was driving, moving at an incredible rate of speed. He also told me the object was approx: 60 feet across and the bottom of it was completely black in color. Just as the object passed over head his eye caught sight of another craft of the same kind and it to passed overhead quickly and both objects were out of sight within a second or two. The objects were traveling north to east. He said there was not a sound to be heard. He immediately pulled the truck over to the side of the road and jumped out to see if he might be able to see something in the distance, but these objects were gone.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Mott

From: **Mike Mott** <mottimorph@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 20:17:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:31:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Mott

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
>To: UFO - UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 22:48:26 -0800
>Subject: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

>Hooo-boy!! It didn't take long to get a response to my rather
>tame message giving the URL to my Eltanin page to the Grid Pole
>Blog:

><http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=164905;article=1816;>

>M.L. Morton omits my Eltanin URL again, choosing instead to
>quote Bruce Cathie as if he wrote Holy Scripture.

><http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?id=164905;article=1818;>

>I can send samples of Morton's "impeccable mathematical
>correlations" to anyone interested. Weirdness central.

>I hope this doesn't upset anyone here.

Hi Larry,

Not upset at all. In fact I find it very interesting that you've uncovered this remarkably similarity between the sponge and the image in the photo.

However, I'd like some further thoughts from you on this. At the great pressure at which the picture was taken, how would the arms of the sponge remain so rigid? Of course, some will say that since a sponge is porous, that the internal (water) pressure of the structure was more or less the same as the external and is thereby "held" rigid--but even at a depth in excess of 12,000 or 13,000 feet? In terms of the sponge itself, just how porous are the "arms" or stalks of the sponge in question, and how does this affect its rigidity? Have you examined an actual specimen of this deep-sea animal?

Finally, most or ALL sponges quiver, wave, bend and fluctuate in ocean currents like tree leaves and branches do in the wind. How is the reconciled with the fact that the "arms" in the photo are at perfect right angles, evenly spaced, despite the tremendous depth and pressure, currents, etc. of the environment? In other words, if the sponge "droops" as it does in the naturalist's drawing, then it certain does not exhibit the structural rigidity under tremendous pressure as shown by the object in the photo.....

You might want to ruminate on these things a bit.

--Mike

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Leonid 'Fireworks' Coming Soon

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 00:17:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:47:11 -0500
Subject: Leonid 'Fireworks' Coming Soon

Space Weather News for Nov. 18, 2003

<http://spaceweather.com>

The 2003 Leonid meteor shower began on Nov. 13th with a mild flurry of meteors over the Pacific Ocean. It continues on Wednesday morning, Nov. 19th, with a much stronger peak over the Americas and western Europe.

Sky watchers on the Atlantic side of North America are favored; they could see as many as 80 meteors per hour between 1:30 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. local time. Western Europeans and South Americans ought to have a good view, too, shortly before local sunrise. (All these times refer to Wednesday morning, Nov. 19th.)

In western North America and around the Pacific Ocean the display will be weaker, perhaps 20 to 40 meteors per hour, but that's still a nice shower. Favored sites include Alaska and Hawaii before dawn on Nov. 19th and Japan after local midnight on Nov. 20th.

Visit Spaceweather.com for updates and more information.

Here's wishing each a view of some nice cosmic 'fireworks'.

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: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:55:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:13:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:25:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Clark

>>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freeseerve.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:50:03 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
>>>Subject: Psychosociological Researchers

<snip>

>You're not a sociopath, John, and I seriously doubt that Wendy
>believes you are, either. Call it rhetorical exuberance, of
>which we are all guilty - including Magonians - from time to
>time.

Correct, Jerry. I doubt John is not a sociopath... just his
argumentation that borders on paranoia. Except it wasn't
rhetorical exuberance. It was the truth as I comprehend it
from the Magonia throne declarations.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Trindade - Gevaerd

From: **A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:02:10 -0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:00:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Gevaerd

>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:39:50 -0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

<snip>

>Perhaps you have forgotten that in a post dated 29 October I
>conceded that it was not impossible for negative witnesses to
>come forward, but that their absence in this case was easily
>explained, even if there was a real UFO to be seen. It was
>simply because they were either below deck or were busy working
>in other parts of the ship.

>Only if they were standing next to Barauna and friends and
>failed to see what he said they saw would they be likely to have
>anything to say about the matter.

>It would be meaningless for any of the crew to say they didn't
>see the UFO if they were not in a position to do so. Surely,
>when you hear about a crime or a traffic accident in Canby,
>Minnesota, you don't phone the police to tell them that you
>didn't see it?

Harney,

When I started in Ufology, some 30 years ago, I used to get amazed and amused with beautiful pictures of UFOs, some of them very nice indeed. Then, as time went by, I realized that in Ufology a image is not worth a thousand words. A beautiful photo of a shiny, metallic, structured object may be very good to look at or to publish, but it is only entirely acceptable when it comes along with a consistent report from the photographer. And it gets even more reliable if the photographer is a serious, reputable person.

For over 50 years the Trindade's pictures have been analyzed over and over, by civilian and military. It is a fact. But much more than that, and much more significant is that for over 50 years Barauna's report has been cross examined over and over. His word have been taken by some of the most expressive civilian and military authorities in Brazil, including a President and several chiefs-of-staff. High officers from Navy knew the man and considered him entirely reliable and above all suspicions. He never contradicted himself in anyway. He never made unusual claims of any sort. He lived and died a decent life.

One has to consider what kind of man is being accused of cheating. Is Barauna that kind of man? I doubt. I met him, so did many other people. Before accusing a man of deception, one has to know his life much better.

A. J.

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:55:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:21:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Sanchez-Ocejo

Here we go again!

Another skeptic attack on the Trindade Case.

During the 2nd UFO Symposium in Brasilia, Brazil on April 17-21, 1983, we had the opportunity to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Almiro Barauna. At the table: Dr. Hynek, Irene Granchi, Leo Sprinkle, Cintia Lubilus, Carlos Reyes and myself.

From the taped conversation I would like to point out some interesting data:

- 1) Witness, Air Force Captain Viegas (it sounded like that) affirmed that the UFO wobble twice.
- 2) The ships radar detected the UFO twice: i) The day before, on Jan 15, for 15 minutes and ii) before the sighting on Jan 16.
- 3) During the sighting, all electrical systems on the ship went down for half hour.

Were the Air Force Captain and the radar operator part of the hoax?

Did someone shut down the electric power of the ship for half hour as part of the hoax?

Did all 48 witnesses conspire with Barauna in the hoax?

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks**
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 06:13:21 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:07:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Scientific Update - Sparks

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 18:35:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:17:12 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>Based now on first print scans, there's further confirmation
>>that all four images of the UFO are different versions of only
>>one original image:

>><http://www.geocities.com/airsmith/trind.htm>

>Kentaro Mori and his colleagues have here brilliantly explained
>how the Trindade Island hoax was accomplished.

>All we have to do now is sit back and wait for Jerome Clark to
>explain where the missing 45 witnesses went, and for Brad Sparks
>to explain how the double exposure demonstrated on this website
>is "scientifically impossible".

Your cheerleading of any debunking effort even before it has
been properly evaluated sounds like grasping at straws. Why not
ask your critical-thinking questions of the debunking side for
once? I am on record putting tough critical scientific questions
to both sides of the UFO controversy, you are not (e.g.,
Roswell, Kenneth Arnold).

Are you all are out of your minds?? The Trindade UFO images are
NOT "copies" of the "same image"!! Just glance at the labeled
"a, b, c, d" images on Mori's website. Some are stretched
FLATTER by about 30% by motion blur as I pointed out before
after measuring the effect (in Photos 1 and 2 when witnesses
said the object was coming in first at high speed before slowing
down). By the way I already explained my measurements of high
rotational blurring and also stated that this is preliminary
analysis and the full report will not be finished until probably
next year sometime. So whining about this delay is childish.

Anyone can see the flattened shape just by looking at it. In
addition the SIZE of the image differs from photo to photo,
indicating change in DISTANCE - contrary to Mori who has this
mindboggling delusion that he can adjust the size of the
"island" to force fit the object into having the same size in
each pic. That is just ridiculous and indicative of outlandish
distortion of objective fact just to create a debunking "hoax"
scenario. Next will you try having the sun emerge from the ocean
too to explain why no shadows on the object if that would be
convenient to debunking the case??

When the island topography is carefully orthorectified, scaled
and fitted precisely with scenery in adjoining pics to fit a
panorama, the absolute scale of the island and the photos is
established and as I was able to do for the first time in the
history of the Trindade photos, in Aug 2002, I was able to

measure the apparent or angular size of the UFO in each photo
(approximate numbers):

DIFFERING DIAMETERS/DISTANCES OF TRINDADE UFO

Photo 1 1.5 degrees (1.1 degs if 25 degs/sec motion blur is deducted)
Photo 2 1.5 degs (1.3 degs if 12 degs/sec motion blur is deducted)
Photo 3 1.7 degs (1.5 degs if 12 degs/sec motion blur is deducted)
Photo 6 0.6 deg
(all approximate)
(Note: Photos 4 and 5 missed the UFO)

This is obviously not some duplicate of the same image! These widely differing sized images were not simply pasted on by montage or double exposed onto the Trindade island scenery using cookie-cutter copies. The object in the last photo is almost 3 TIMES SMALLER!! The UFO was reported heading out to sea in the distance so the photos make perfect sense in terms of a real physical object.

The latest computer trick "simulating" a double-exposure Trindade hoax uses computer equipment that did not exist in 1958 and thus was not available to hoaxers in 1958 - and does NOT in fact add light to light in a simple linear $2 + 2 = 4$ way.

Instead it has used a modern software program to superimpose a partial layer with the fake UFO in frame B to the background scene in frame A in a very complex way using a sophisticated processing algorithm built into the software.

The frames A-B-C-D on Mori's website were admittedly done "digitally" and not by exposing light on real photographic film emulsion. It starts out with an island-type scene with a density range of about 1 to 8 in frame A, then adds a fake "UFO" image on a GLARING WHITE BACKGROUND at about maximum possible brightness of 10 (on a 0 to 10 grayscale), but somehow adds up to only brightness range 5 to 9 approximately, in the highlighted rectangle in frame C.

How do you explain that? How does a 1-8 range become only a 5-9 range when you add 10? That is like saying $1 + 10 = 5$. (I hope you don't come back with pretended ignorance and misunderstanding of brightness/density ranges or imagine that "1-8" is "1 minus 8" instead of just my shorthand for "1 to 8.")

The intense white background if it was properly simulating light exposure on film in a real "double exposure" should be WIPING OUT EVERYTHING IN GLARING WHITE LIGHT and going off-scale at 10 everywhere that 10 light levels are supposedly added. But it doesn't. Obviously the computer software manipulates the image and helpfully prevents saturation of the image - unlike real photography.

In frame D, this 2003 computer "double exposure" has been arbitrarily computer-darkened from 5-9 to a density range of about 1 to 5, supposedly to make it appear more like the Trindade photos but in fact this is an absurd distortion. The Trindade photos despite looking gray and "overcasty" to the eye, actually still contain tremendous photographic detail across a wide range of densities from almost 0 up to about 8. Here the measuring instruments are especially important for obtaining objective data that overrule subjective impressions.

BACKGROUND BRIGHTNESSES OF MORI FAKE

Mori Computer Fake A ("Before" Scene): 1-8 density range
Mori Computer Fake B (Bright White Around "UFO"): 10
Mori Computer Fake C ("UFO" "After" Scene)*: 5-9
Mori Computer Fake D (Darkened "After" Scene): 1-5

Trindade Photos (approximate average, 4 photos): 0-8

[Note: The density ranges of the BACKGROUND and NOT the fake "UFO" image are being measured here.]

[*In the "UFO" rectangle area, not the whole picture.]

Even in the very darkest areas of the Trindade photos, which are in the 0-1 density range, the UFO photos retain tremendous fine detail (down to perhaps the 100-micron level or better), a very high dynamic range. This hard scientific fact demonstrates that even without original negatives for analysis, it is simply not possible for a clever photographer to have manipulated multiple

prints and/or copy negatives back and forth through brighter and darker to make a dark fake "UFO" SEEM to violate the Light-Adds-Light rule of photography. That process would WIPE OUT ALL DETAIL in the darkest and the brightest portions of the picture because they must necessarily become saturated or blanked out at the 0 and 10 levels then brought back to mid ranges around 5 to look more "normal" in appearance. Once the fine details are lost through this kind of photographic manipulation they cannot be brought back.

The high dynamic range of densities in the Trindade photos at full fine detail also makes it nearly impossible (maybe completely impossible) even for a computer manipulation to fully simulate the photos. The Mori website may well demonstrate this is an impossibility - notice that the shadowed island or peninsula is devoid of any detail, UNLIKE the Trindade island scenes which retain fine detail no matter how dark. Again, it does not matter whether we have the original negatives, the prints cannot create detail that wasn't in the negatives.

Why do you even want to push the "double exposure" theory if you simply have the hoaxer making photographic copies of the same image four times and doing a MONTAGE that screws up and gets some upside-down?

Brad Sparks

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 11:00:55 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:18:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Boone

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:14:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:33:33 EST
>>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

><snip>

>>If that brings a tear to your eye, you should see the list of
>>psychiatric abuses perpetrated worldwide over the past 100 years
>>or more.

>Not everyone on this List might be aware of the most recent
>psychiatric horror: Time-release psychoactive drugs by
>_implantation_! Too bad if your meds aren't right for you, you
>are subject to the whim of the branch of medicine with the least
>consistency among practitioners. One-year implants are being
>talked about now. And surgery to change or remove the implants
>is, "Gosh, gee, so _terribly_ expensive and inconvenient."

>The implication being "So why don't you just let the implant
>expire and _then_ we'll take it out."

>I know a local lawyer who specializes in mental health here
>in Hamilton, and she reports some gruesome side effects,
>which are legalized torture, from meds like Haldol, taken
>by mouth or injection. Like all-body pain and the need to
>pace throughout the day _and_night_ until the patient is
>so exhausted he or she cannot walk a step further. That's
>called "restless leg syndrome" and comes with the territory
>once the arbitrary "science" of psychiatry deems you "in
>need of help."

>But the way doctors are ladling out Ritalin and Prozac to
>schoolkids, it's not hard to imagine a day when everyone gets
>their tailor-concocted psychoactive implant for life.

>(Would anyone guess how many UFO abductees might receive these
>dandy little torture dispensers?)

>There is a second side to this story, and the general public is
>not aware of it. Thanks to Greg Boone for peeking into it.

Thank you Eleanor White! That is the scariest and vilest thing
I've heard of in years.

Yes the doctors are dishing out Ritalin and Prozac because the
public is using them as party drugs. Poorer man's cocaine is
what the street names are. Big bucks are made from sanctioned
dope dealing.

Eleanor, if you and your friend need help please email me. I
will send no less than an army of assistance.

Yes, we definitely need to see how many UFO witnesses, abductees have been illegally tossed into hospitals and jails.

If so, and I'd bet there are decades of such abuses, these people will need help.

Best,

Greg

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Psycho-Social Ufological Research 101

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:13:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:24:16 -0500
Subject: Psycho-Social Ufological Research 101

Understanding Psycho-Social Ufological Research 101

For those on the List having trouble grasping the Rimmer job on UFO UpDates, here's the bottom line:

1. Ufologists research to find and understand the truth, regardless of the paths it may require to journey down. They find the adventure as thrilling as the chase.
2. The psycho-social gang-bangers of Ufology only focus on methodologies to delay or derail the search for truth because, like autistic savaants (one trick ponies), can't keep their eyes off the path they are on... thus, forever doomed to go nowhere.

Wendy Connors

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Rendelsham UFOs Verified?

From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 13:14:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:08:58 -0500
Subject: Rendelsham UFOs Verified?

List,

Is there a complete database of the total of amount of UFO sightings that were reported from the week prior to the Rendelsham event, the week the event happened, and the week after the event?

Any help would be grateful.

Thanks,

Roy

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

From: **A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 13:22:47 -0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:22:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:42:09 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

<snip>

>>Those who defend the case as authentic must either deny the
>>similarity, or explain how a real physical object could have the
>>same image, rotated, and mirrored, as it traveled through the
>>sky.

>>If the similarity is acknowledged - as Sparks did - and no
>>convincing explanation for a real physical object showing it is
>>given - as it wasn't, to this point - then no amount of
>>testimonial evidence or discussion will ever be able to account
>>for this single physical evidence of hoax.

><snip>

>Huh? Real physical objects rotate and flip over, reverse course
>(your imaginary "mirroring"), and wow even change direction!
>Witness testimony reported the object wobbling back in 1958 -
>if it was a hoax how could they anticipate someone in 2003
>finding evidence of such wobbling, high-speed rotation shown by
>motion blur, and even flipping, in the photographs of the object
>you claim did not even exist in the sky over Trindade but was a
>fabrication of no "real physical object" at all over Trindade?

