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Happy New Year as UFO Sightings Pickup in Canada

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. The Year in Review, Mars Lander Beagle is Silent, while Spirit Lands, Letters About the Bible and UFO at Christmas, Massachusetts cylinder and teardrop UFOs, New Hampshire - Light Glows Blue green, New York - Green Cloud Lightning, Pennsylvania - Scripture Provides Clear-cut Explanation, South Carolina - Police Sergeant Sees Huge Glowing Ball, Florida - Flying Triangle Photographed, Mississippi - Bright Light Orb, Indiana - Gathering Of Six UFO's, Kansas - Steady Red Lights, Texas - A Rectangle Of Lights That Floated Across The Sky, Washington - Appears Like Large Star Changing Colors, Livestock Plagues Could Be Bioterrorist Attack, Canada - Sightings of UFOs, and Animals Sensing Something Strange, UK/England - UFO Flies Over at 250 Meters, UK/Wales - A Disappearing Star In The Night, Russia - Helicopter Hunts UFO, Japan - Photos Continue, Australia - Three Individual Lights Moving in a Triangular Formation.

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This last year has been a tough one for many including my family. I flee from 2003, a year of war and terror and look to 2004, for a better economy, more jobs, a world with a greater spirit of peace and joy. Over 5000 UFO reports were recorded last year by Peter Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center and Filer's Files. Thousands more were recorded in China and Europe and South America. I feel a third of those reported in these files were valid unidentified flying craft, with another third most likely classified military aircraft.

The UFOs are here watching and conducting their operations from space and on our planet. Numerous reports indicate they may be operating from various underground and underwater bases. Many seem to operate from a base in Tibet not far from Mt. Everest, off the coast of Japan, Venezuela, and the US. Others penetrate our atmosphere from space several times a week on supply runs. These appear to come from a large space ship orbiting Earth not far from the Moon. I encourage astronomers to watch the Moon. We can only speculate why they are here and what they are doing. They have been seen taking on water and electrical energy, scrounging for food and apparently conducting mining operations. Many abductees claim they are reproducing creating alien and human hybrids. They are also attempting to spread a message that warns of nuclear war, and encourages us to take better



environmental care of our planet.

My 92-year-old Mother, who is blind, called me yesterday to give me some advice and wisdom that I'm passing on to you. She told me that television is a negative influence, morally corrupt that seldom tells the truth. She suggested, I could spend my time much better reading and doing other things. She reads or 'listens' to about a book a day. She says, "Truth is difficult to find and the only place she has found it is in the Bible, for that truth has lasted for thousands of years." To understand what is true you must "test the spirits" of the speaker or the writer, and determine what they are trying to sell and why? When she was younger, my mother spotted a UFO, and felt it was carrying angelic beings. She advised me to read the Bible as an historical and technological book that explains much of what is going on. Angels are God's messengers and despite the fact science doesn't accept them, they are here. My mother reminded me that there are guardians and forces watching over us. She prays for me and good things start to happen, many of you are sending in donations to help our research.

She told me to read Psalm 91. "For he will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways." She says remember, "For we are fighting with people not made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies=evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world, and against huge numbers of wicked sprits in high places. Put on all God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe." Ephesians 6. With what we understand and have learned about aliens or angels, from what is told in the Bible is one of the best books ever written about UFOs and their occupants. For example, the three thousand year old "Bible Code" foretells events that happened thousands of years later such as the assassination of Kennedy, the election of Kennedy, and the war in the Middle East. My experience has been what my Mother tells me is almost always right.