>Can you tell us why a real physical object cannot rotate and
>flip over? No "convincing explanation" is necessary for real
>physical objects doing what they are capable of doing. On the
>other hand you must explain how hoaxers can obey the laws of
>physics and optics in carrying out a hoax with 1958 technology.
>Hoaxes must obey the laws of science.

Dear Brad and folks.

I was loonking into my files here (my magazine goes back 20 years and about 180 editions) and I located a singular article written by top Brazilian UFO researcher Marcos Petit and published in the issue # 54, several years ago. The articles describes new revelations made by Barauna a few years before he died. Petit had the chance to become friend of Barauna and spent a lot of time with him.

In one ocasion, Barauna agreed to describe to him a few "minor" details of the case he was involved with. I can pick up some parts of the article I published, but the more interesting is the one in which Barauna reports the dinner that he had with the officers of Almirante Saldanha, on the very night after the sighting. He reported how everyone on board were so agitated during all afternoon by the sightings they all did, specially,

of course, the commander and his high staff.

After the desert, the commander decided that he could trust Barauna for a few more confidences and, along with his officers, told him that the Brazilian Navy was very much concerned with unusual sightings of strange objects that looked like intelligently driven over some areas of the shore and some islands. And finally, he admitted to Barauna that the sighting over Trindade that afternoon wasn't the first one reported. Even personnel serving in the small post at the island reported UFOs before. Several times...

I will have the article (plus the one from Covo) translated and posted.

A. J.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:45:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Boone

>From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic@verizon.net>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 15:13:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 11:33:33 EST
>>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:56 -0700
>>>Subject: Psychosociological Researchers

>>>An adequate name, put another way, is: psychotic sociopaths who
>>>actually believe they are important to the field of Ufological
>>>research.

>>>They feed off the efforts and expertise of others for a fast
>>>buck.

>>>Living in "Magonia" seems to cause this pathetic condition.

>>>Brings a tear to the eye...don't it?

>>Hats off to you Wendy Connors!

>>If that brings a tear to your eye, you should see the list of
>>psychiatric abuses perpetrated worldwide over the past 100 years
>>or more. I heard a chap on the Jeff Rense Program named Bruce
>>Wiseman of www.cchr.org and visited CCHR's offices and read the
>>information. Who says there wasn't a real Dr. Frankenstein?
>>Electro-shock, hypnosis, lobotomies, really ghoulish federally
>>funded frankensteins. I grew up around 3 of the most massive
>>psychiatric centers and could go on and on about what happened
>>there.

>>Wiseman recently succeeded in squashing 100s of billions of
>>dollars earmarked to the quacks in psychiatry. That's just for
>>starters.

>Hi Wendy, Greg, All,

>Kudos Wendy! Tell it like it is! A respectable portion of the
>abduction-related posts that I submit to this List are written
>in response to 'psycho-babble' from the psycho-sociologists.
>I've been wanting to find a way to tell them all to take a long
>walk off of a short pop-culture pier, but I couldn't find a
>polite way to say it. Wendy simply grabbed her guns and she shot
>straight from the hip, - which is what I should have done ages
>ago. I tip my hat to you Wendy for being a 'better man' than I
>am. <g>

>Greg wrote:

>>I remember as a kid when people would report seeing a
>>UFO or an abduction they were literally dragged off and drugged
>>and ruined in the psych-centers. It is something very difficult

>>for me to recount.

>I don't know how long you've been reading the UFO UpDates List,
>Greg. Several years ago I shared (on the List) a very personal
>story about one of my family members, my paternal uncle to
>be precise.

>Long story - short...

>Back in the mid-fifties my uncle (tio Ping) was committed to a
>mental institution and subjected to horrible electro-shock
>therapy treatments and I don't know how many mind-addling drugs
>for reporting essentially the same phenomena/experiences that I
>and several thousand others are reporting today.

>For readers who may already be dismissing my uncle as 'just
>another nut-case,' I'd like to inform you that he was a Master
>craftsman and university professor. (San Juan University, P.R.)

>My uncle was an acknowledged master cabinet and furniture maker
>who taught conservancy and restoration of antiquities for many
>years at the university level. This was a gifted artist and
>respected academic. No 'sloucher' or mere 'nut-job' to be
>readily or easily dismissed.

>Anyone who thinks there is no 'reality' behind the statement you
>made about people being put away is sadly mistaken. People have,
>in the past, been committed to institutions and subsequently to
>a life of literal medieval torture and suffering. And all for
>reporting the same phenomena that is being widely reported by
>_thousands_ (worldwide) today.

>>So, add to being carted-off against your will, harrassed by
>>government, ignored by the press, ridiculed by science and
>>society and you wonder why we can't get to the bottom of the
>>sightings and abduction phenomena.

>Exactly! Well said. I can't wait for the day when the truth that
>some of us have to live with becomes common knowledge. Only then
>will people begin to realize what witnesses/abductees have had
>to learn to deal with -isolated, alone and unassisted.

>There are a few abductees that I know of that I consider to be
>genuine heros. Debbie Jordan-Kauble and Travis Walton to name
>but two. These are people who are more than worthy of serving as
>psychological 'role models' to the rest of us. At least in terms
>of demonstrating how to adapt to and integrate into their own
>psyche (with the least amount of psychological disruption) some
>of the most psychologically challenging and oft times mind-
>shattering experiences. All the while they somehow maintain
>their inner balance and equilibrium. And, without losing their
>minds completely in the process.

>Think about it. It's not an easy thing for anyone to have to
>do. Much harder... to have to do it alone. To be the one to
>blaze the trail because there is no one to turn to for advice.
>Add to it public ridicule and dismissal and you begin to get an
>idea as to how much is actually being dealt with. The 'alien'
>intervention alone is enough to make you nuts. Instead of people
>helping to lessen or lighten the load that abductees and
>witnesses have to carry, they pile on even more crap for them to
>deal with.

>Thanks Greg for bringing attention to the 'human' part of the
>equation. It is the part that always seems to gets lost in all
>the psycho-babble.

Thank you John Velez! I'm honored!

I've only been aware of this List for the past several months
and how I missed it I don't know. I met you in Roswell in '97 if
I recall.

I must however spill some beans as I'm now aware of how large
this abduction issue is. I'm going to have to take some hits for
tossing it to the side because I had no solid data on it. I had
passed it off as something the experts will have to handle. Yet
learning the history of psychiatry and having to finally come to
grips with what I saw growing up, I'm going to have to take a
stand here.

When I worked for Parascope on AOL we had umpteen people who would show up at our live forum claiming to be abductees. Of the numbers that would show up I would have to say around 2% were jokers and knuckleheads. What alarmed me was that most were solid citizens of all races and backgrounds and were genuine about what they recounted. The demographics were off the charts and I would try to help them best I could. The normal procedure was to send them to a hypnotist or professional who could help them recall but I quickly found out that most of the abductees had full recall as they were alert during their abductions. I had taken psychology in high school and college and must admit that I'm not a cheerleader for data extrapolation from non-conscious subjects. It's too easy to implant a suggestion whether by intention or accident. A person under hypnosis has a lower level of self-determinism and will recall what's suggested so unless that hypnotist is awesome (and I still don't fully support it) then you'll have unstable data and must then construct conclusions that can only be validated via conscious events.

So lemme spill some beans here. Because this has bothered me my entire life. Where I grew up in the Hudson Valley there were 3 massive psychiatric centers. The sheer volume of unfortunates who were under psychiatric care was unfathomable. It was a daily scene to encounter 3 out of every 10 persons one would meet who would be to some degree off-kilter. Some from birth defects, some from accidents, some from toxins, violence, and quite too often claiming to be in some form of contact with 'aliens'. I brushed it off as the abduction scenario was relatively unknown outside of the Hill Case. Now I know better.

Luckily I met some folks several years ago who were part of anti-psychiatry movements. So I did several live chats on AOL polling the general public what they thought of psychiatry.

To my astonishment, these people, who normally would argue and debate every damned thing, had 100% agreement that psychiatrists were the worst thing to come along since bad food.

You name em', doctors, cops, lawyers, housewives, black, white, republican, democrat ALL railed on for DAYS about the horrors they underwent during psychiatric care. It got so bad, I swear I could have broken down and cried. People I'd known for years opened up and told me stories of such abuse I was ready to go for my shootin' irons. One woman's list of abuses was so long the claim forms had to be amended.

So I tuned into the Jeff Rense Program because Jeff, as usual, had been warning people about this for years before it got popular. He told me who to check out and I did and found several advocates especially Bruce Wiseman of CCHR. I met and talked to Bruce, went to his headquarters in Los Angeles and almost keeled over from shock.

I now know why the people back in those psych centers were so off the deep end and why psychiatry should be stomped off the earth. Rense showed me stories on ADHD and other disorders that had NO physical basis and how drugs were being prescribed by court order! I called back home to New York and lo and behold, my own friends and family were one remark away from grabbing shotguns and circling the wagons because some idiot had passed a law that you and your kids could be taken from the streets, the home and forced to take drugs like Ritalin and Prozac! Forced? No way!

It's way outta hand and I'm glad there are people out there fighting this foolishness. If I were a lawyer I would be making a mint off the abused. I clearly remember how well up until the late 1980s if you claimed you had only seen a UFO you ran a high risk of being picked up by the cops, sent to the psych-centers and that was that!

How many people, how many, over the past 50 years were treated this way? How many suffered unnoticed and without review? I say we need to do some old fashioned file-digging and get to the bottom of it. I'll bet you my last Batman comic that there'll be hundreds of thousands of cases of abuse. That's why people won't come forward. Fear of ridicule, fear of imprisonment, fear of retribution etc. and we wonder why government won't step forward?

I'll tell you why. Because if these accounts are true, and people are and have been the subject of abductions and then the subject of incarceration by our own government and subjected to the level of brutality we now know the psychiatric community committed, then brother you're talking lawsuits up the ying-yang.

You tell me, that our government knew and allowed abductions and didn't tell us? Deaths and injuries occurred as a result? You better believe it I'm gettin' me a mouthpiece and devil take the hindmost.

Let me tell you, if I had ever, ever, been abducted by some odd looking beings with bug eyes and they experimented on me, not only would you know it, but the neighbors would know it, the folks over hill and dale would know it cause I'd be screaming it from trunk to treetop and would be ready to slap leather to anyone who called me a fibber.

Makes me wonder what's worse, being abducted by aliens or your own species.

Yes, I do know more. A lot more about this abduction thing. Yet it's too early for me to disclose it until I follow the exact procedures to present it. But I can say this:

Where our government, mainstream institutions screwed up, we the people can solve the problem in a few years once and for all with a small committment thanks to the efforts of several of our parents and grandparents who saw the light of day and stepped up to the plate and left us something that not even our 'friends' from beyond can withstand. Help ain't on the way, it's been here all the time.

Best,

Greg

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 10:20:00 -0200
>>Subject: Trindade Photos A Fake?

Mori

Since you are a Brazilian and live close to Sao Paulo and Rio, and you are "con" this case, maybe you could make time to extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A lot can be gained if you decide to check out for the facts by yourself rather than only perform computer analyzes of prints of prints of Bara=FAna's photos.

His widow lives in Niteroi and there is plenty info about the case and the witnesses' lives at some Navy offices, specially in Rio. Everything pertaining to the Amirante Saldanha ship is available as public records and can be consulted. Covo did some of the checking. Why don't you?

A. J.

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Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 01:08:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:52:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Hatch

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor@raven1.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 15:17:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
>>To: UFO - UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 22:48:26 -0800
>>Subject: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

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>I've been roundly rapped by Larry Hatch on a number of
>occasions. I've also had some off list communications with
>Larry. I don't have time to read every post on UFO Updates, but:

>Our mind control group has decades of experience with
>disinformationists, and we've developed a fairly good set of red
>flags over time. I have seen nothing from Larry that raises
>_any_ disinformationist red flags. He's a skeptic, in my view,
>which is an honourable state.

Well, thank you Eleanor for your kind words!

Simple disagreement is one thing, and much to be expected. The
rants and charges coming from the Grid-Pole are something else
entirely.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:56:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

<snip>

>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

Rimmer:

No miracle at all. In Ufology, cases get corroborated all the time throughout the years. It happened and is still happening with Roswell, for instance. Your attempt to discredit Trindade's photos is proof of that.

Barauna lived and died as a reputable man. The idea that he could have faked the pictures with double exposure and/or other technics (such as switching the roll of film) is too odd to be taken seriously.

One has to know what he speaks. You should perform a greater investigation of the case, interviewing the people that remained alive and checking out the military docs to accomplish you task.

Why don't you?

A. J.

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <pplcunha@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 23:03:45 -0300 (ART)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:29:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 07:45:18 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:59:57 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>>some time later, leaving many of the witnesses still alive and
>>>talking.

>>>So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
>>>Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

Hello John Rimmer,

This is a misinterpretation. Gevaerd was clear when he said that new facts were added to the research done before by Olavo Fontes. And that's part of his knowledge as a ufologist researcher. He met the man. He talked to him. So did Olavo Fontes and others. Did you?

None of the research done by Olavo can be disregarded as being wrong or not. Barauna did not forget what he was doing at the time. He was only sick on the ship's deck, and for the sake of research, details can and are welcome to be added in any scientific research. We are not talking about hypothesis nor a theory. The accuracy of a good research depends also on the field investigation. And a witness can be questioned as many times as they allow us to.

>>>This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental
>>>to the case.

Can you elaborate on this?

>>>If something so basic can be wrong with the reporting of the
>>>case, then there is no way whatsoever that it can be regarded as

>a reliable case, and just confirms the view that Trindade cannot
>stand up to scrutiny.

What is that 'so basic'?

Well, someone has to be a mastermind to remember everything at
once. How do the law enforcement people deal with it?

>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

My dimes worth are above.....

Pedro Luz Cunha

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Re: BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan & Crash

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:40:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:10:46 -0500
Subject: Re: BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan & Crash

>From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc90405@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 13:19:27 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: BLM Roswell Regional Management Plan & Crash Sites

For the record and what it's worth, Dennis Balthaser and I obtained these documents and others from BLM in 1999. Indeed, interesting material.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Trindade - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 10:35:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 03:51:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Lehmborg

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:39:09 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:39:50 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade

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>Sigh, John,

<snip>

>Or is that sound I hear pelican wings struggling nobly, though
>failing utterly, to take flight over Trindade?

I think Mr. Clark is displaying too much of his trademark gentility in this well turned remark. There is nothing "noble" in the furtive pistoning of these unenlightened, emaciated, and featherless pinions. Lift equals coefficient times surface area times the square of its velocity, and our Mr. Rimmer demonstrates an ongoing paucity of all three.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$350.00 pledged -- \$200.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Trindade - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 16:03:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 09:00:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Clark

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 01:47:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 15:21:39 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>Perhaps he will argue that the Brazilian Navy is extraordinarily
>>incompetent and gullible.

>The Brazillian military personnel can be so at times. As the US,
>or the UK ones.

>>So, the idea that Trindade was a hoax, and that the Brazilian
>>Navy made a lot of extraordinary errors, is not that far
>>fetched. Even on some of the official reports we do know, they
>>mention some of the errors made, and that in fact, they can't
>>say if this was for real.

Sorry, I don't buy it. Too many negative witnesses to alert any
investigating authorities to the hoax. Too many other people -
journalists, ufologists, debunkers - looking at the case, too,
and still not a whisper of disconfirming testimony.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 14:22:37 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 09:04:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun - Tonnies

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:18:41 -0500
>Subject: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun

>Huge rock-ice body circles Sun - Astronomers have
>found a large >object orbiting the Sun near Neptune's orbit.

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3277033.stm>

I bet it's a giant alien mothership! Everyone - run for your lives!

Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com> (daily blog)

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 22:19:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 09:02:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Hall

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>stand up to scrutiny.

>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

No, John, it is just now coming to your lights. Clarification of details is an important part of continuing (or follow-up) investigation. Instead, Pelican logic says that anything that changes in what we think we know about a case demonstrates a negative conclusion. If it stayed constant, that would also demonstrate a negative conclusion. What is "fundamental" to the case (the large number of witnesses, many of whom, despite your protestations, have been identified; the concordance of eye-witness testimony and photographic evidence; the total lack of any negative testimony) seems to escape you. Why? The case has stood up to scrutiny for 45 years.

What you really are saying is it can't be true, therefore it isn't true (non potest, ergo non est). Your entire evaluation of the case springs from this totally unjustified, illogical, and unscientific bald-faced assumption.

When all else fails, you (and John Harney) start asserting that we "believers" claim that everything unexplained is a spaceship. Obviously, you have not read our works very carefully or you would not say that. Absolutely zero factual evidence has been advanced to support the hoax hypothesis in this case, only negative surmises that clearly illustrate your "Jesuit logic" (as we used to call it in Philosophy); making unfounded assumptions and then drawing entirely "logical" (but false) conclusions from them.

- Dick Hall

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

From: **A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 19:40:36 -0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 09:07:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 00:54:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 07:45:18 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>In the November 2003 edition - # 82 - of the Brazilian UFO
>>Magazine I've published a long and detailed review of the case
>>by top Brazilian UFO researcher/engineer Claudeir Covo (who has
>>also reviewed and ruled out Ed Keffel's Barra da Tijuca
>>photographs).

>Small correction: that would be November 2002, last year. The
>November 2003 edition of the Brazilian UFO mag is the one who
>has the cover article of "Cosmic Miscigenation: Aliens may be
>abducting humans to create a hybrid race". Of course you know
>all that, you are the editor of the magazine, I'm just informing
>those who may not know.

That's a fact, Mori. My mistake! The edition I was referring to
was November 2002. By the way, this edition is the first one to
be published in English next Feb or March, after an agreement we
just did with a North American company. It will only be updated
and receive 24 more pages with international material.

>>The review contains a precise, updated version of
>>the case, and can be found, in Portuguese, by anyone interested.
>>Barauna is described by Covo as laying down on some part of the
>>deck, but apart from the rest of the crew, sea-sick and with a
>>headache.

>You claimed that "Barauna ... wasn't even on the deck". If you
>have sources to actually support that, and many other claims you
>made, I don't know why you continue quoting sources who deny
>them.

Yes, I have sources, as you would as well if you decide to
investigate the case rather than only support other researchers'
findings. Mori, Photoshop analysis will never substitute real
UFO investigation. In order to know the Trindade Island case
better, it is mandatory that you go to the field, talk to people
and check the records. For instance, check out Marcos Petit's
article on UFO # 54, with new revelations about the case made by
Barauna himself, just a little before he died. I would be glad
to send it to you, if you want to.

>>I guarantee it is the best piece ever written about the case
>>so far.

>I second that. Sadly, and with respect for the author, the
>article has nothing new, being a review, basically all it
>contains can be already read on-line in English, in the cufos
>website for instance, and in a complete form. It also contains
>some errors (like talking about "monte Desejo" - that would be
>Desejado - and how the UFO hidden behind it and reappeared "on

>the other side" - it actually reappeared on the same side,
>returning more or less on the way it came, at least according to
>the testimony I know of).

I disagree. And it doesn't mean that I don't respect your opinion. But your opinion is a opinion only, while Covo was real investigation. He met Barauna personally and several other witnesses and officers involved in the case. He looked into the files. He went to the field. Besides all that, please have in mind that Covo is an engineer in three different fields and also an image analyst. He analyzed not only Barauna's photos but also hundreds of others -- including Barra da Tijuca, which turned out to be a gross fake by Ed Keffel.

>This is also the article which is accompanied by headlines like
>"Trindade Island: inquestionable document of the alien presence
>on our planet", or "since the fifties the UFOs already lurked
>the Brazilian coast. What to they look for?". But, well, this is
>the Brazilian UFO mag. The cover article for this November 2002
>edition is "Aliens among us". An affirmative, not a question.

Yes to "Trindade Island: inquestionable document of the alien presence on our planet". Yes to "since the fifties the UFOs already lurked the Brazilian coast. What to they look for?" And, yes to "Aliens among us" positively and definitely affirming that, not questioning. Do you have a problem that I or others have these three quotations as facts?

>There is a Brazilian ufologist who may actually have new
>testimonial evidence on the Trindade Island, and we are all
>expecting for his work to be completed and published. Maybe on
>the Brazilian UFO mag. Then it will probably have something new.

Sure. As the editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, that you as a Brazilian yourself know very well, I can guarantee that whatever article that may come from anyone that represents a contribution to any case in Ufology, domestic ou foreign, with accurate and consistent content, can be published. No doubt about it.

A. J.

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Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 14:39:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 09:12:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader! - Hatch

>>From: Mike Mott <mottimorph@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 20:17:43 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET>
>>To: UFO - UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 22:48:26 -0800
>>Subject: Larry Hatch Manure Spreader!

>>Hooo-boy!! It didn't take long to get a response to my rather
>>tame message giving the URL to my Eltanin page to the Grid Pole
>>Blog:

>><http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=164905;article=1816;>

>>M.L. Morton omits my Eltanin URL again, choosing instead to
>>quote Bruce Cathie as if he wrote Holy Scripture.

>><http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?id=164905;article=1818;>

>>I can send samples of Morton's "impeccable mathematical
>>correlations" to anyone interested. Weirdness central.

>>I hope this doesn't upset anyone here.

>Not upset at all. In fact I find it very interesting that you've
>uncovered this remarkably similarity between the sponge and the
>image in the photo.

>However, I'd like some further thoughts from you on this. At the
>great pressure at which the picture was taken, how would the
>arms of the sponge remain so rigid? Of course, some will say
>that since a sponge is porous, that the internal (water)
>pressure of the structure was more or less the same as the
>external and is thereby "held" rigid--but even at a depth in
>excess of 12,000 or 13,000 feet? In terms of the sponge itself,
>just how porous are the "arms" or stalks of the sponge in
>question, and how does this affect its rigidity? Have you
>examined an actual specimen of this deep-sea animal?

>Finally, most or ALL sponges quiver, wave, bend and fluctuate in
>ocean currents like tree leaves and branches do in the wind.
>How is the reconciled with the fact that the "arms" in the
>photo are at perfect right angles, evenly spaced, despite the
>tremendous depth and pressure, currents, etc. of the
>environment? In other words, if the sponge "droops" as it does
>in the naturalist's drawing, then it certain does not exhibit
>the structural rigidity under tremendous pressure as shown by
>the object in the photo.....

>You might want to ruminate on these things a bit.

Hello Mike:

Good questions, but I am entirely the wrong person to ask!

I see no problem with the rigid arms. As you point out, deep sea creatures most definitely equalize pressures or they would collapse. In fact they usually explode if drawn rapidly to the surface as the exterior pressure plummets!

This was the bane of the work done by by grand uncle Charles Atwood Kofoid (University of California) in the 1930s. I think they once or still have a library there named after him.

My dad taught biology for decades too, but I was off into other interests... again I'm the wrong person to ask.

I was as surprised and mystified by the Eltanin image as anybody! In fact I catalogued it in mt *U* UFO Database even though it was not a UFO strictly speaking, but a deep sea object.

It was Tom DeMary who cracked the case, and a damned fine job he did.

I would suppose that the 'arms' are fairly stiff, and there is no sign (clouding) of fast sea currents that would make them bend or twist I can see in the photo.

My best guess is that the 'droopy' specimen (Agazzis 188x) was drawn after it was pulled up thousands of meters, after it had exploded, thus losing all structural stiffness... thus the droop.

The photo was of the object in its natural state, still erect with straight arms. Again, it is visually stunning .. and I can see why it appeared so interesting.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>>Perhaps you have forgotten that in a post dated 29 October I
>>conceded that it was not impossible for negative witnesses to
>>come forward, but that their absence in this case was easily
>>explained, even if there was a real UFO to be seen. It was
>>simply because they were either below deck or were busy working
>>in other parts of the ship.

>>Only if they were standing next to Barauna and friends and
>>failed to see what he said they saw would they be likely to have
>>anything to say about the matter.

>>It would be meaningless for any of the crew to say they didn't
>>see the UFO if they were not in a position to do so. Surely,
>>when you hear about a crime or a traffic accident in Canby,
>>Minnesota, you don't phone the police to tell them that you
>>didn't see it?

>Harney,

>When I started in Ufology, some 30 years ago, I used to get
>amazed and amused with beautiful pictures of UFOs, some of them
>very nice indeed. Then, as time went by, I realized that in
>Ufology a image is not worth a thousand words. A beautiful photo
>of a shiny, metallic, structured object may be very good to
>look at or to publish, but it is only entirely acceptable when
>it comes along with a consistent report from the photographer.
>And it gets even more reliable if the photographer is a serious,
>reputable person.

>For over 50 years the Trindade's pictures have been analyzed
>over and over, by civilian and military. It is a fact. But much
>more than that, and much more significant is that for over 50
>years Barauna's report has been cross examined over and over.
>His word have been taken by some of the most expressive civilian
>and military authorities in Brazil, including a President and
>several chiefs-of-staff. High officers from Navy knew the man
>and considered him entirely reliable and above all suspicions.
>He never contradicted himself in anyway. He never made unusual
>claims of any sort. He lived and died a decent life.

>One has to consider what kind of man is being accused of
>cheating. Is Barauna that kind of man? I doubt. I met him, so
>did many other people. Before accusing a man of deception, one
>has to know his life much better.

A.J.,

You make a very good point here. Individual character and

reputation is a very important barometer of possible truth.

In my time I have known personally and interacted with Olavo Fontes, Allen Hynek, Donald Keyhoe, and many others, including hundreds of UFO witnesses whom I have personally interviewed. (I even met you!)

Compared to armchair pseudo-ufologists who merely second-guess everything without personal investigation and interviewing, those of us who have actually studied cases intensively surely know a lot more about the possibilities of hoax versus reality.

Only by making totally unjustified skeptical assumptions can the psycho-socials advance a hoax hypothesis in this case.

- Dick Hall

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Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:55:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>During the 2nd UFO Symposium in Brasilia, Brazil on April 17-21,
>1983, we had the opportunity to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs.
>Almiro Barauna. At the table: Dr. Hynek, Irene Granchi, Leo
>Sprinkle, Cintia Lubilus, Carlos Reyes and myself.

Isn't this the interview in which Barauna contradicted himself
on the exposure time?

Well, if it was, then it was 25 years later, we have to concede
that. But then this disproves the claim that he "never
contradicted himself in anyway". And, of course, this is also
diverting from the physical evidence of hoax. No testimony will
ever make up for it.

Mori

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:27:36 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:20:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

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>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
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>Did all 48 witnesses conspire with Barauna in the hoax?

Which 48 witnesses were these?

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:33:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:33:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>Since you are a Brazilian and live close to Sao Paulo and Rio,
>and you are "con" this case, maybe you could make time to
>extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A
>lot can be gained if you decide to check out for the facts by
>yourself rather than only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>prints of Barauna's photos.

Such as Brad sparks is doing, you mean?

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:46:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:38:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:41:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>Wouldn't you say that a person who derives income from the sale
>of "Magonia," uses various UFO lists to beat their chests and
>proclaim their superiority (even though they've never done first
>account research, lacks the ability to see the forest from the
>trees?

I don't know what "income" you think I derive from Magonia. It's true that the magazine just about pays its way without the endless boring threats of imminent bankruptcy that we hear from some other UFO publications (including, I seem to remember, IUR and MUFON Journal), but it doesn't mean to say that I can retire in luxury on the proceeds!

>Nah. You're obviously oblivious to the concept. See your
>statement above.

>I stand on my observation that psycho-social researchers are a tad bit wonky and demonstrate continually, this aberration on UFO discussion lists. After all, why would a person who doesn't believe in possibilities/probabilities and misguided into believing they contribute to knowledge, be interested in a UFO researchers forum, except to try and be bigger and smarter than they really are by bullying researchers...much like the immature bully on the playground?

Maybe because, even though we don't buy wholeheartedly into the ETH, we still think UFOs are an interesting subject worthy of debate. Perhaps, in your own words, "you're obviously oblivious to the concept"?

And as far as "bullying researchers" are concerned, Magonia has never tried to ruin anybody with libel actions.

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:36:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:36:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:25:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>You're not a sociopath, John, and I seriously doubt that Wendy
>believes you are, either. Call it rhetorical exuberance, of
>which we are all guilty - including Magonians - from time to
>time.

Looking at her subsequent posts, I think she really means it!

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:34:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:35:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:50:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:54:36 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

<snip>

>There ya go, John, baby! I didn't say anything about you being a
>psychotic or a sociopath, but you responded in typical fashion
>for psycho-social incontinent, who mark their spots on all that
>isn't theirs.

>Like they say. If the shoe fits... you've already convinced me
>you have no argument.

Sorry I misunderstood you. If not me and fellow Magonians, who
were you referring to?

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 00:06:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:09:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: Pedro Luz Cunha <pplcunha@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 23:03:45 -0300 (ART)
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

<snip>

>>So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
>>Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

>This is a misinterpretation. Gevaerd was clear when he said that
>new facts were added to the research done before by Olavo
>Fontes. And that's part of his knowledge as a ufologist
>researcher. He met the man. He talked to him. So did Olavo
>Fontes and others. Did you?

>None of the research done by Olavo can be disregarded as being
>wrong or not. Barauna did not forget what he was doing at the
>time. He was only sick on the ship's deck,

Oh no he wasn't - according to Gevaerd:

"Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional
photographer (enough to be officially invited by the Navy on
several expeditions), wasn't even on the deck of the Almirante
Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon."

>>This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental
>>to the case.

>Can you elaborate on this?

If he was not on the deck, as Gevaerd claims (above) then it is
remarkable that he was able to get out of his sick-bed, get his
camera, climb up on op deck, then take photographs of an event
which, according to other claimed witnesses, was all over in a
few seconds! I would have thought that was fairly fundamental.

Incidentally, is this prone-to-seasickness Barauna the same person
as the underwater photographer who must have been used to being
aboard boats far smaller than the Almirante Saldhana and was
"officially invited by the Navy on several expeditions"?

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Re: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 01:01:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:32:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash - Maccabee

>From: Nathan Steele <nathan.steele@btinternet.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 19:40:32 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Caldbeck UK 1954 UFO Crash

>Did a UFO crash land on the fells of Cumberland England on March
>4th 1954. I have received documentation on this UFO crash and
>he story seems to have been further enhanced by newspaper
>articles with new revelations coming from Sharon Larkin, the
>current UFO Magazine investigator of the year and premier UK
>ufologist.

>New evidence reveals that UFO activity was monitored on 4/3/1957
>by the US navy in the Irish Sea whilst participating in
>Operation Mariner and further witness testimony was credible
>from a report by a Tiger Moth airman in the Magna Flux exercise.

>Ufologist Sharon Larkin claims to be in contact with a witness
>who was detained by the military for two weeks at Kirkbride
>Airfield and the incident takes on a sinister role as a local
>vicar who also witnessed the crash had died in mysterious
>circumstances as he was about to go public with his testimony.

>I find this case of to be of significant ufological value as it
>may be connected to the March 4th 1954 Rouen France UFO
>photograph and wish to get more information of this UFO crash.

Confusion: 1954 or 1957?

Anyway, the "Rouen photo", ostensibly taken by a French Air Force pilot, and which shows a UFO like the Trent/McMinnville Oregon photo of 1950, was taken in 1957, not 1954. It was first published in the Royal Air Force Flying Review in July, 1957 and also in Flying Saucer Review in July, 1957. Neither magazine provided a discussion of the photo, only a date and location. (The idea that it was taken in 1954 probably comes from the NICAP UFO Evidence of 1964 which incorrectly gives the 1954 date for the photo)

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:05:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 07:46:06 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

>Rimmer:

>No miracle at all. In Ufology, cases get corroborated all the
>time throughout the years. It happened and is still happening
>with Roswell, for instance. Your attempt to discredit Trindade's
>photos is proof of that.

>Barauna lived and died as a reputable man. The idea that he
>could have faked the pictures with double exposure and/or other
>technics (such as switching the roll of film) is too odd to be
>taken seriously.

>One has to know what he speaks. You should perform a greater
>investigation of the case, interviewing the people that
>remained alive and checking out the military docs to accomplish
>your task.

>Why don't you?

Be happy to. Can you give me sources and names, also air fare to
Brazil and accomodation, as, unlike Wendy Connors seem to
believe, the massive profits I make from Magonia magazine do not
allow me to travel around the world to do investigations, other
than by reading reports by reputable investigators such as Olave
Fontes which are available to me in published sources.

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:39:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:02:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:42:09 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>Can you tell us why a real physical object cannot rotate and
>flip over? No "convincing explanation" is necessary for real
>physical objects doing what they are capable of doing. On the
>other hand you must explain how hoaxers can obey the laws of
>physics and optics in carrying out a hoax with 1958 technology.
>Hoaxes must obey the laws of science.

This is perfectly true, but you first of all have to demonstrate
that the image on the Trindade photographs represents a "real
physical object".

Maybe you could also, as I have asked on two previous
occasions, enlighten us as to the methods you used to determine
the rate of spin of a short series of blurred black and white
images.

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1978 Italian Wave [was: A 1957 Wave Comparison]

From: **Edoardo Russo** <e.russo@cisu.org>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 18:11:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 14:04:54 -0500
Subject: 1978 Italian Wave [was: A 1957 Wave Comparison]

>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 10 Nov 2003 21:57:27 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>>The "wave" of low-level and occupant sightings occurred in early
>>>1978. My Pinetamare robotic device report posted here is an
>>>example of the activity.

>>>Is there a mini-wave for Italy?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch@sysmatrix.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 13:25:37 -0800
>>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>>Filtering for Italian cases only, there is a definite mini-wave
>>in 1978 according to my data. Look at these annual counts.

>>1960-1970 0 to 10 cases per year.
>>1971-1976 7 to 21 cases/year
>>1977 40 cases
>>1978 125 cases
>>1979 37 cases
>>1980-1999 0 to 8 cases/year

>>This overlooks the 1954 wave of course, but over 40 years, 1978
>>stands out unmistakably.