Colonel Bond Johnson writes there is some good news from the war on terrorism from Iraq. We now have bases in the Middle East at a cost of less than 500 American lives to launch attacks against terrorists who wish to destroy us. The first battalion of the new Iraqi Army has graduated and is on active duty. Over 60,000 Iraqis now provide security to their fellow citizens. Nearly all of Iraq's 400 courts are functioning. The Iraqi judiciary is fully independent. On October 6, power generation hit 4,518 megawatts-exceeding the prewar average. All 22 universities and 43 technical institutes and colleges are open, as are nearly all primary and secondary schools. Coalition forces have rehab-ed over 1,500 schools - 500 more than scheduled. Teachers earn from 12 to 25 times their former salaries. All 240 hospitals and more than 1,200 clinics are open. Pharmaceutical distribution has gone from essentially nothing to 700 tons. US forces are now providing Earthquake disaster relief to Bam, Iran where 40,000 people were killed as their homes collapsed. Compare our losses of 500 in Iraq to Vietnam where we lost 58,000 and accomplished almost nothing. In comparison, almost every major American city has 500 or so killings, most for drugs and greed. We look forward to a much better year as a new government forms in Iraq and the remaining guerrilla forces are silenced.

As the war picked up, UFO reports became more numerous with almost 500 in August from a low of only 170 in March. Many abductees tell me of miraculous healings, the opening of their minds, and blessings of their encounters with guardians or angelic like beings. Generally, a religious bonding procedure is, also, reported. Unfortunately, I, also, hear stories of pain and suffering caused by some of the aliens. These reoccurring themes indicate we have both allies and enemies. We, also, get reports indicating the two groups are fighting one another. Probably, the most important question is why are UFOs here? They appear to have the technology to have destroyed us at any time over thousands of years. Tibetan and Indian scriptures claim 50,000 years or more.

There appear to be several types of aliens that are involved in a complex arrangements to help us grow and improve. Some aliens appear to be from the dark side, or at least have their agenda

that does not help us. They frighten people, accomplish their mission, and expand our knowledge of life. Others seem to be protesting our way of life and have a message to convey. Almost all abductees, report proselytizing, and receiving warnings. While pursuing their own agendas, the alien interventions may appear harmful or beneficial depending upon their motivations. They seem well aware of our weaknesses. The UFOs often operate at speeds faster than the capability of human eyes to track the craft. Humans seem important to the aliens from a spiritual point of view and we seem to be protected by these higher authorities in the universe. I think it is time to realize that we're all in this world together and very little is gained by war or crime.

This year a series of videos were taken in Ohio, Tennessee, California, Canada, England, Ukraine and Japan. Generally, they show disc or cigar shaped craft. Others show lights or cloud like craft. This would indicate that at least some of the visitors are not solid like a human in form and ghost like. Kim Shaver in Tennessee videotaped two UFOs that you can view on my website. The second one moves through the video at high speed just above the first, half way through the video. George Ritter in Fostoria, Ohio has provided dozens of photos including the one below.

I take comfort in the fact we are not alone in the universe and we have guardians watching over us. If anything is at stake, it is our ego in admitting they are here.

#### Mars - Beagle Lander Silent, While Spirit Lands Saturday

On January 3, Spirit, NASA's 400-pound rover, is scheduled to land on what may be a dried-up lake bed on Mars. "There's not much doubt: this site contained a body of liquid water, at least for some amount of time," says Jim Garvin, NASA's Lead Scientist for Mars Exploration. The European Space Agency probe of Mars is believed to have landed on Mars on Christmas Day but apparently is not functioning. My web site shows views of Martian vegetation and anomalous structures sent by engineer Norman M. Bryden. George Filer Outer Space

#### Abductees Comment On The Bible and UFOs at Christmas

NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts - Regarding your Christmas article. Kenny J. writes, "First what a good story, and hardly no one knows the truth, or scoffs...the whole point of the Bible is to tell us who we are. We are a spark of God, if you add the total sum of sparks, we are God sum total. One of the times aboard a ship, I was watching male and female blondes in orange jump suits that were dropping egg shapes down a hole like to the outside of the craft, and I asked what's that? They responded, "We are recycling souls!" Whether these are human or ET I did not ask. Read Psalms 82:6 (NEB) "Gods you may be, sons all of you of a high God." Then John 3:3 (NRSV) "Very, truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God, without being born from above." Their are people that can remember their prebirth talks thru being delivered at birth, and those subconsciously remember what we are here for. You know it's true that abductees have a funny feeling to look outside, only to see a sighting, the stronger the feeling the closer they are around! Thanks to Kenny J.