>>For all years combined, Italian sightings are 2 or 3 times as
>>frequent in the second half of the year (July-Dec) as they are
>>in the first 6 months.

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1@mindspring.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Thu, 13 Nov 2003 12:42:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: A 1957 Wave Comparison

>Thanks for the breakout on the mini-wave, as usual these 125
>cases in 1978 are only the tip of the iceberg. There were dozens
>of reports, anecdotal and in the Italian newspapers, just in the
>region around Naples.

Hello Larry and Terry,

Of course, those 125 Italian cases filed by Larry are just the
tip of the iceberg, since Hatch's database is a very selective
one.

The total number of reported UFO sightings in Italy, for that
year 1978 alone is much greater: more than 2,000 case histories
were filed by the Italian Center for UFO Studies (CISU). It was
the single greatest value for a year, indeed.

Our 1998 national UFO congress was devoted to a re-examination
of the 1978 UFO wave in Italy, and we've been keeping a "Project
1978" open for some years now, because of the many implications
it had, e.g. as of an unprecedented number of close encounters

and of entity reports, but also as of political interventions (in Parliament), military involvement, a very UFO pop euphoria, etc.

Quite an exceptional year, indeed, even though it seemed limited to our country, as far as we've been able to ascertain: there was no global wave in 1978, as opposed to (say) 1952, 1973 or 1954.

Best regards

Edoardo Russo

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General Wesley Clark On Letterman

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:06:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:12:48 -0500
Subject: General Wesley Clark On Letterman

Thursday, November 20, General Clark campaigns in New York City and appears on The David Letterman Show.

As Letterman made jokes about "time travel" we will probably hear a question on it. Should be interesting.

Grant

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MILABs?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <thiagolt@opengate.com.br>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 8:29:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:51:14 -0500
Subject: MILABs?

Good day Everybody,

I am writing an article about the MILAB experiences, so does anybody have some information to send me?

Thank you very much.

Regards

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:57:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:58:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Maccabee

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:02:10 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade

>>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:39:50 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade

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>For over 50 years the Trindade's pictures have been analyzed
>over and over, by civilian and military. It is a fact. But much
>more than that, and much more significant is that for over 50
>years Barauna's report has been cross examined over and over.
>His word have been taken by some of the most expressive civilian
>and military authorities in Brazil, including a President and
>several chiefs-of-staff. High officers from Navy knew the man
>and considered him entirely reliable and above all suspicions.
>He never contradicted himself in anyway. He never made unusual
>claims of any sort. He lived and died a decent life.

>One has to consider what kind of man is being accused of
>cheating. Is Barauna that kind of man? I doubt. I met him, so
>did many other people. Before accusing a man of deception, one
>has to know his life much better.

Hmmmmmm... beginning to sound like the arguments I have presented
in the McMinnville case (Trent photos, Oregon, 1950): a photo a
UFO does not make; a photo can be an aide to the witness'
recollection of shape, color, etc. but is not proof by itself;
the case for reality of a photographed UFO is made on the
circumstantial evidence, if it is to be made at all. The
circumstantial evidence includes a history of the sighting,
testimony of the witness(es) and so on. In this case of
Trindade the circumstantial evidence includes the direct
testimony of several (Baruna and others) and implied testimony
of many (ship's crew, captain, etc.)

But there were also plenty of opportunities at the very
beginning for anyone from the Brazilian Navy upward to the
President of Brazil to dispute Baruna's statements and to claim
that the photo was a hoax by some means carried out by Baruna
while on board the ship.

I have seen no such testimony. Instead, all the circumstantial
evidence seems to support the UFO sighting as a real event.

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Re: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun - Stanford

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Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:35:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:53:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun - Stanford

>>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 14:22:37 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:18:41 -0500
>>Subject: Icy Object Orbiting Our Sun

>>Huge rock-ice body circles Sun - Astronomers have
>>found a large >object orbiting the Sun near Neptune's orbit.

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3277033.stm>

>>I bet it's a giant alien mothership! Everyone - run for your
>lives!

Rather than mothership, perhaps it's the cosmic Oscar Meyer weiner, having escaped the cosmic refrigerator (Kuiper Belt) and now cruising the solar system looking for some mustard and relish. But if such a thing's orbit ever intersects earth, any historians who survive (unlikely considering its size of about 570 km across) might decide that it was 'The Flying Fickled Phallus' of Fate.

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: Trindade - Jonnaert

From: **Thierry Jonnaert** <thierry.jonnaert@pandora.be>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 03:01:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:19:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade - Jonnaert

Dear Folks,

The Trindade case is animating our minds again. I will tell you some things I could find in my old archives - with a secret report of the Marine I could analyse myself in the Dutch language - and much more. I will only give you some new or old elements here because of my limited time today.

It's true that the Brazilian Navy was very much concerned with the so-called unusual sightings of strange objects flying over some areas of the shore and some islands! I don't think the 6 pictures of the UFO by Almiro Barauna from the ship...the Almirante Saldanha was a falsification, because the UFO was also observed by the radarstation of Trindade and was observed by many officers etc. Barauna used a Rolleiflex E (1:2.8) with diafr. 8 , 1/125. A lot of men could see the UFO flying in the direction of the Gale Crest top... and coming from the sea. The UFO was making a kind of big circle... so Barauna could take more pictures. On the ship there was suddenly a big problem with the electricity and all the lights went out! (typical). The pictures Barauna took were analysed during 4 days by experts - a center with scientists in Cruzzeria do Sol. The 6 pictures - 2 were bad - were made within 14 seconds, or this was the conclusion of those experts, and there was no falsification. The officers of the Marine made a big report of this case. (more details of experts: diameter UFO about 40 m and 8 m high) About 60 minutes after Barauna took the picture a new UFO or the same was observed again by the Radarstation!

So all the experts of the Marine came to the following conclusion: no falsification. The commander Paulo Moreira da Silva confirmed all this on 22 - 02 - 1958 in the ' Diario da Noite'.

A report of the Marine mentioned also the same type of UFO on 31 december seen by 8 men... and one of them was Dr. Inacio Carlos Moreira... U. without noise (the pictures by Barauna were taken on 16 -01-58) and a few days before - 25 december - and it seems the c. was also silver. On 2 - 01 all the men of the ship 'Triunfo' at 650 km from Trindade could observe a circular UFO and everybody was amazed by the way the UFO could suddenly change from direction while flying 10 minutes above the ship. Many details of all the observings are present in the report of the Marine. On 6-01 a new UFO - observation from commander Bacellar (Mil. station) followed.

A few days after what happened on the Almirante Saldanha a lot of people could observe a metallic and circular UFO flying very fast over the island.

The report of the Marine mentioned a flying disc of a silver colour! Later the expert, Dr. Olavo Fontes (APRO), was also giving a positive report.

Barauna never tried to become rich with those pictures. He was not only the one who took the historical pictures, but also one of the many officers and c. who observed circular UFOs that year... and not only near Trindade.

Re: Trindade - Jonnaert

Have a nice day...

Thierry Jonnaert

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 01:59:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:28:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Ledger

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 07:45:18 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 18:59:57 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

<snip>

>>>"It was on January 16, at 12:15 p.m. The ship was preparing to
>>>leave the island, to come back to Rio. I was on the deck
>>>observing the operations to take aboard the boat used in the
>>>trips between the ship and the island"

>>>What is your evidence for saying otherwise?

>A few versions and new details about the Trindade Case have
>surfaced in the last decades. With all due respect for Olavo
>Fontes, who was one of the greatest UFO researchers we ever
>had, his report contains the info updated to certain moment in
>history. The case happened almost 50 years ago and Fontes died
>some time later, leaving many of the witnesses still alive and
>talking.

So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental to the case.
If something so basic can be wrong with the reporting of the
case, then there is no way whatsoever that it can be regarded as
a reliable case, and just confirms the view that Trindade cannot
stand up to scrutiny.

I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

Ah, John, the signature of the true debunker. The word
"miraculously" pops into the sentence implying a dishonest
disclosure and tainting A. J. Gevaerd into the bargain.

Let's wait and see what new catch phrases and snide remarks Mr.
Rimmer can come up with as this thread plays out-apparently not
to Mr. Rimmer's satisfaction. The case can't be reliable because
of a misunderstanding of where Fontes said Barauna was at the
time of the sighting. Or is this just wishful thinking on your
part John?

Don Ledger

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

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:53:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 15:19:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:33:24 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>Since you are a Brazilian and live close to Sao Paulo and Rio,
>>and you are "con" this case, maybe you could make time to
>>extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A
>>lot can be gained if you decide to check out for the facts by
>>yourself rather than only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>>prints of Barauna's photos.

>Such as Brad sparks is doing, you mean?

I guess that when they're losing the arguments, pelicanists are reduced to this. On the other hand, it may be that even though I've known Brad Sparks for, oh, maybe 25 years, I was unaware that he "lives close to Sao Paulo and Rio." I'd always been under the impression that he lives in California. I look forward to John's producing the evidence that Brad has engaged in an outrageous hoax concerning his place of residence.

Amazing the things you learn reading the, uh, interesting revelations that fall from a pelican-infested sky.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:58:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 15:41:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Connors

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:46:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs@comcast.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:41:57 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

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Not worthy of my time to comment.

>I stand on my observation that psycho-social researchers are a
>tad bit wonky and demonstrate continually, this aberration on
>UFO discussion lists. After all, why would a person who doesn't
>believe in possibilities/probabilities and misguided into
>believing they contribute to knowledge, be interested in a UFO
>researchers forum, except to try and be bigger and smarter than
>they really are by bullying researchers... much like the immature
>bully on the playground?

>>Maybe because, even though we don't buy wholeheartedly into the
>>ETH, we still think UFOs are an interesting subject worthy of
>>debate. Perhaps, in your own words, "you're obviously oblivious
>>to the concept"?

The ETH is worthy of debate. Unfortunately, psycho-social
researchers don't debate. They just nest on researchers work and
try to soil it without regard to anyone or anything. By the way,
I never brought up the ETH... another rush to judgment on your
part and a petty psycho-social attempt at the Peter Principle by
arriving early to nest. You're definitely a credit to yourself.

>>And as far as "bullying researchers" are concerned, Magonia has
>>never tried to ruin anybody with libel actions.

Difficult to believe, actually... let's see... Barauna isn't an
honest person according to your postings, but you bring only
opinion to the charge. You haven't proven that he was a hoaxer,
but constantly berate him and researchers as being such in your
postings to UFO Updates.

Do I think your paranoid and a sociopath? It's certainly isn't
improbable. Here's why:

1. You seem to have an insatiable desire to dwell on personal
opinion you're unable to back up with documentation.
2. You believe researchers have everything wrong, cheated or
hoaxed the Trindade case without documentation.
3. You believe the witnesses to the sighting are all liars, but
can't document it.
4. You believe the photos of Barauna are fakes, but can't prove
it.

5. You insist that Ufologists prove your opinion is wrong, but can't prove their research is not valid.

Thus, your posts to UFO UpDates insinuate there is a conspiracy against your position... otherwise, you wouldn't incessantly beat a dead horse (your Trindade position) on UFO Updates.

I haven't checked the DSM-V lately, but it might be worthy of a look-see.

Wendy Connors

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <pplcunha@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 16:43:32 -0300 (ART)
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 15:33:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

Hello John Rimmer,

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 00:06:30 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: Pedro Luz Cunha <pplcunha@yahoo.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 23:03:45 -0300 (ART)
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>><ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>>So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
>>>Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

>>This is a misinterpretation. Gevaerd was clear when he said that
>>new facts were added to the research done before by Olavo
>>Fontes. And that's part of his knowledge as a ufologist
>>researcher. He met the man. He talked to him. So did Olavo
>>Fontes and others. Did you?

>>None of the research done by Olavo can be disregarded as being
>>wrong or not. Barauna did not forget what he was doing at the
>>time. He was only sick on the ship's deck,

>Oh no he wasn't - according to Gevaerd:

>"Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional
>photographer (enough to be officially invited by the
>Navy on several expeditions), wasn't even on the deck of the
>Almirante Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon."

You seem have overseen message at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m17-013.shtml>

Where Gevaerd states:

"Further facts of the case had appeared since then, most of them only corroborating the original stories by the addition of minors but important details. Others clarify certain aspects of it. The info that Barauna was sea-sick isn't new. I met the gentlemen personally on a few occasions, including when he was with Dr. Hynek in Brasilia, 1983. I published the Barauna interview in my magazine a few years ago. He always said that most of the crew members were on deck, but he was apart from them while he was sea-sick."

So, more was added, and from what I gather here, Barauna was above on deck on the ship.

>>>This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental
>>>to the case.

>>Can you elaborate on this?

>If he was not on the deck, as Gevaerd claims (above) then it is
>remarkable that he was able to get out of his sick-bed, get his

Again, re-read message in the above link.

>camera, climb up on op deck, then take photographs of an event
>which, according to other claimed witnesses, was all over in a
>few seconds! I would have thought that was fairly fundamental.

But possible. Bara=FAna was much younger then. But, as Gevaerd
stated later in this discussion, he was on deck not in his cabin
or elsewhere. Only apart from the others.

>Incidentally, is this prone-to-seasickness Barauna the same person
>as the underwater photographer who must have been used to being
>aboard boats far smaller than the Almirante Saldhana and was
>"officially invited by the Navy on several expeditions"?

Sorry, why not? Aircraft pilots, astronauts, mariners get sick
all the time in their flights and space missions and they have
to be alert. I think that's not a good focus point to prove the
question wrong or otherwise.

But, that's your opinion and I respect it.

Pedro Luz Cunha

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:46:21 -0600
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>>Wouldn't you say that a person who derives income from the sale
>>of "Magonia," uses various UFO lists to beat their chests and
>>proclaim their superiority (even though they've never done first
>>account research, lacks the ability to see the forest from the
>>trees?

>I don't know what "income" you think I derive from Magonia. It's
>>true that the magazine just about pays its way without the
>endless boring threats of imminent bankruptcy that we hear from
>some other UFO publications (including, I seem to remember, IUR
>and MUFON Journal), but it doesn't mean to say that I can retire
>in luxury on the proceeds!

"Endless boring threats of imminent bankruptcy... from some
other UFO publications (including, I seem to remember, IUR"?

Oh, really. CUFOS recently passed through a financial crisis,
and thanks to our friends (who do not include Magonia, which -
amusingly to us - makes a point of not linking CUFOS to its
website, though it also makes a point of making links to
crackpot groups) we made it through for now. As an officer of
the organization, however, I have no idea what John means by
"endless boring threats" from CUFOS on its financial problems.
We've had our problems, but we have been an effort to settle
them internally as much as possible, and I don't think any
reasonable observer would agree with John's typically strange
assertion. Through it all, CUFOS has managed to conduct itself
with dignity.

Could it be that John just made it up?

Jerry Clark

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Filer's Files #47 -- 2003

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 10:51:35 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 15:16:16 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #47 -- 2003

Filer's Files #47 -- 2003 Skywatch Investigations.
George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern
November 19, 2003
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Many UFOs Reported During Lunar Eclipse

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. This week's files investigate Mars - Images Show Mars Had Rivers With Deltas, British Craft to Land on Mars on Christmas Day and Search for Life. UFO reports: Maine - Sphere at the Lunar Eclipse, Massachusetts - Multiple Lights Gliding Silently During Lunar Eclipse, Connecticut - Fifteen Objects Seen During the Lunar Eclipse, New York - Flying Triangle Seen During Lunar Eclipse, New Jersey - During A Lunar Eclipse: Faint Reddish Zigzagging Light Pennsylvania - Erratic Moving Star - Sphere With Crescent Reflection, Virginia - Three Flashing Objects Fly into Space During Eclipse, Georgia - Loud Sounds and Flashing Lights, Florida - Strange Cone-Shaped Beam of Light, Michigan - UFOs seen during Eclipse, Illinois - Flying Triangle During Eclipse, Oklahoma - Hundreds of Huge Fire Flies, California - Flying Triangle Spotted During Eclipse, Oregon - Witness Claims F-15 Fighters Approach Sphere, Canada - Continuing Problems for Abductee Family, Argentina - Two UFOs and A Cattle Mutilation, Italian UFO Reports On The Rise, and New UFO website on Pine Bush, New York. Chief Justice Roy Moore is Fired for belief in God and Ten Commandments

Mars - Images Show Mars Had Rivers With Deltas

Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) has been operating in Mars orbit since September 1997, and imaged about 3% of the Martian surface with its high resolution (1.5 to 12 meters, 5 to 40 feet, per pixel), narrow angle camera system. Mars Today.com reports the journal Science has published online (in Science Express) the most recent MOC discovery: an ancient, eroded, and exhumed sedimentary distributary fan located in a crater at 24.3=C2=B0S, 33.5=C2=B0W. A distributary fan is a generic term used by geologists to describe river deltas and alluvial fans. Apparently, liquid water flowed across the Martian surface, and sediments transported through valleys by water formed a fan-shaped deposit in a 64-kilometer (40 miles) - diameter crater.