#### Pennsylvania - Scripture Provides Clear-cut Explanation

PITTSBURGH -- Bob Schmidt, writes, "Few are aware that the least popular hypothesis on the ufologist's list tends to explain the mechanism. Remember, this so called 'heavenly connection' sports two opposing players, and one must be both aware, and careful of the goods being sold. Scripture pretty much provides a clearcut explanation of the cosmic agenda permeating our special little world out here in the boondocks of the Sagittarius galactic arm. The purpose behind the dark side of the cosmic agenda is expanded upon by Wes Clark in his newly released three-hundred page softbound: "Through the Valley of Deception" (Pleasant Word Publishing/Div. of Winepress Publishing.) Definitely worth a serious look. Thanks to Bob Schmidt

#### Massachusetts - Bright Rod Seen By Additional Witnesses

FITCHBURG - A Webmaster and general UFO disclosure activist

writes, your Massachusetts Bright Rod shaped craft seen at sunset by an experienced sky watcher on December 13, 2003, at 4:25 PM, was very similar to what I saw. The witness reported a cylinder flew away in the blink of an eye and was likely self-illuminated. The account is very similar to what I saw, except that the object I saw was more like a ratio of 4:1, rather than 10:1. It was perfectly rectangular and moving very slowly horizontally, and it was very large, much larger than anything man-made. Thanks to Paul Nahay FUFOR.com, Merry Xmas.

BEVERLY - The witness was on a break at work when he and a bunch of his co-workers saw the three teardrop shapes in the sky on December 16, 2003, at 3:15 PM. They were still for a minute, and then took off at high speed.

STRATHAM -- The object was stationed outside the observer's house, on December 19, 2003, at 2:30 PM, and glowed brightly in a blue/green mix for about five seconds, and then vanished just as fast. He states, "It was early in the morning and my wife and I were getting ready for bed when outside, there was a huge flash of green/blue light." It got brighter for a few seconds, had this weird almost humming noise along with it, and then was gone just as fast as it started. I like to consider myself a rational person, but I have absolutely no explanation for that bright glowing light and sound outside our window Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

New York - Green Cloud Lightning

COBLESKILL - Jerry and a friend were traveling west from Schenectady, NY on I-88 around December 5, 2003, at about 9:45 PM, when green cloud lightning was spotted. Most cloud lightning that I've seen has it's concentration of light in the middle with more diffused light on the sides. What I saw was very widely spread and the light seemed evenly distributed in a very wide yet narrow area which flashed several pulses, then stopped. I saw something I couldn't explain. I was traveling at night and saw a large flash in the clouds like cloud lightning, yet the color I saw was green. This was the first time I ever saw cloud lightning in color, if that's what it was. Thanks to Jerry

South Carolina - Police Sergeant Sees Huge Glowing Ball

NORTHERN SPARTANBURG COUNTY -- My name is Charles Monroe. I am writing to you from South Carolina in reference to a sighting in 1993/1994. I am a former law enforcement officer from that county and at the time was a sergeant in the uniform patrol division. During my tour of duty (3:00 PM-12:00 AM) I was dispatched to the town of Cowpens in reference to a UFO call..(code 66). I must admit I laughed when the call came over the radio. I quickly stopped laughing when I got to the center of town and saw a huge glowing (orange) ball in the sky over town. It was very cloudy and had been misting rain throughout the afternoon and evening. The ball stayed over the center of town for about thirty minutes and then faded away. There were several calls to the 911 Center in reference to the object/glow. Later info from the dispatch office stated that Greenville/Spartanburg jetport reported it had been a military aircraft that had dropped a large flare. I really find that explanation hard to accept. I found your web site yesterday and thought that I might contact you in reference to this. Thanks to Charles Monroe..Travelers Rest South Carolina  
[oldsaltygrunt@hotmail.com](mailto:oldsaltygrunt@hotmail.com)

Editor's Note: Flares are dropped with parachutes and take a few minutes to descend, not thirty minutes.

Florida - Flying Triangle Photographed

LAKE BUENA VISTA - An unknown object in the sky was emitting or reflecting lights in the area of EPCOT, on December 16, 2003, at 5:17 PM, and was photographed. The object was not noticed at the scene, but was found upon viewing the photo on my computer. Photo was taken on a Sony DSC-P92 digital camera. I did make the flash go off to get the shot of Spaceship Earth, as I did not want the aperture to stay open too long, so it is a fairly quick exposure. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Mississippi - Bright Light Orb

MORTON -- When driving to work on I-20 east bound, the witness saw a bright orb-like object to the north of an east bound high flying jet on December 18, 2003, at 7 PM. The jet was 150 feet in length with a 600 foot contrail while the UFO had no trail and seemed to fade away and not return. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### Indiana - Gathering Of Six UFO's

INDIANAPOLIS - Mark Andrews writes, "On December 26, 2003, at 8:42 PM, I had just stepped out on to a second story apartment balcony to smoke a cigarette with two friends and my attention was drawn to a brilliant, pulsating "constellation" of red and white objects. Each of the six had the exact formation of two outer red lights with a white light at the center. All lights visible on each of the objects flashed on and off in a consistent rhythm. The objects seemed to be coordinated with each other, and were moving in what struck me as a "dispersal" pattern. The group of six broke in to 2 groups of 3, one group moving to the west and the other group to the southeast - towards us. I estimate they were 17 miles northwest of us at 7,500 feet, much higher than local helicopters but much lower than highflying airliners. Two of the three gained altitude. I was able to point out to my friend the difference in appearance between the light formation of a high flying airliner against the light emissions from the UFO's. Thanks to Mark Andrews UFOcenter

#### Kansas - Steady Red Lights

CANEY - Driving home, going North, on a clear night on December 17, 2003, at 6:25 PM, I saw a bright red light appear in the Northern sky. It was a steady light that only lasted for maybe 2 seconds and then vanished. It re-appeared just as quickly, only now there were 2 of them close together. They vanished and then re-appeared west of the first location, but at the same height. After 1 or 2 seconds it vanished. I did not observe them after that, but there were as many as 10 military jets flying over the area for up to 1 hour afterwards, just flying back and forth. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### Texas - A Rectangle Of Lights That Floated Across The Sky.

JONESTOWN -- I recieved a call from my daughter-in-law as she was driving home from work on December 17, 2003, at 6:40 PM, and she directed my attention towards the eastern sky. As we were speaking on the phone, I spotted the lights she was telling me about. There were two white lights with a smaller red one in the middle. The white lights remained on during the entire sighting but the red one would strobe occasionally at a fairly fast rate. It hovered behind the trees at a distance for a couple minutes, then rose to a greater height and flew off.

At 7:35 PM, I went outside to say goodbye to my daughter-in-law and as I was coming back inside the house on December 17, 2003, I looked up and saw a really strange object. There was no sound, and I could acutally see a structure. There were 2 or 3 lights off to the right of the object that looked as if they were part of the thing, but what held my attention was that the largest part of the object was shaped like a rectangle and was covered with white lights in 4 rows of 5 or 6 lights. This thing seemed to float rather than fly as it slowly crossed the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport

GLEN ROSE -- Jason Greywolf Leigh writes that on December 17, 2003, at 5:45 PM, the observer was going to work on the night shift and off in the distance was a very low flying craft near the TXU Nuclear Power Plant about five miles away. 'David Finfrock' IS the weatherman, not the tech who switched on the 'live' rooftop camera at KXAS TV. "The weatherman was doing the weather and ordered David Finfrock to switch to the rooftop camera live to show the delightful sunset." we have an NBC affiliate TV station 'actually' providing us with the 'proof' of the unknown by taping it onto their 'daily log tapes' of the show (Having worked in TV news for many years, and having a First Class F.C.C. ticket; I know that these tapes must, by Federal law, be made daily). There was a report the day before (12/17/03) in this same report out of Glen Rose, Texas, which is about 18 miles west from where I am: Cleburne. This is not the first time that there have been 'sightings' coming out of Glen Rose, either the day before, or on the same day as a sighting,

which I had seen. Thanks to Jason Greywolf Leigh

California -- Star Lights That Move Super Fast and Zig Zag

SAN FRANCISCO BAY -- It was 10:00 AM on December 15, 2003, and the witness was getting out of his car on a crystal clear day at Oakland Hills. He noticed a daytime half moon and three stars very close to the moon, that he thought were Mars, Venus, Jupiter, or Saturn. The stars were moving away from each other. This seemed strange, so he kept watching and saw the light (look like star at night time) moving away while three more were flying close to the two. They were too high up to be birds or balloons and there was a glow around the objects. The witness states, "They would move real fast and slow down to a halt, and disappear behind some clouds." Then one took a 90 degree turn and flew so fast that no airplane could match its speed. The way it flew in the sky was unbelievable. No country or NASA has this flying capability. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Washington - Appears Like Large Star Changing Colors

LAKE STEVENS - A father was driving home with his sons on December 17, 2003, at 11 PM, when they noticed a star that kept flashing red/blue/gold/white. At first, they thought it was a jet but as the colors flashed, it changed shape to a diamond or triangle. The "star" started darting about, going up several degrees at one time, then holding, then zig-zagging to left or right. We started calling out these directional changes to one another, as well as colors, to verify we all were seeing it right. This was in the southeastern sky, but well above horizon. After about 15 minutes, the "star" became stationary, and we went inside. I just checked, and it's still outside in more northern position, but it did not move much while we observed it this time. The color changes have died down. There was too much movement and light color changes to be a regular star. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

TACOMA - The witness was driving on SR-16 eastbound in the Nalley Valley on December 14, 2003, at 12:26 AM, when a green streak of light raced across the sky going southeast on a 45 degree angle. It was a clear cold night. There was one spherical shaped bright white/yellow light traveling horizontally at a short range with no apparent noise. After my line of sight was broken by a house I saw what looked like a shooting star traveling vertically and away from me, but it looked too small to be the same object, even though it occurred about 5 seconds after losing a visual contact. Never saw it again after this. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Livestock Plagues Could Be Bioterrorist Attack

Britain had to slaughter over one million cattle to stop the spread of Mad Cow disease, causing the worst disaster to hit British agriculture in modern times. Analyst Claude Salhani, an experienced expert on international terrorism, finds that respected authorities take very seriously the possibility that the epidemic was the deliberate result of a bioterrorist attack on Britain. A similar attack may have occurred in the United States. Many terrorists were caught entering the United States from Canada not far from the Washington case. Additionally, UFO sightings have also been reported in the general area.

Canada - Sightings of UFOs, and Animals Sensing Something Strange

VALLEYFIELD, QUEBEC - The witness reports seeing several planes fly by his 3rd floor apartment on December 21, 2003. The two objects were not close to each other, but the speed was so fast that they couldn't be airplanes. Two white balls followed each other for 15 seconds in the cloudy sky.

AIRDRIE ECHO Newspaper reports, "Even the animals seem to be sensing something strange. Brian Vike, one of Canada's most experienced UFO sighting investigators, said the most recent reports of unusual activity in Airdrie and area have come from both humans and, vicariously, via humans through their canine companions. "There are many reports of animals responding funny to an unusual object. Their senses are far superior ours," Vike said. "So it is a possibility that the pets around this one certain area were aware and frightened of something that was truly an unknown to them." The following are the most recent witness sighting reports emanating from Airdrie to Vike's UBCC

UFO Research facility.