The discovery provides the first clear, unequivocal evidence that some valleys on Mars experienced the same type of on-going, or, persistent, flow over long periods of time as rivers do on Earth. Second, because the fan is today a deposit of sedimentary rock, it demonstrates that some sedimentary rocks on Mars were, as has been suspected but never clearly demonstrated, deposited in a liquid (probably water) environment. Third, the general shape, pattern of its channels, and low topographic slopes provide circumstantial evidence that the feature was actually a delta--that is, a deposit made when a river or stream enters a body of water similar to the Mississippi River Delta. The landform is the strongest indicator yet that Mars once held lakes.

The picture, MOC2-543a, is a mosaic of MOC high resolution images 14 km (8.7 mi) by 19.3 km (12 mi). The picture shows the entire distributary fan most likely caused by a river. The fan is a fossil landform--that is an eroded remnant of a somewhat larger, somewhat thicker deposit. Thanks to:
<http://www.marstoday.com/>

Pictures Credit: NASA/JPL/Malin Space Science Systems.

British Craft To Land on Mars on Christmas Day and Search For Life

A British-built craft designed to scour the surface of Mars for signs of life is scheduled to land on Christmas Day and begin conducting experiments. The Beagle 2 Lander is traveling aboard the European Space Agency's Mars Express craft, and weighs 132-pounds. It is shell shaped and packed with scientific instruments. Two-thirds of the 34 unmanned missions to Mars have ended in failure. It will collect soil and rock samples, dig into Mars to search for organic materials, and check the atmosphere for traces of methane produced by living organisms.

Editor's Note: My prediction is that evidence for life on Mars will be found.

Maine - Sphere at the Lunar Eclipse

AUGUSTA - A couple went out side to look at the Lunar Eclipse on November 8, 2003, at 8:17 PM, and noticed something, a Shooting Star. The witness pointed it out to his fianc=C3=A9e, and the object slowed down and then turned and did a figure 8 and proceeded into a circular motion. The flying object was red and then faded to white as it turned left and shot backwards off into the distance. The witness states, "Earlier this month, I was looking outside and noticed a white light in the shape of a circle for five seconds and it immediately stopped glowing and disappeared. I'm a highly intelligent person and I'm telling you this was REAL! Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Massachusetts - Multiple Lights Gliding Silently During Lunar Eclipse

BROOKLINE -- During the Lunar Eclipse on November 8, 2003, a hook shaped UFO comprised of about thirty small white lights (as if two sides of a triangle) was spotted by the witness moving silently from the northeast and curving across the sky towards the northwest. It maintained a consistent altitude and speed, and eventually flew away. The lights did not blink or change configuration. Thanks to Peter Davenport

GRAFTON - The observers report, "We were watching the lunar eclipse (with binoculars) when we observed a chevron-shaped formation traveling from east to west at a high rate of speed. The formation itself covered ten degrees of arc and traversed the entire sky in about thirty seconds. With the naked eye, the formation looked like ducks flying south with lights, but with binoculars it was possible to discern at least 20 to 25 separate points of light in a solid boomerang shape. There was absolutely no sound. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Connecticut - Fifteen Objects Seen During the Lunar Eclipse

NEWINGTON - The observer was in his backyard, when he noticed fifteen objects just below the Lunar Eclipse flying in vertical formation, moving very fast on November 8, 2003, at 8:10 PM. He states, "The objects were very visible, and even though I was using 10x50 binoculars at the time, I could still only see the bright lights moving in formation nothing more.=E2=C7=D8 The lights were bright white, and were only visible for about twenty seconds and were gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

New York - Flying Triangle Seen During Lunar Eclipse

NEW YORK CITY - The eyewitnesses were standing on top of a building on 30th and 7th Avenue watching the Lunar Eclipse on November 8, 2003, at 8 PM, when they saw a triangle shaped object flying across the sky at a fast pace.=E2=C7=D8 We all saw it, and agreed it had a triangle shape, but with an extra bump adjacent on the triangle shape. At first it looked like a piece of toilet paper flying through the sky, but this was a fixed

shape. Then we thought it was a glider, but the shape was wrong and it was too high and much too big to be a glider. It definitely wasn't a plane, there were no sounds coming from it. It took about one minute to streak across the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport

MANHATTAN - Over the course of an hour or so around 8 PM, on November 8, 2003, the witness saw what at first looked like a group of birds flying in a V formation with lights. They were very high up and flying south shifting and changing in strange patterns. After a few seconds it became clear that they were not birds, since they too high and moving too quickly. They looked almost like long strands of toilet paper, really high up, that would separate and then reconnect. We saw several of these formations fly across the sky, all north to south against the wind. Some were illuminated, although it's hard to tell if they were producing light or reflecting the light from the city below. There were no flashing lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport

NEW YORK CITY (JAMAICA AREA) -- on the night of the Eclipse the witness saw a boomerang shaped object hovering over the park in Jamaica, Queens. Twenty minutes later I saw jet fighters circling the city. Thanks to Peter Davenport

OZONE PARK -- On November 8, between 8:30 to 8:45 PM a family was outside looking at the Lunar Eclipse when they saw a sliver or dark gray boomerang with no lights that was drifting out of a hue of clouds. It appeared like a hand glider but its shape was like the formation of wild geese. It was a giant silver or dark gray boomerang and blended into the sky. It was big and I pointed it out to my 17-year-old sister and my 58-year-old mother. All types of aircraft fly right over our house. The object appeared to be at an altitude of 9-10,000 feet. There were no lights, no sound...just a steady drifting object moving south and then turning widely east. Five minutes later, when again for a second time, we saw the same object moving from the east. A close friend, also, was amazed to see this strange and weird object. Four minutes later you could hear and see a fighter jet with lights flashing flying at great speeds at a higher altitude, also moving west to east. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

New Jersey - During A Lunar Eclipse: Faint Reddish Zigzagging Light

BRIDGEWATER - On November 8, 2003, at 7:50 PM, a couple was standing in a field watching the eclipse with the Moon about 85% covered. The boyfriend points up and says, "Do you see that?" I saw a very faint point of light. It wasn't emitting it's own light, as though it was reflecting a dark red light. At no point during my watch was the moon red, but my cousin was watching from the next county over and said that the moon was an orangey-red. The light was traveling away from the moon, much faster than anyone flies around here. It was moving quickly and zigzagging. I lost sight of it a couple times, but it would move sharply, and we could pick it up again. It was unmistakable. The movement was very much like a bat, but it was up way too high to be a bat. It was above cloud level. The light zigzagged away from the moon heading south. My boyfriend said, "It was a UFO, that he'd seen a lot in Long Valley." Thanks to Peter Davenport

NORTH BERGEN - On November 3, 2003, at about 5:40 PM, the witness was watching the sunset, and saw something that looked like a star, but it was moving in circles and zigzagging. It moved for five seconds and stopped but then continued maneuvering for about an hour, and then it became steady. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Pennsylvania - Erratic Moving Star - Sphere With Crescent Reflection.

RUTLEDGE - The witness reported seeing a light moving northwest relatively fast on November 9, 2003, at 10:56 PM. Its light was slightly flickering as it suddenly stopped moving, and then started moving fast in the opposite direction. Then, it reversed course back to the original direction moving very slow this time yet noticeable. It didn't flicker as much and became a steady light. Two jetliners flew by lower than this object, but they didn't look anything like this object. It was much brighter than any object in the sky, except for the moon and those jetliners.

It appeared the light was not on the object but rather a reflection from a spherical object -- maybe caused by the bright moon. The reflection was brightest in the direction of the moon and then faded away sharply around a sphere-like edge -- a faint crescent similar to a 1% new moon, with a bright spot like that sometimes seen with a solar eclipse. The color at its brightest spot was an off-white/yellow. The crescent was darker, almost turning into a dark red before it completely faded away. The crescent was about half the size of an actual crescent moon, which kind of dazzled me because this object must have been rather large if it were fully exposed. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Virginia - Three Flashing Objects Fly into Space During Eclipse

CHARLOTTESVILLE - The onlooker was watching the Lunar Eclipse when a low flying plane caught his attention, and then a shooting star that slowed down almost to a stop. He states, "It was kind of flashing red and blue then it stopped; I have never seen anything do that before." I was joined by three people when I pointed. We could see flashing red and blue lights that looked as a star. Two other flashing lights were stationary to the right of the first object. They flashed differently at first, then just like the first object they flashed blue and red. Then all three moved in a weird zigzag pattern sort of like a Z or S and shot up in space till we couldn't see them anymore. I know this was no plane or star. I can't explain what they were. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Georgia - Loud Sounds and Flashing Lights

MOULTRIE - On November 8, 2003, at 10 PM, the witness heard the dogs in the neighborhood going crazy so he slipped on pants to check on his dogs. Outside he heard a noise like a big airplane passing over or a big truck driving by. He then noticed about 6 to 8 helicopter type things in the distance. The flying objects had blue and red flashing lights and appeared to be helicopters, but they were too high to be heard. The flashing lights could be seen well enough to tell it was a light in the front and one in the back. Apparently, the big noisemaker had stopped or landed. He went into the house to get his girlfriend's opinion and we both came back to look. Two of the flashing light objects were going towards the noise and the rest were hovering like helicopters. (Just, but still together). Thirty seconds later, one of the flashing objects flew towards back towards the main group but this time it was moving much faster than at first. Then, the group started to break up while at least one stayed and just flashed. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Florida - Strange Cone-Shaped Beam of Light

PARRISH - The couple were taking their dog for a walk on November 5, 2003, at 8 PM, when they noticed a strange, bright light shining through a section of clouds. The husband made the comment, "Look at the landing lights from a plane reflecting on the clouds." They waited for the plane to emerge, as the light moved in their direction. It was like watching the light from a flashlight and as the person moves toward you, the cone-shaped beam gets larger and brighter. This beam was getting VERY bright and I kept thinking that the clouds must really be reflecting that light because I've seen planes in cloudy conditions and they've never even remotely resembled this. As the light finally reached the edge of the clouds, it just seemed to melt away leaving only a line of cloud/smoke that continued the same direction of movement. There was no plane, no craft or any evidence that anything was there. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Michigan - UFOs seen during Eclipse

DETROIT -- Randy H. reports, "There were clear and cold weather conditions on November 8, 2003. My wife and I were looking at the eclipse with our 10X42 binoculars when I saw a formation of four maybe five grayish small jet-shaped crafts moving together fast and quiet heading east at about 8:15 PM. I quickly focused on four about a second and they were gone! I would only guess they were going 700-900 MPH. To me they had to have been...UFO's. No lights on these craft." Thanks to UFO Wisconsin Report by Randy H.Vaid a science fiction author UFO Wisconsin.com/

Illinois -Flying Triangle During Eclipse

HARVARD - The observer went out to watch the eclipse of the moon on November 8, 2003, at 8 PM and noticed a low flying aircraft to the southeast that had a row of lights with two large bright white lights at the rear. There was also a flashing light at the top and the craft made no noise. It turned south, and the rear lights appeared almost an inch apart. It was flying too low to be a commercial aircraft and appeared very large with lights on its side and rear. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Oklahoma - Hundreds of Huge Fire Flies

HENNESSEY -- My daughter and I were outside lying down on the trampoline a little after 9 PM, watching huge thunderheads forming towards the west in late. September 2003. We saw hundreds of little red lights darting back and forth, up and down. We watched them for at least 15 minutes, and then we noticed, as the lighting got closer, they scattered like fireflies and disappeared. They looked round. They were about the size of an aspirin held up at arm's length. In my work in the aviation industry, these were not planes or satellites. Thank you, Shelley Ritter --- Hitchcock, Ok

California - Flying Triangle Spotted During Eclipse

HAYWARD - The eyewitness was checking out the eclipse on November 8, 2003, about 9 PM, when he saw a shadow like object that flew into the illumination of the moon. It had a triangular shape and was moving a pretty good pace. It would have been about the size of an eraser on the end of a pencil if you were to hold it at arm's length. Thanks to Peter Davenport

SACRAMENTO -- The observer states, "The object I saw at 12:30 AM, on October 31, 2003, was a falling blue glowing light with a white shadow behind it. This object was falling from the dark sky, but it's light was very bright, it had actually a sphere of a triangle or arrow shape, it was moving really fast downward and then it was gone. This only lasted a few minutes. I was sitting on my patio when I saw this. I knew it was not a star for this was not like a falling star. This object kept falling and moving really fast. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Oregon - Witness Claims F-15 Fighters Approach Sphere

SPRINGFIELD -- The witness states, "We were driving when my girlfriend noticed objects in the rearview mirror." They continued over us in front of the windshield view. She was frantic and upset with me not seeing them. So we pulled over into a parking lot, for about one minute and we didn't see anything. It was very cloudy so when they came back in view we could tell that they were very low. They moved very slowly without a sound that we could hear. The one in front was about the size of a plane. The one behind it was massive, about one hundred yards or bigger. It was BIG! There we're no lights visible, both objects were a dark or gray like color. We confirmed with one another that they were not aircraft that we could relate not helicopters, not planes, nor blimps. All I can say we had an eerie feeling and did not know for certain what we had seen. They traveled north at the same slow speed until we couldn't see them anymore. Thanks to Peter Davenport

PORTLAND -- A young woman reports that as she was entering traffic on Interstate 5 at the Lombard Exit, about three miles south of Portland International Airport on November 6, 2003, at 11:30 PM, when she noticed cars stopped with their occupants looking at the sky. She saw a prominent sphere, hovering seemingly motionless in the sky, and two of what she thinks were military fighter-type aircraft, possibly F-15's, were circling, and flying in the proximity to the peculiar looking sphere. She emphasized that the jets were quite low, and flying in a fashion that left no doubt they were chasing the sphere. She did not obtain contact information from any of the other witnesses or contact local authorities. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Canada - Continuing Problems for Abductee Family.

KELOWNA, B.C. - Investigator Brian Vike reports, "Since July 31, 2003, after a UFO encounter, missing time and disturbing episodes which followed, one of the women has continued to have medical problems.=E2=C7=D8 Cynthia continues to have a constant

feeling of pressure on her head and neck and is becoming worse as weeks go by. On November 8, 2003, Cynthia became cold as her body temperature dropped to 35.2 C. two degrees below normal. She called the hospital, a nurse informed her that it sounded like hypothermia was setting in. The color of Cynthia's skin changed to become almost whitish/gray. She was freezing to the point where she felt paralyzed and her heart was beating irregularly and slowing to 44 beats per minute. Cynthia's daughter is also experiencing an irregular heart rate as well.

On November 8, 2003, Cynthia's daughter went to sleep and had a vivid dream about being in some type of vehicle with two beings. She felt that they were taking her somewhere that wasn't the place to be, so in her "dream" she jumped from the vehicle and landed on the ground hitting her right leg and rolling. She woke up Sunday morning, with extreme pain in her knee. She was fine the night before, and during the night the cartilage in her right knee was ripped/torn and she has to be on crutches for a while until it heals up. The doctor asked the girl if she had taken part in any sporting activities, or goofing around with friends, "She replied no"! Both her and her daughter are craving salted products and are extremely thirsty. Both mother and daughter are totally exhausted, and since then they haven't slept. Cynthia said, how can a person who is sleeping soundly in their bed wake up in the morning with a torn cartilage in her right knee? I have to agree with her. Very strange indeed.

Cynthia mentioned that a couple of nights before her daughter awoken at 3:00 AM, to a loud and very strange sound coming from the orchard. The dogs in the area were barking and she was so frightened she pulled the covers over her head. The next night she was awakened at 4 AM, to the same sound. It was dark and she couldn't see anything and started clapping her hands and the sound eventually stopped. Cynthia went back to bed, but the noise returned. HBCC UFO Note: Hypothermia has not been reported after other abductions.

VANCOUVER -- The witness looked up at the clear night sky at 3 AM, on October 31, 2003, and saw a space ship right out of the original TV show "Lost in Space " The eyewitness says, "That is what it looked like to me, lights, red, orange, green, blue, yellow and white rotating under and around the side. Many more lights than any conventional, night flying, airplanes would have. Not real bright but like Christmas tree lights rotating. No sound, eerily silent, and hovering with almost a slight wobble from too low a speed. It had to be enormous in size and then it passed behind a building. This would have been visible to anyone outside at 3 AM, near English Bay Stanley Park area. Its altitude was very low, only a few hundred feet, over the water." Thanks to Brian Vike, Director CANADA HBCC

Argentina - Two UFOs And A Cattle Mutilation

BUENOS AIRES -- On November 1, 2003, two luminous discs were seen floating over Argentina's capital during the day. One of the objects was floating near the moon for several minutes, while the other accelerated swiftly to the northern end of the city and remained stationary for several minutes. Then, the two UFOs flew slowly north in formation and were videotaped for ten minutes. Also last week, "a cattle mutilation was reported in Rio Cuarto province," about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires, "on a ranch leased by Sra.Viviana Olivares. The cow was found in a canyon 25 meters (83 feet) deep and 9.3 meters (31 feet) wide." Midway through Canyon El Naranjo "there lay a female bovine 5 to 6 years old, mixed breed, black in color. Missing were the left eye, the tongue, the left ear, all of the facial tissues." The case is being investigated by Argentinian ufologists Mario Luis Bracamonte and Dante Guerrero Merhi. (Thanks to Circulo Ovniologico Riocuartense para estos informes.)

Italian UFO Reports On The Rise

The Italian Center for UFO Studies reports there has been an increase in the observations of UFOs by readers of the monthly magazine "Focus". During the month of September alone, letters and e-mail messages sent to the most widely-circulated Italian monthly, reporting sightings of UFOs and other strange celestial phenomena, quickened to a pace of one every two days: more than doubling the mean of the preceding months. "Focus" Magazine, a leader in the sector of publications devoted to play a key role

in gathering and analyzing of major technological and scientific data Thanks to: Edoardo Russo Centro Italiano Studi UFOlogici
<http://www.arpnet.it/UFO/ultime.htm>

Judge Roy Moore Fired for belief in God & Ten Commandments

Chuck Baldwin writes, "I was in attendance at Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore's trial in Montgomery November 11, and 12. "Trial" is not really the proper word, a better word is "inquisition." There was never a doubt that the "judges" had made up their minds to remove Chief Justice Moore from the bench before the proceedings ever began. Moore's attorneys had some 20 pieces of evidentiary material that they could have presented. This was denied. There were also several credible witnesses, including former Alabama Governor Fob James whose testimony was denied. The trial took upon itself a distinctive tone of inquisition when Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor questioned Chief Justice Moore. Here is an exchange between Pryor and Moore taken from the official transcript of the trial: Pryor: Mr. Chief Justice? And your understanding is that the Federal court ordered that you could not acknowledge God; isn't that right? Moore: Yes. Pryor: And if you resume your duties as Chief Justice after this proceeding, you will continue to acknowledge God as you have testified that you would today - Moore: That's right. Pryor: - no matter what any other official says? Moore: Absolutely. (Chief Justice Moore then elaborated.) Pryor: The only point I am trying to clarify, Mr. Chief Justice, is not why, but only that, in fact, if you do resume your duties as Chief Justice, you will continue to do that [acknowledge God] without regard to what any other official says; isn't that right? Moore: (He responds by listing numerous examples of the public acknowledgement of God, and concluded answering the question.) I think you must.

Bill Pryor was demanding that Chief Justice Roy Moore to not acknowledge God! Pryor did not even refer to the Ten Commandments. He repeatedly asked Moore if he would continue to acknowledge God. To acknowledge God was deemed an impermissible activity and for this Roy Moore was removed as Alabama Chief Justice. The point that all Americans must understand is that Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from the bench, not for committing any crime, not for participating in unethical conduct, and not even for posting the Ten Commandments in the Alabama Judicial Building. He was removed from office for acknowledging God! Americans must understand that people such as judge Myron Thompson and Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor actually believe that the public acknowledgement of God is illegal activity. Even more dangerous, they believe that a federal judge's order, not the U.S. Constitution, is the supreme law of the land.

The removal of Chief Justice Roy Moore as Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice is a travesty of justice, and an insult to the voters of Alabama! It is also painfully obvious that since the American inquisition has begun, it is now time for an American reformation to elect Roy Moore as governor and by Congress to put a stop to these black-robed inquisitors! Let the reformation begin. Thanks to :chuck@chuckbaldwinlive.com
<http://toogoodreports.com/column/general/baldwin/20031116-fss.htm>

Editor's Note: If your belief in God is grounds for removal from your job, then your freedom to believe in UFOs or anything not approved by the courts will also become limited. The US has become a great nation under the motto - "In God We Trust.=E2=C7=D8 When a court can deny the rights of Ray Moore, Alabama's Supreme Court judge, based on his belief in God, your rights are, also, in jeopardy. Also, without God's blessing, it is my opinion that our nation is in grave danger.

Pine Bush, New York - The Dimensional Doorway

Vinny Polise writes, "For more than a century has had a full array of UFO and paranormal activity." In driving through the surrounding towns of the small rural community of Pine Bush, forty-five minutes from New York City, one would never guess that there is an active portal full of UFOs, ghosts, and paranormal activity. Researchers such as Bruce Cornet and the late Ellen Crystall have attempted to capture what had been occurring in Pine Bush. Other locals along with myself have witnessed more than a few unusual events in the nighttime sky. I

have created "The Pine Bush Experience=E2=C7=D8 (www.pinebushUFO.com), so the public can read about what is going on in the lower Hudson Valley. When I began going to Pine Bush, I was just as skeptical as the next person. However, as my experiences grew, I realized that Pine Bush and the surrounding areas are a "hot bed.=E2=C7=D8 Since the 1980's, crafts continue to be seen in the area centered on the Old Jewish Cemetery outside of Pine Bush. I have developed a closeness with these entities and their crafts. My website has multiple photos of bizarre airborne phenomenon. I feel the relationship has grown with these entities and their crafts, and they have invited me and others to photograph their activity and technology. There is a terrific support group that meets the first Wednesday of the month. For info: contact 1-845-564-0322 or email me at Sightings@pinebushUFO.com. or at Vinny Polise, P.O. Box 197, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

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IRAQ AND AL QAEDA

In its cover story this week, The Weekly Standard presented classified intelligence data concerning the relationship between Saddam Hussein's Iraq and al Qaeda.

The Standard article, written by Stephen F. Hayes and rather presumptuously entitled "Case Closed," is based on a classified letter sent by Under Secretary of Defense Douglas Feith to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It cites numerous reports of contacts between Iraqi officials and al Qaeda that appear to indicate an operational relationship between the two. The article is posted here:

<http://tinyurl.com/v2r5>

But in a remarkable if oddly worded dismissal, the Pentagon stated that "News reports that the Defense Department recently confirmed new information with respect to contacts between al-Qaida and Iraq in a letter to the Senate Intelligence Committee are inaccurate."

The Feith letter "was not an analysis of the substantive issue of the relationship between Iraq and al Qaida, and it drew no conclusions," the Pentagon said.

Furthermore, "Individuals who leak or purport to leak classified information are doing serious harm to national security; such activity is deplorable and may be illegal."

<http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2003/nr20031115-0642.html>

It is in the nature of raw intelligence reports that they are susceptible to multiple interpretations, some more plausible than others. Even reliably accurate data can mean radically different things depending on the larger context. That is why intelligence reports are subjected to analysis, and not simply siphoned directly to policy makers. The Weekly Standard article in effect bypassed the analytical process, yielding a sensational but hardly conclusive result.

Stephen F. Hayes today responded to the Defense Department's statement regarding his story in the Weekly Standard online here:

<http://tinyurl.com/voux>

SSCI: MISSING IN ACTION

The Weekly Standard brought important new information into the public domain that ought to nourish and prompt further investigation -- precisely because the case is not "closed".

But the only congressional response to the story so far is that it involved leaked information that should never have been published.

The whole episode highlights the dereliction of the congressional oversight committees, which have failed to keep the public informed in a meaningful way. Nor have the committees significantly advanced the intelligence reform agenda they themselves identified last year in the Joint Inquiry into September 11.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) in particular is missing in action. It hasn't held an open hearing in months, and has held only two open hearings all year, according to the threadbare Committee web site.

The first hearing was the worldwide threat briefing in February (SN, 10/31/03). The second hearing addressed the confirmation of Frank Libutti to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection at the Department of Homeland Security. The record of that June 2003 hearing has just been published:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2003_hr/061703libutti.html

THE OLDEST FOIA REQUESTS

"The oldest Freedom of Information Act requests that are still pending in the federal government date back to the late 1980s, before the collapse of the Soviet Union," according to a new study by the National Security Archive at George Washington University.

The Archive is conducting a full-fledged audit of the way the Freedom of Information Act functions, and fails to function, throughout the government. It is demonstrating by example the kind of penetrating oversight of the FOIA that Congress has largely neglected.

The newest installment of the National Security Archive FOIA audit is entitled "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied," by Tom Blanton, Meredith Fuchs and Barbara Elias.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB102/index.htm>

FOIA LITIGATION NEWS

The government properly withheld from disclosure the names of certain individuals mentioned in old FBI records because it could not be readily ascertained whether they were alive or dead, a new appeals court ruling said.

The November 18 decision was the latest development in a longstanding Freedom of Information Act proceeding in which historian Ellen W. Schrecker has pursued disclosure of McCarthy-era documents from the FBI. A copy of the new D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/schrecker1103.pdf>

MORE CRS STUFF

A selection of Congressional Research Service reports on First Amendment issues has been compiled and posted by the First Amendment Center here:

http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/about.aspx?item=crs_reports#

A revised version of the CRS report on "Protecting Airliners

from Terrorist Missiles," updated November 3, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31741.pdf>

IAEA REPORT ON IRAN

The International Atomic Energy Agency will consider the status of Iran's nuclear programs at its meeting on November 20. A clean copy of the recent IAEA report on Iran in a reasonably small file size is now available here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/iran/nuke/iaeal103.pdf>

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>>Subject: Re: Trindade

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>In my time I have known personally and interacted with Olavo
>Fontes, Allen Hynek, Donald Keyhoe, and many others, including
>hundreds of UFO witnesses whom I have personally interviewed. (I
>even met you!)

>Compared to armchair pseudo-ufologists who merely second-guess
>everything without personal investigation and interviewing, those
>of us who have actually studied cases intensively surely know a
>lot more about the possibilities of hoax versus reality.

>Only by making totally unjustified skeptical assumptions can the
>psycho-socials advance a hoax hypothesis in this case.

Dear Dick,

You and the gentlemen you mention (Hynek, Keyhoe, Fontes) are true legends in Ufology. I have also met some of them personally and interacted with them. Specially Irene Granchi, whose example I always follow. I learned since the very beginning of my activities in Ufology to respect people like you guys. I believe that "my generation" of ufologists do that in general, and they really should. But younger generations don't, and this is a shame.

It happens all over the world, I am afraid. Most of new people to this field start their activities with no consistent basis, only for curiosity and after only reading a few books and having personally investigated no case at all. I am afraid that most armchair researchers from the internet era missed the point. And the point is that: doesn't matter what you do or try to do, if you really wanna know the UFO phenomena, you get to go to the field.

A. J.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 15:26:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Gevaerd

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:32:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 07:46:06 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

<snip>

>>One has to know what he speaks. You should perform a greater
>>investigation of the case, interviewing the people that
>>remained alive and checking out the military docs to accomplish
>>you task.

>>Why don't you?

>Be happy to. Can you give me sources and names, also air fare to
>Brazil and accomodation, as, unlike Wendy Connors seem to
>believe, the massive profits I make from Magonia magazine do not
>allow me to travel around the world to do investigations, other
>than by reading reports by reputable investigators such as Olave
>Fontes which are available to me in published sources.

I am sorry, man. No can do! You will have to do that by your own
means or, as many other people do, rely on reputable researchers
who do that by their own means and honestly report what they
find.

A. J.

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Roswell Crash Monument Inscription

From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc90405@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:00:57 -0500
Subject: Roswell Crash Monument Inscription

The Roswell Daily Record has an article about the Roswell crash monument. The article can be found at:

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/070703/news07.html>

According to the article, the monument is located at "the Corona 'debris field'" "[o]n a rocky hilltop about 65 miles north of the city." The text engraved on the monument's surface states:

"In July of the year 1947 a craft of unknown origin spread debris over this site. Witnesses would report materials of unearthly nature.

"In September of the year 2002 the Sci-Fi Channel brought scientists from the University of New Mexico to search this ground for evidence of that fateful night.

"Be it observed, that whatever the true nature of what has respectfully become known as the Roswell Incident, humankind has been forever drawn to the stars. Dedicated July 5, 2003."

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 21:39:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:17:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Harney

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:55:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>Here we go again!

>Another skeptic attack on the Trindade Case.

>During the 2nd UFO Symposium in Brasilia, Brazil on April 17-21,
>1983, we had the opportunity to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs.
>Almiro Barauna. At the table: Dr. Hynek, Irene Granchi, Leo
>Sprinkle, Cintia Lubilus, Carlos Reyes and myself.

>From the taped conversation I would like to point out some
>interesting data:

>1) Witness, Air Force Captain Viegas (it sounded like that)
>affirmed that the UFO wobble twice.

>2) The ships radar detected the UFO twice: i) The day before, on
>Jan 15, for 15 minutes and ii) before the sighting on Jan 16.

>3) During the sighting, all electrical systems on the ship went
>down for half hour.

>Were the Air Force Captain and the radar operator part of
>the hoax?

>Did someone shut down the electric power of the ship for half
>hour as part of the hoax?

>Did all 48 witnesses conspire with Barauna in the hoax?

Yes, but all this information comes from Barauna; where is the independent confirmation of it? For example, it was Barauna who said that there were 48 witnesses, but at least two of the Brazilian newspapers said that there were no officers or sailors on deck at the time of the alleged incident. So someone was lying or mistaken.

How did Barauna manage to count the precise number of witnesses, as well as busily taking photographs? And what happened to these witnesses? All we ever hear about them is what Barauna said they saw. Of course it would not have been possible to trace all of them (assuming they existed), but surely a few could have been interviewed and their independent testimony published.

John Harney

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Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 20:47:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:05:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine - McGonagle

>From: Roy Hale <roy@thelosthaven.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 16:59:02 -0000
>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe@ufology.org.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Sun, 16 Nov 2003 20:56:04 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Notes From The Borderland Magazine

<snip>

Hello Roy, List,

I am responding to some accusations levelled by Roy about me on-list, not to the thread in general.

>Yes Joe, I believe ET has arrived here on planet earth.

If I understand you correctly, you mean to the exclusion of any other possible solution, eg time travel/interdimensional phenomena. This is my understanding, since you don't mention any alternatives, and I did mention some in my original post, so if I am "pre-thinking your assumptions on all UFO cases you come across" it is because your answer is incomplete.

Do you still claim to be open-minded, or is your open-mindedness only the case where something appears to support your preconceived ideas? To quote you from an earlier post, "now who is not being open minded, me or you?".

>>I don't know, why don't you check the archives and find out? Or >>if you can't be bothered, ask Andy and he might tell you. I'm >>not interested.

>Strange answer, in one mail you defend Andy Roberts to the hilt, >and give us facts on his character, and now you are "not >Interested"?

Comprehension Check

I got involved with this thread initially to agree with you that Andy's statements about drug abuse were "totally irresponsible" and went so far as to say that if I were a prospective employer, I would not consider an application from him. I also expressed the view that Andy would not meet my criteria for "closure". If that is "backing him to the hilt", then please don't ever "back me to the hilt". I went on to point out that it was not Andy, but Max Burns who is bent on publicly tainting ufology with a drugs connection. It is Burns who claims that he was falsely convicted, not Andy. It was Burns who dragged up a 27-year-old offence, not Andy. You are pointing your gun in the wrong direction and when it goes off, you will probably shoot yourself in the foot. If you really believe (oops!) that MI5 is conducting a smear campaign against British ufologists, then the prime suspect is surely Burns?

>>First, you and Max may like to familiarise yourselves with the >>following extract from the Rehabilitation of offenders act 2001,

>>Chapter 6:

>Please, I am sure Max can defend himself on this List, I am
>writing about this topic, purely on the basis of mass-hypocrisy
>within ufology, something you seem unable to grasp, as your bias
>in your mails has shown.

Hypocrisy Check

You condemn a man for his private views which have only been expressed in response to the dredging-up of a 27-year-old conviction, yet maintain support for a recently released drug dealer (the one doing the dredging). I suggest that it is you who seem to be unable to grasp the meaning of hypocrisy. My attitude is demonstrably consistent, I am critical of both Burns and Roberts in regard to their non-ufological activities.

<snip>

>>Yes, I think that you should do so, and report back any
>>instances that you believe (oh, there's that word again!)
>>indicate that Andy has hallucinated any facts due to narcotic
>>abuse. You obviously have plenty of time in which to carry out
>>this important task for the List.

>Personal insults are not needed Mr McGonagle.

Civility Check

No they are not, Mr. Hale. I eagerly await the outcome of your detailed research on Andy Roberts' UpDates posts, sir!

<snip>

>I guess I am correct in my questions.

Expression Check

What do you mean by the above?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 20:42:06 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:07:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99@hotmail.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 22:19:38 +0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

>No, John, it is just now coming to your lights. Clarification of
>details is an important part of continuing (or follow-up)
>investigation. Instead, Pelican logic says that anything that
>changes in what we think we know about a case demonstrates a
>negative conclusion. If it stayed constant, that would also
>demonstrate a negative conclusion. What is "fundamental" to the
>case (the large number of witnesses, many of whom, despite your
>protestations, have been identified; the concordance of eye-
>witness testimony and photographic evidence; the total lack of
>any negative testimony) seems to escape you. Why? The case _has_
>stood up to scrutiny for 45 years.

The circumstances under which Barauna claims to have taken the
photographs are pretty fundamental. This is what he told Olave
Fontes:

"It was on January 16, at 12:15 p.m. The ship was preparing to
leave the island, to come back to Rio. I was on the deck
observing the operations to take aboard the boat used in the
trips between the ship and the island ...