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA - On December 13, 2003, at 11:10 PM, the witness saw a bright tunnel of light come down from the sky. It lit up all of Airdrie and then it went back up again.

AIRDRIE - The eye-witness reports using a street lamp for a reference point and using binoculars and his naked eye to clearly observe an object which sat stationary in the sky on December 14, 2003, at 5:53 PM. The object had five rows of lights moving counter clockwise around it. The object sat one and a half miles away for 45 minutes and was larger than a basketball. As the planes approached the object would start to move up and then move back down to it's original position. It has been seen a number of times over the last 5 months and has returned more frequently lately. A slight hum was noted and light reflected off it from the setting sun. So it sounds like what ever it was had a solid body to it besides the five rows of lights which ran around the object. The color of the lights in the ring were from red, blue, white and a yellow to amber.

A recent flurry of witness reports of strange lights and objects in the skies in and around Airdrie may be thought provoking and food for extraterrestrial thought. But one of Canada's leading UFO researchers and investigators said that when he receives a report, his first course of duty is to attempt to establish a logical explanation for what has been witnessed. And according to Brian Vike, if that can't be done, the sighting is then - and only then - classified as an unidentified flying object.

Brian Vike reports, I am being flooded with sighting reports. Four yesterday and three more today. They are coming from all over Canada, so something is up. I will try to get these to you really quick. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research CANADA HBCC Research

UK/England - UFO Flies Over at 250 Meters

COVENTRY - The witnesses saw one traveling with no noise at close proximity of about 250 meters away on December 15, 2003, at 11:50 PM. The bright light then disappearing after a few seconds.

UK/Wales - A Disappearing Star In The Night

NEWPORT -- I had been outside in the back garden, on December 14, 2003, at 11 PM, and glanced up at the sky and noticed an enlarged star in the sky. For approximate size, if you place your little finger up in the air and look through one eye, it was the size of the your little fingernail. I watched it recede very fast, too fast for any type of aircraft we possess, until it disappeared, definitely moving away from the earth. I have thought of the possibility of a star dying, but have checked the net for sightings or confirmation of this and found nothing. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Russia - Helicopter Hunts UFO

MOSCOW -- ANSA News Agency reports on Dec. 29, - Russian Civil Defense authorities sent a helicopter to the Russian Siberian region of Kemerovo, whose inhabitants claimed having seen an unidentified flying object which gave the impression of having "landed". Regional authorities quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency explained that in early hours of December 26th, residents of the city of Gurievsk followed the maneuvers of a UFO for over half an hour. The object, which had the appearance of a fireball, eventually fell to earth. According to eyewitness accounts, no explosions were heard, nor were any reports of fires or toppled trees received, as seems to occur whenever a meteorite is involved. (ANSA). Thanks for the Translation Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology. Special thanks to Gloria Coluchi.

<http://www.ansa.it/ansalatina/notizie/rubriche/variedades/200312291626327993=36.html>

Japan - Photos Continue

I just received copies of The UFO Report Japan and two hour video filled with various UFO events. Our-J Video Magazine Vol.5. UFO over Tokoyo Bay in May. There are some exciting UFO videos being videotaped.



<http://www.our-J.com>

### Australia - Three Individual Lights Moving in a Triangular Formation

MOREE -- we were out watching a large lightning storm to the west of us on December 16, 2003, at 10:30 PM, when we noticed 3 lights moving in a triangular formation across the sky (southwest-northeast) Northern Australia. The two front lights were brighter than the last as the formation was a reverse triangle (.:). We watched as the formation moved across the sky, they never stayed in perfect formation as the last was falling back and catching up. They were north of our location when they dissappeared, there was no cloud obstructing our view of these lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

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## 'Alien Hunter' Novelty Items

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Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2004 05:11:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2004 09:37:59 -0500  
Subject: 'Alien Hunter' Novelty Items

Hey, Boys and Girls:

Check out all the neat stuff you can buy at:

<http://www.cafeshops.com/mazzaroth/117109>

I especially love the lunch box and "alien implant" postcards and greeting cards. Family members and friends will love receiving one of those.