"I had my Rolleiflex 2.8 model E, which was kept inside an
aluminum box for protection against the corrosive effects of
water and salt. I had left by Leica with a telephoto lens in my
cabin a few moments before.

(So already we have a clear statement that he had left his
cabin. No question of seasickness)

"Suddenly, Mr. Amilar Vieira and Captain Viegas called me,
pointing to a certain spot in the sky and yelling about a bright
object which was approaching the island. At this same moment,
when I was still trying to see what it was, Lieutenant Homero
the ship's dentist came from the bow toward us, running,
pointing out to the sky and also yelling about an object he was
sighting. He was so disturbed and excited that he almost fell
down after colliding with a cable. Then I was finally able to
locate the object, by the flash (of light) it emitted. It was
already close to the island. It glittered at certain moments,
perhaps reflecting the sunlight, perhaps changing its own light.
I don't know. It was coming over the sea, moving toward the
point called the 'Gab Crest'. I had lost 30 seconds looking for
the object, but the camera was already in my hands, ready, when
I sighted it clearly silhouetted against the clouds. I shot two
photos before it disappeared behind the peak 'Desejado'."

Quite clear, no question, He was on the deck when the UFO was first spotted. He was not seasick. He was not in his cabin. There is no suggestion in Fontes' report that Barauna demonstrated any failure of memory, confusion, etc.

But now Gavaerd tells us that:

"Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional photographer (enough to be officially invited by the Navy on several expeditions), wasn't even on the deck of the Almirante Saldanha when the UFO appeared in the horizon. He was sea-sick at that moment and it was just after some of the crew members saw the object that he was called upon to register the thing with his camera."

We're not "clarifying details" here, we're talking about something which changes the entire nature of the case. If a man gives two such totally different versions of such a memorable event, we must ask how reliably we can take any of his testimony!

Apart from anything else, who was Barauna giving false information to, Fontes or Gevaerd? Or both?

>What you really are saying is it can't be true, therefore it
>isn't true (non potest, ergo non est). Your entire evaluation of
>the case springs from this totally unjustified, illogical, and
>unscientific bald-faced assumption.

No, I'm just saying it hasn't been proved to be true.

>When all else fails, you (and John Harney) start asserting that
>we "believers" claim that everything unexplained is a spaceship.
>Obviously, you have not read our works very carefully or you
>would not say that.

This is the classic get-out of the "not-quite-ETHerS". So, if it's a physical, structured object, capable of rapid movement and flipping around at great speed (according to Brad Sparks), but it's not an extraterrestrial spacecraft, what else might it have been? Any suggestions?

No, I'm not holding my breath, either.

>Absolutely zero factual evidence has been
>advanced to support the hoax hypothesis in this case,

... apart from all the inconsistencies in the case, including this latest massive inconsistency in Barauna's reported testimony.

>only
>negative surmises that clearly illustrate your "Jesuit logic"
>(as we used to call it in Philosophy); making unfounded
>assumptions and then drawing entirely "logical" (but false)
>conclusions from them.

I don't know about Jesuit logic, I was brought up a Congregationalist.

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

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:15:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: Don Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 01:59:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
>>To: <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 18:50:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>>>"It was on January 16, at 12:15 p.m. The ship was preparing to
>>>>leave the island, to come back to Rio. I was on the deck
>>>>observing the operations to take aboard the boat used in the
>>>>trips between the ship and the island"

>>>>What is your evidence for saying otherwise?

>>A few versions and new details about the Trindade Case have
>>surfaced in the last decades. With all due respect for Olavo
>>Fontes, who was one of the greatest UFO researchers we ever
>>had, his report contains the info updated to certain moment in
>>history. The case happened almost 50 years ago and Fontes died
>>some time later, leaving many of the witnesses still alive and
>>talking.

>So what are you saying? Fontes misreported what Barauna said?
>Barauna forgot what he was doing at the time?

>This is not just a little detail, it is fundamental to the case.
>If something so basic can be wrong with the reporting of the
>case, then there is no way whatsoever that it can be regarded as
>a reliable case, and just confirms the view that Trindade cannot
>stand up to scrutiny.

>I would like to hear what other researchers (pro and con
>Trindade) make of this startling new information which has
>miraculously come to light fifty years after the events.

>Ah, John, the signature of the true debunker. The word
>"miraculously" pops into the sentence implying a dishonest
>disclosure and tainting A. J. Gevaerd into the bargain.

>Let's wait and see what new catch phrases and snide remarks Mr.
>Rimmer can come up with as this thread plays out-apparently not
>to Mr. Rimmer's satisfaction.

Oh, "allegedly", "reportedly", "amazingly", "spectacularly",
etc., etc., etc.

Incidentally, the case is "playing out" entirely to my
satisfaction, as the pro-Trindade faction tie themselves in
knots over basic details.

>The case can't be reliable because
>of a misunderstanding of where Fontes said Barauna was at the
>time of the sighting. Or is this just wishful thinking on your
>part John?

No, we're not talking about a "misunderstanding" here, we are

talking about two totally contradictory statements by Barauna, which completely change the whole nature of the case and the circumstances under which the photographs were taken. To assume that this is a "misunderstanding" is more than wishful thinking.

This debate has been going off and on for nearly a year on Updates, yet Barauna's revised version has only just come to light. That's what i find miraculous!

If Fontes and Gevaerd are both truthfully reporting what Barauna said to them, then he must have been misleading one of them. As I tend to believe that Barauna was a bit of a trickster, I have no problem with this, but as Mr Gevaerd thinks he is an example of upright probity - in his own words "Barauna, who was a very reputable man and professional photographer" - it is he who has the explaining to do.

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

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 21:52:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:06:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>Since you are a Brazilian and live close to Sao Paulo and Rio,
>and you are "con" this case, maybe you could make time to
>extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A
>lot can be gained if you decide to check out for the facts by
>yourself rather than only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>prints of Bara=FAna's photos.

Who said that I am only doing that? I am not. And who said that
the analyses I made were of "prints of prints"? They are of
first generation prints.

Like Sparks, you didn't answer any of the relevant questions
made to you, like supporting all the claims you made ("Barauna
wasn't even on the deck", was just one of them).

Mori

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Re: Psychiatry & Ufology - Bassett

From: Steve Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 16:29:44 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 17:13:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychiatry & Ufology - Bassett

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:41:10 EST
>Subject: Psychiatry & Ufology

>Well now! Look what the cat dragged in!

>Well, seems I'm back to square one again and have hit a
>motherloade of data.

>After contemplating the connection of psychiatry and ufology I
>was hit by a ton of bricks when I remembered the late James V.
>Forrestal, First Secretary of Defense. I should have put two and
>two together as it hit home because Mr. Forrestal was a hometown
>guy who grew up in my neighborhood and I know his family. I'd
>forgotten about the institution he was illegally placed in but
>after reviewing the typical procedures of the psychiatric and
>government institutions of that time it all makes horrid sense.
>Quickly I found a report at the following website:

><http://www.thebird.org/host/dcdave/article4/030528.html>

>I've since been contacted by numerous friends, all attorneys who
>I grew up with or are civic leaders from my hometown area who
>are all too familiar with psychiatric abuses. I mentioned the
>'abductee' and 'witness' issues and sure as heck they knew all
>about it. I think we need to do a major review of the affects of
>psychiatry on ufology.

>Ironic that the first victim was a man who dedicated himself to
>our safety.

>I am now going to prepare a massive report as I've been asked to
>do. From what I've been told so far, the abductees, witnesses,
>especially during the 50s-70s were done a great injustice.

Greg,

Two quick points:

- 1) This is a very, very good idea, and
- 2) please note that Peter Robbins has done extensive investigation of the Forrestal case. You will want to touch base with him:

probbins@teamcpm.com

Best,

Steve Bassett

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>>Did all 48 witnesses conspire with Barauna in the hoax?

>Which 48 witnesses were these?

John,

Didn't you know? Haven't you ever heard? There were 48 people on that ship. Or did you have the impression that Barauna was alone?

A. J.

PS.: Errol, I have recent pictures of the Almirante Saldanha, the Trindade Island and of the small post in the isle that used to be visited by strange lights at that time. How can I have these pictures available to UFO UpDates listers?

[A.J. e-mail them to me - there's an area at the archive:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/>

for List-attachments --ebk]

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Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 21:49:26 -0300
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>From: Brad Sparks
>To: ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net
>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 17:42:09 EST
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

First of all, you didn't answer any of my objections to the gross errors you made on your "scientific update". I will take the time to repeat just one of the objections.

You measured a size difference of a "dark spot" between photos 2 and 3, which according to you was of around 30%, assumed it was caused by "lateral motion blur" and declared that, accepting Barauna's testimony of a 1/125s exposure, the UFO was at around 37deg/sec, based on these calculations and methods. "It's simple physics", you wrote.

My objection was that even in theory, this would be only measuring the difference of speed, the difference of the "lateral motion blur". The UFO would be at 37deg/sec on P2 only if it was at 0 deg/sec on P3. Then I emphasized all the unwarranted assumptions you made, and how these calculations and measurings apparently contradicted even the "rotational motion blur" you yourself claimed to have measured. Your reasoning and methods were simply and badly wrong.

All my objections were made a week ago, the one repeated above is just one of them. You didn't answer any of them. If you for some unexplained reason missed the message, it is here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m11-012.shtml>

>Can you tell us why a real physical object cannot rotate and flip over?

Nobody said that, your question is a strawman. What is really being said is that with rotation and flipping, and let's not forget, distance, speed, and perspective differences, the image of a real physical object cannot be as similar as it is on all of the Trindade photos, being inverted and mirrored.

>No "convincing explanation" is necessary for real physical objects doing what they are capable of doing.

Prove that a real physical object can do what you say it does and remain with that degree of similarity on its image. You didn't. You also didn't prove any of your rotational and lateral motion blur claims, or answered any of the objections to your reasoning and methods.

In a previous message, Brad, you wrote: "The UFO image's darkest spots are at about level 6, the surrounding sky is at about level 8, and it's about the same on each of the four photos so I can discuss them collectively".

It's amazing that the contrast between the UFO and the surrounding sky as you measured is "about the same" on all photos, since Barauna himself claimed to have treated ("to enhance the contrast") only four of the six original shots. Maybe those four are the ones we have, but I wouldn't bet on

that. I would guess this is just one more of your amazing measurements. And I wonder if you will answer to this one more objection.

Mori

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Psychiatry & Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:41:10 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 13:56:42 -0500
Subject: Psychiatry & Ufology

Well now! Look what the cat dragged in!

Well, seems I'm back to square one again and have hit a motherloade of data.

After contemplating the connection of psychiatry and ufology I was hit by a ton of bricks when I remembered the late James V. Forrestal, First Secretary of Defense. I should have put two and two together as it hit home because Mr. Forrestal was a hometown guy who grew up in my neighborhood and I know his family. I'd forgotten about the institution he was illegally placed in but after reviewing the typical procedures of the psychiatric and government institutions of that time it all makes horrid sense. Quickly I found a report at the following website:

<http://www.thebird.org/host/dcdave/article4/030528.html>

I've since been contacted by numerous friends, all attorneys who I grew up with or are civic leaders from my hometown area who are all too familiar with psychiatric abuses. I mentioned the 'abductee' and 'witness' issues and sure as heck they knew all about it. I think we need to do a major review of the affects of psychiatry on ufology.

Ironic that the first victim was a man who dedicated himself to our safety.

I am now going to prepare a massive report as I've been asked to do. From what I've been told so far, the abductees, witnesses, especially during the 50s-70s were done a great injustice.

Get ready for a rumble!

Best,

Greg

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Re: Roswell Crash Monument Inscription - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 22:44:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:34:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell Crash Monument Inscription - Rimmer

>From: Charles Chapman <charlesrc90405@yahoo.com>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:09:31 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Roswell Crash Monument Inscription

>The Roswell Daily Record has an article about the Roswell crash
>monument. The article can be found at:

><http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/070703/news07.html>

>According to the article, the monument is located at "the Corona
>'debris field'" "[o]n a rocky hilltop about 65 miles north of
>the city." The text engraved on the monument's surface states:

>"In July of the year 1947 a craft of unknown origin spread
>debris over this site. Witnesses would report materials of
>unearthly nature.

>"In September of the year 2002 the Sci-Fi Channel brought
>scientists from the University of New Mexico to search this
>ground for evidence of that fateful night.

>"Be it observed, that whatever the true nature of what has
>respectfully become known as the Roswell Incident, humankind has
>been forever drawn to the stars. Dedicated July 5, 2003."

You cannot be Sirius!

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

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Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 21:42:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:28:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 12:46:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: Psychosociological Researchers

>Oh, really. CUFOS recently passed through a financial crisis,
>and thanks to our friends (who do not include Magonia, which -
>amusingly to us - makes a point of not linking CUFOS to its
>website, though it also makes a point of making links to
>crackpot groups) we made it through for now.

It's there now Jerry. Not making a point, just an oversight, I'm
afraid. my apologies.

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John Rimmer
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Science Museum UFO Debate

From: Nick Pope <nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 22:16:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:32:24 -0500
Subject: Science Museum UFO Debate

List,

A UFO debate sponsored by the Science Museum, in London, will take place on December 9. The debate will be held at the Dana Centre, a newly-opened, purpose-built venue devoted to the promotion of science.

The website is still under construction, but if you click on the link below and navigate the site to find the December 9 event, you'll find further details of the debate, position statements from the speakers, etc.

<http://www.danacentre.org.uk>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Trinidad - Jonnaert

From: **Thierry Jonnaert** <thierry.jonnaert@pandora.be>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 01:40:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:45:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Trinidad - Jonnaert

Hi List,

Of course... all the circumstantial evidence seems to support the UFO sighting as a real event... and I will ask all of you to pay attention to other elements of this incredible encounter.

I told you already about the information of the Marine. The officers were firmly convinced that they saw a flying disc... and a flying disc was seen about 60 minutes later. All agreed they saw the same round, disc-shaped craft. The same type of silver disc was seen the weeks before and the same month of the sighting, but not always on the same place.

A few days later, many people saw the same type of flying disc, moving in the direction of the top of Desejado. They observed the rotation. There was a rotation of a ring around the center and compared to Saturn. They also observed a kind of green light becoming stronger when the UFO went faster. The UFO was also observed by the weather-station. This UFO was as big as a DC-3... some men told to the newspapers.

All this was not told by Barauna but by many people, officers etc. who were i. by the Newspapers etc. The same happened when Barauna took the pictures some days before this sighting - ill or not - and the Marine always kept the same vision about all this. So... we not only have the pictures but also the eyewitness account of the flight of an unconventional craft by highly reliable observers - confirmed by the government of Brazil. We have much more... the same type of flying disc was also observed by all the men - or the most of them - from the TRIUNFO, another ship on 2-01-58

The Minister of Marine Antonio Alves Camara talked with the president, near Petropolis, and he confirmed that he was sure the pictures of Barauna were not falsifications - United Press, 25 - 02 - 58, Rio de Janeiro! The Newspapers were writing that the Marine confirmed the activity of a flying saucer or disc.

In reality... flying discs were also observed near Puerto Rico those years, and it seems they did not forget the US since '47 (or many years before)! With all the desinformation by the CIA and the Air Force in the US, we could start to believe flying saucers or discs belong to the imagination... but it's the contrary... and the FOIA documents delivered amazing and convincing facts about all this.

For me it's certain... the Trindade-case is one of the best... and the more you analyse the case, the more you should be convinced that this is a real and strong case. The men with doubts will always have doubts... but that's another problem.

Thierry Jonnaert

Belgium,
(a country where the government
helped the researchers or ufologists.)

Good luck with the research...

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Greer: "Pentagon Plans ET Hoax"

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Pentagon Plans ET Hoax
Qaeda to ET's - The Search For Bogeymen

by
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Imagine this: It is the summer of 2001, and someone presents you with a script for a movie or book that tells how a diabolical terrorist plot unfolds wherein both 110 story World Trade Center towers and part of the Pentagon are destroyed by commercial jets hijacked and flown into those structures.

Of course you would laugh, and if you were a movie mogul or book editor, reject it out of hand as ridiculous and implausible, even for a fictional novel or movie. After all, how could a commercial jet, being tracked on radar after two jets had already hit the World Trade towers, make it through our air defenses, into the most sensitive airspace in the world, and in broad daylight on a crystal clear day, slam into the Pentagon! And this in a country that spends over \$ 1 billion a day to defend itself! Absurd, illogical - nobody would swallow it!

Unfortunately, there are some of us who have seen these scripts - and of far worse things to come - and we are not laughing.

One of the few silver linings to these recent tragedies is that maybe - just maybe - people will take seriously, however far-fetched it may seem at first, the prospect that a shadowy, para-governmental and transnational entity exists that has kept UFOs secret - and is planning a deception and tragedy that will dwarf the events of 9/11.