>>>>Reality check<<<<

A. Hebert

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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2004 09:32:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Hatch

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>>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11661\\_train.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11661_train.html)

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>>extremely surprised to see some vibrating object looking  
>>like an upturned basin, the shining ball followed the  
>>vibrating object and only after them the train appeared at  
>>a speed of 60 km per hour.

><snip>

>Hello,

>That "Disc followed by a Ball" sounds like a version of of the  
>big one seen - by up to 200,000 witnesses - over Tananarive  
>City, (French) Madagascar in 1954.

><http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/tana54.htm>

>>August 16, 1954, an event stupefied tens of thousands of  
>>witnesses at Tananarive, Madagascar.

><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/tanan.txt>

>BTW - for Tim Shell, don't think mainstream science has got even  
>near creating real "ball lightning phenomena" to study them. The  
>real thing seems to have very weird ability to interact with  
>physical objects (ie burning or even exploding some things),  
>while passing through other solid objects \_without\_ interaction  
>- like walls, aircraft shells, doors, windows etc.

>What mainstream science \_has\_ done is make (very small,  
>temporary) plasma balls, but it seems that huge amounts of  
>energy are needed to create only a tiny unstable effect in the  
>lab, which might not be any relative of the real beast.

Hello all:

The Pravda Russian Train Story reminds me of the Weekly World  
News so much, I'm starting to wonder if there isn't a  
competition warming up between the two.

Maybe that's why I popped for the latest WWN, the one with  
"Noah's Ark found in Iraq" as the headline. "Miracle Chair Made  
from Christ's Cross" is on the back cover.

More seriously, I find ball lightning highly interesting! I'm a  
lot less skeptical about that, probably because some scientists

are taking a good hard look at it (as opposed to Pravda).

What interests me is some possibly new physics. We can't explain UFOs well at all with our present physics, in some cases not at all if you credit the witnesses and their descriptions.

New theories are batted back and forth all the time. Most of those are deep in quantum realms obscured by mathematics so arcane that nobody can visualize anything. Then, here come kugelblitzen (holiday ball lighting) which appear to interact strongly with our "real" (macro) world!

I like neat things like that.

best wishes

- Larry

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Hello,

Right Larry; and I think a `new physics' is more urgently needed than some might think.

Over the break I happened to hear end-of-year science discussion with Matt Ridley and Hilary Lawson

<http://www.understandingnlp.com/lawson.htm>

& Lawson said (paraphrased): "The standard model' is broken" and (direct quote) "Physics is in all sorts of trouble" which chimed with my thoughts, so immediately "stole" it (with attribution - public domain) for

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html>

which tries for real skepticism: i.e. considering all evidence without belief or disbelief.

Some of those weirder "Blind Science" links seem to say a real skeptic's "new physics" will have to include mentality, not just physicality, and, maybe even that some mentality in the equation might not be human.

However that's just a real skeptic's point of view.  
best wishes

Ray D



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### UFO Invasion At Rendlesham

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Subject: UFO Invasion At Rendlesham

List,

I've now seen the Sci-Fi Channel's documentary UFO Invasion at Rendlesham, and thought I'd offer a few comments, primarily for those in the UK, where it hasn't yet been shown.

Overall I thought it was very good, not least for the obvious reason that the length of the show allowed more material to be presented in more depth than would have been the case with a shorter documentary.

The producers used two main consultants, thanked in the credits: Georgina Bruni and Peter Robbins. Accordingly, the documentary drew heavily on material published in You Can't Tell The People and Left At East Gate. However, that's not to say that there wasn't a lot of new material presented. After a brief overview, I'll focus on this new material, and what I see as the key points.