The testimony of hundreds of government, military and corporate insiders has established this: That UFOs are real, that some are built by our secret 'black' shadowy government projects and some are from extraterrestrial civilizations, and that a group has kept this secret so that the technology behind the UFO can be withheld - until the right time. This technology can - and eventually will - replace the need for oil, gas, coal, ionizing nuclear power and other centralized and highly destructive energy systems.

This 5 trillion dollar industry - energy and transportation - is currently highly centralized, metered and lucrative. It is the stuff that runs the entire industrialized world. It is the mother of all special interests. It is not about money as you and I think of it, but about geo-political power - the very centralized power on which the current order in the world runs.

The world is kept in a state of roiling wars, endless poverty for most of Earth's denizens and global environmental ruin, just to prop up this evil world order.

As immense as that game is, there is a bigger one: Control through fear. As Werner Von Braun related to Dr. Carol Rosin, his spokesperson for the last 4 years of his life, a maniacal machine - the military, industrial, intelligence, laboratory complex - would go from Cold War, to Rogue Nations, to Global Terrorism (the stage we find ourselves at today) to the ultimate trump card: A hoaxed threat from space.

To justify eventually spending trillions of dollars on space weapons, the world would be deceived about a threat from outer space, thus uniting the world in fear, in militarism and in war.

Since 1992 I have seen this script unveiled to me by at least a dozen well-placed insiders. Of course, initially I laughed, thinking this just too absurd and far-fetched. Dr. Rosin gave her testimony to the Disclosure Project before 9/11. And yet others told me explicitly that things that looked like UFOs but that are built and under the control of deeply secretive 'black' projects, were being used to simulate - hoax - ET-appearing events, including some abductions and cattle mutilations, to sow the early seeds of cultural fear regarding life in outer space. And that at some point after global terrorism, events would unfold that would utilize the now-revealed Alien Reproduction Vehicles (ARVs, or reversed-engineered UFOs made by humans by studying actual ET craft - see the book 'Disclosure' by the same author) to hoax an attack on Earth.

Like the movie Independence Day, an attempt to unite the world through militarism would unfold using ET as the new cosmic scapegoat (think Jews during the Third Reich).

None of this is new to me or other insiders: The report from Iron Mountain, NY, written in the 1960s, described the need to demonize life in outer space so we could have a new enemy. An enemy off-planet that could unite humans (in fear and war) and that would prove to be the ultimate prop for the trillion dollar military-industrial complex that conservative Republican President and five star general Eisenhower warned us about in 1961 (no one was listening then, either...).

So here is the post-9/11 script - one that will be played out unless enough people are informed and the plan can be foiled because they will be unable to fool a sufficient number of citizens and leaders: After a period of terrorism - a period during which the detonation of nuclear devices will be threatened and possibly actuated, thus justifying expanding the weaponization of space - an effort will ramp up to present the public with information about a threat from outer space. Not just asteroids hitting the Earth, but other threats. An extraterrestrial threat.

Over the past 40 years, Ufology, as it is called, combined with a mighty media machine, has increasingly demonized ETs via fearsome movies like Independence Day, and pseudo-science that presents alien kidnappings and abuse as a fact (in some circles) of modern life. That some humans have had contact with ETs I have no doubt; that the real ET contact has been subsumed in an ocean of hoaxed accounts I am certain.

That is, real ET events are seldom reported out to the public. The Machine ensures that the hoaxed, frightening and intrinsically xenophobic accounts are the ones seen and read by millions. This mental conditioning to fear ET has been subtly reinforced for decades, in preparation for future deceptions. Deceptions that will make 9/11 look trivial.

I write this now because I have recently been contacted by several highly placed media and intelligence sources that have made it clear to me that hoaxed events and story-lines are imminent that will attempt to further ramp up the fear machine regarding UFOs and ETs. After all, to have an enemy, you must make the people hate and fear a person, a group of people, or in this case an entire category of beings.

To be clear: the maniacal covert programs controlling UFO secrecy, ARVs and related technologies - including those technologies that can simulate ET events, ET abductions and the

like - plan to hijack Disclosure, spin it into the fire of fear, and roll out events that will eventually present ETs as a new enemy. Do not be deceived.

This hogwash, already the stuff of countless books, videos, movies, documentaries and the like, will attempt to glom onto the facts, evidence and first-hand insider testimony of The Disclosure Project, and on its coattails, deliver to the world the cosmic deception that falsely portrays ETs as a threat from space. Do not be deceived.

By commingling fact with fiction, and by hoaxing UFO events that can look terrifying, the Plan is to eventually create a new, sustainable, off-planet enemy. And who will be the wiser?

You will. Because now you know that after 60 years, trillions of dollars and the best scientific minds in the world pressed into action, a secretive, shadowy group - a government within the government and at once fully outside the government as we know it - has mastered the technologies, the art of deception and the capability to launch an attack on Earth, and make it look like ETs did it. In 1997, I brought a man to Washington to brief members of Congress and others about this plan. Our entire team at the time met this man. He had been present at planning sessions when ARVs - things built by Lockheed, Northrup et al, and housed in secretive locations around the world - would be used to simulate an attack on certain assets, making leaders and citizens alike believe that there was a threat from space, when there is none. (Before he could testify, his handlers spirited him away to a secret location in Virginia until the briefing was over...) Sound familiar? Werner von Braun warned of such a hoax, as a pretext for putting war in space. And many others have warned of the same.

Space based weapons are already in place - part of a secret parallel space program that has been operating since the 1960s. ARVs are built and ready to go (see the book 'Disclosure' and the chapter with the testimony of Mark McCandlish et al). Space holographic deception technologies are in place, tested and ready to fire. And the Big Media is a pawn, now taking dictation from the right hand of the king. I know this all sounds like science fiction. Absurd. Impossible. Just like 9/11 would have sounded before 9/11. But the unthinkable happened and may happen again, unless we are vigilant.

Combine all of this with the current atmosphere of fear and manipulation and there is a real risk of suspending our collective judgment and our constitution.

But know this: If there was a threat from outer space, we would have known about it as soon as humans started exploding nuclear weapons and going into space with manned travel. That we are still breathing the free air of Earth, given the galactically stupid and reckless actions of an out of control, illegal, secret group, is abundant testimony to the restraint and peaceful intentions of these visitors. The threat is wholly human. And it is we who must address this threat, rein it in and transform the current situation of war, destruction and secret manipulation to one of true Disclosure and an era of sustained peace. War in space, to replace war on Earth, is not evolution, but cosmic madness. A world thus united in fear is worse than one divided by ignorance. It is now time for the great leap into the future, a leap that moves us out of fear and ignorance and into an unbroken era of universal peace. Know that this is our destiny. And it will be ours just as soon as we choose it.

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:57:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:55:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Maccabee

>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <airdown@ig.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 00:39:06 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>Mori

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>yourself rather then only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>prints of Bara=FAna's photos.

>His widow lives in Niteroi and there is plenty info about the
>case and the witnesses' lives at some Navy offices, specially in
>Rio. Everything pertaining to the Amirante Saldanha ship is
>available as public records and can be consulted. Covo did some
>of the checking. Why don't you?

Is it possible to get some of the _other_ photos Baruna took
that day and developed on the ship or elsewhere? These might be
useful in determining the optical characteristics of the camera
and the atmosphere.

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 22:43:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:36:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 11:53:23 -0600
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 23:33:24 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

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>>>extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A
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>>>yourself rather then only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>>>prints of Barauna's photos.

>>Such as Brad sparks is doing, you mean?

>I guess that when they're losing the arguments, pelicanists are
>reduced to this. On the other hand, it may be that even though
>I've known Brad Sparks for, oh, maybe 25 years, I was unaware
>that he "lives close to Sao Paulo and Rio." I'd always been
>under the impression that he lives in California. I look forward
>to John's producing the evidence that Brad has engaged in an
>outrageous hoax concerning his place of residence.

>Amazing the things you learn reading the, uh, interesting
>revelations that fall from a pelican-infested sky.

Oh, Jerry, what a joy it is to accuse you of being "ingenuous",
one of your favourite comments to throw at others. As I - still
- do not think you're stupid, you must have realised that it was
the "computer analyses of prints of Barauna's photographs" that
I suggested Sparks was doing.

But you worked that out really, didn't you?

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John Rimmer
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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 18:36:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 07:38:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 21:39:04 -0000
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2003 19:55:03 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>How did Barauna manage to count the precise number of witnesses,
>as well as busily taking photographs? And what happened to these
>witnesses? All we ever hear about them is what Barauna said they
>saw. Of course it would not have been possible to trace all of
>them (assuming they existed), but surely a few could have been
>interviewed and their independent testimony published.

Let's keep this in perspective. One, John is trying to change
the subject. Two, the subject is the utter absence of negative
witnesses, for which no explanation remotely satisfactory has
yet been offered.

If the case were a hoax, we'd know it by now. In fact, if the
case were a hoax, we'd have known it probably no later than
February 1958.

Meantime, pelicans still aren't flying over Trindade.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

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Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Mori

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 00:54:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>You claimed that "Barauna ... wasn't even on the deck". If you
>>have sources to actually support that, and many other claims
>>you made, I don't know why you continue quoting sources who
>>deny them.

>Yes, I have sources,

If you do have AJ, then I repeat my question: why you keep quoting sources that doesn't support your claims? And why did you emphasize in that same post that there is no testimony contradiction from Barauna, if your supposed 'other sources' only contradict what he himself claimed, very clearly? Please, do not take this as an offense, but from the obstrusive way you are answering, I really think that you don't have sources for your extraordinary claims, such as "Barauna wasn't even on the deck". If you have, please, just show them.

>as you would as well if you decide to
>investigate the case rather than only support other researchers'
>findings.

I am investigating the case. I have interviewed, requested official information, and looked for old material. I'm still doing that. And I'm not "only" supporting other researchers' findings (and it's very nice that you now seem to imply that Martin Powell is a researcher who made findings, very different from your previous opinions).

I made new claims and findings, like Sunderland was incorrect (it's P1 that's inverted in relation to P2 and P3). The claims and findings may be contested, or not, but I must humbly say that they are indeed mine. Not that there's anything bad in "only" supporting other researchers' findings, as Covo himself made exactly that on his work on the Tijuca hoax, which you praised so much. And with reason for that.

>I disagree. And it doesn't mean that I don't respect your
>opinion.

Oh, I'm relieved. I wondered if you would say again that I'm a "jerk" ("babaca"), just as you did last year when I translated Martin Powell's work to Portuguese and announced it. You also wrote; "worse than a nobody called Powell wanting to end the Trindade case, is an idiot like you promoting his 'wonderful' work in Brazil, as if it was the wheel's invention. You need treatment", so it's very nice that you now respect my opinions.

>But your opinion is a opinion only, while Covo's was real
>investigation.

I thought Covo's published work was just a review, as you wrote in the introduction. Anyway, I don't know why you keep saying that I'm not investigating, as you know nothing of what I'm currently doing, except what I already publicized. I am investigating the case.

You should know how it's not that easy to get much important and really new evidence on this, almost fifty year old case, as you yourself asked on internet Lists if anyone had a copy of "Mundo Ilustrado" with Barauna's photos/articles of almost fifty years ago to copy or give to you. "Armchair researchers from the internet era", you wrote to Richard Hall, huh?

>He met Barauna personally and several other witnesses and
>officers involved in the case. He looked into the files. He went
>to the field.

But somehow didn't even mention any of these meetings and field work on his published work, last year. No mention at all, as anyone will be able to see when you make it available, and in English for everyone, which is a nice thing to do. Thank you for telling me and others that he did all that, and I hope he will publish the details of what he did soon, that would also be very nice.

Mori

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New Hudson Valley UFO Site

From: Vinny Polise <Pinebushufo@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 22:06:53 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 08:33:05 -0500
Subject: New Hudson Valley UFO Site

I've just finished created 2 sites, one for dial-up, the other for high-speed access, at:

<http://www.pinebushufo.com>

If anyone has any information, any experiences, videos, pictures, etc., about any Hudson Valley sighting please contact me at:

Sightings@pinebushufo.com

I'd like to talk with people that have been in the area and witnessed not only craft but other strange phenomena.

Any questions or comments, good or bad, I'd like to hear them all.

Also check out the message boards.....

Thanks and enjoy,

<http://www.pinebushufo.com>

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Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

From: **Pedro Luz Cunha** <pp1cunha@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 23:02:09 -0300 (ART)
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 08:24:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake? - Cunha

>From: Kentaro Mori
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 21:52:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>From: A.J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Nov 2003 08:10:02 -0200
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photos A Fake?

>>Since you are a Brazilian and live close to Sao Paulo and Rio,
>>and you are "con" this case, maybe you could make time to
>>extend you investigations about Trindade and go into field. A
>>lot can be gained if you decide to check out for the facts by
>>yourself rather than only perform computer analyzes of prints of
>>prints of Bara=FAna's photos.

>Who said that I am only doing that? I am not. And who said that
>the analyses I made were of "prints of prints"? They are of
>first generation prints.

Uhh... Are they first generation prints? What are the sources
you have to supply first generation prints and from what
negatives? I wish I had first generation prints to see.

Pedro Luz Cunha

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NASA's 'Analysis' Of STS-48 Video

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5@houston.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Nov 2003 21:27:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 16:08:32 -0500
Subject: NASA's 'Analysis' Of STS-48 Video

The NASA Congressional Liaison Office wrote a letter to Congresswoman Helen Bentley in November, 1991 (two months after the STS-48 mission) in response to an inquiry Bentley had made on behalf of Donald Ratsch, the person who originally noticed the objects in the STS-48 video. Ratsch wanted NASA's opinion about what the objects were. I got a copy of the letter under FOIA after CSICOP spokesman James Oberg had made a big deal about how important it was a few months ago on the list.

The letter mentioned nothing about comparing thruster firing telemetry to the video time stamps to determine if there was a cause/effect relation (which is just as well since the time stamps turned out to be highly dubious, to put it mildly). In the same request, I had also asked for the report on the scientific analysis on which the conclusions given in the NASA letter were based. Apparently, there was no scientific report available because the letter was all they sent me.

Here is the letter's description of how NASA experts reached their "scientific" conclusion:

"The Johnson Space Center (JSC), which is responsible for official videotapes of all manned missions, has informed us that a team of scientists reviewed the videotapes in question. The team, Dr. Andrew Potter, Chief, Space Science Branch, Flight Science Support Office; Dr. Karl Henize, astronomer and former astronaut; and Mr. Mark Mulrooney, staff astronomer, Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Co., looked at all the video sequences flagged by Mr. Ratsch and found his description of the events to be accurate. However, they do not agree with his interpretation that they represent UFOs."

So that's it. They got together a few people who simply looked at the video. No frame-by-frame examination or anything that could be considered even a cursory scientific examination. A bunch of people watching television is not science, even if they are scientists and even if you call them a "team".

The description of the "main event" (the one that has drawn the most attention) is called "Event 2" in the letter is as follows:

"Event 2: September 15, 1991 20:30-20:45 GMT: At this time, the spacecraft was flying over the darkened Earth, but was itself in sunlight. The objects seen are orbiter-generated debris, illuminated by the Sun. As noted in Mr. Ratsch's account, there is a flicker of light on the screen, following which, the particles abruptly change course. The flicker of light is the result of firing of the attitude thrusters on the orbiter, and the abrupt motions of the particles result from the impact of gas jets from the thrusters."

Nothing new there. Unsurprisingly, the "team" failed to notice the anomalous trajectories of the objects in the video and the fact that the light flash was not oriented correctly to have come from a shuttle thruster.

There were three other STS-48 video sequences besides "event 2" that the "team" looked at on TV. And the conclusions on what they showed were (1) shuttle debris, (2) shuttle debris, (3) shuttle debris, and (4) shuttle debris.

I wouldn't be surprised if at least one of these events was, in fact, caused by shuttle debris. If you give the same answer for any question asked, it'll eventually be the correct answer for something.

The only importance this letter has that I can see is that it demonstrates what NASA will pass off as 'expert' opinion when it concerns a subject they want to avoid. It wasn't a cover-up; it was just a brush-off.

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Radar UFO Over White House?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 15:48:39 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 17:37:54 -0500
Subject: Radar UFO Over White House?

CNN is reporting today that the "aircraft" detected Thursday near White House airspace was actually a "radar anomaly" that was caused by a "flock of birds."

NORAD radar can be confused by birds? And some people thought Phil Klass was just making this stuff up!

<http://edition.cnn.com/2003/US/South/11/20/wh.airspace/index.html>

Darn clever, those UFOs!

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Pelican Migration Passes Our Way

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 14:55:53 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 17:40:35 -0500
Subject: Pelican Migration Passes Our Way

A headline in yesterday's Home and Garden section of the local newspaper reads, "Pelican migration passes our way".

It goes on to mention various attributes of the birds, such as habitat, nesting, etc. For "Sound" it says: "Baby pelicans make a screeching or hissing sound, but adult birds are mostly silent."

You can listen to the sounds of the American White Pelican by dialing 612-673-9050 (USA - Minnesota), and 1610 at the prompt. The recording is mercifully brief.

Dave Morton

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