Georgina Bruni and Peter Robbins were featured throughout the documentary, with other researchers such as Tim Good, Nick Redfern and Rich Dolan also offering comments. So far as USAF personnel were concerned, Halt and Penniston played the central role, with Larry Warren also being featured a lot. Gordon Williams, Monroe Nevels and Ray Gulyas gave what I believe to be their first television interviews, and Edward Cabansag was also featured a fair bit. Civilian witnesses included Gerry Harris, and Roy and Marina Webb. No official USAF or MOD spokesperson appeared, but Lord Hill-Norton and I were featured extensively in a private capacity, giving our personal views on the incident, the official investigation, and other relevant points.

I picked out the following as new or interesting pieces of information:

Penniston said that Staff Sergeant John Coffey confirmed to him that an uncorrelated radar target had been tracked immediately prior to the first sighting.

With regard to the official USAF witness statements published in You Can't Tell The People, Penniston said that he sanitised his by choice. Cabansag stated that he was forced to sign his.

Penniston was filmed with his original notebook, on which he said he'd made notes and drawings at the time of his sighting. This merits further study. The sketch of the hieroglyphs, for example, is rawer than the more tidy version that appears in You Can't Tell The People.

Penniston, Nevels and Gulyas all said that photographs had been taken during the various sightings, but that they came back fogged.

Halt and Penniston disagreed over the location of the landing site, and then concluded that two separate locations were involved. Forester Vince Thurkettle (the original proponent of the lighthouse theory) confirmed that the lighthouse would not have been visible from this second site. That said, I wondered whether Halt or Penniston could really be certain about the

locations so long after the event, given that the forest has changed significantly, most notably as a result of tree loss during the so-called Great Storm of 1987, and subsequent replanting.

Halt went further than I've heard him go before in public on promoting the idea that some aggressive debriefings were carried out using chemicals and/or hypnosis, and that disinformation techniques were used.

Penniston recalled (albeit under regression hypnosis) that two people he described as agents of either C8 or DS8 had been present during a debriefing involving an injection of Sodium Pentothal. I was then filmed explaining that Defence Secretariat 8 had been the Ministry of Defence's lead department on the UFO issue at the time. This division evolved into Secretariat (Air Staff), where I worked, so I was a little unhappy at the potential implication that my predecessors had engaged in such an activity. I should point out that it was public knowledge that the departmental lead for investigating UFO sightings lay with DS8.

A few quibbles; some dates were wrong, including (crucially) the dates of the incidents themselves, and the date that the MOD released documents from the files on the incidents. An interesting initiative involving environmental scientist Patrick Davison checking the landing site for radiation fizzled out, possibly because of confusion over the locations. And the point about the then C-inC USAFE General Charles A. Gabriel (who died on September 4, 2003) being given the tape recordings wasn't really developed as thoroughly as it might have been.

The documentary is likely to be screened in the UK at some stage this year, and I'll post further details of this when I know them. In the meantime, Peter Robbins will be writing a detailed critique of the show for UFO Magazine in the UK. This will address, in particular, some issues relating to the portrayal of Larry Warren.

The end credits finished with the following poignant message:

Dedicated to the memory of Graham W. Birdsall, Founder and Editor-in-Chief UFO Magazine (UK), 7th April 1954 - 19th September 2003. He will be remembered for his courage, sense of humour, drive, and countless contributions to the field.

Best wishes and Happy New Year,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Weber

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>>>Subject: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>>extremely surprised to see some vibrating object looking  
>>>like an upturned basin, the shining ball followed the  
>>>vibrating object and only after them the train appeared at  
>>>a speed of 60 km per hour.

>>Hello,

>>That "Disc followed by a Ball" sounds like a version of of the  
>>big one seen - by up to 200,000 witnesses - over Tananarive  
>>City, (French) Madagascar in 1954.

>><http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/tana54.htm>

>>>August 16, 1954, an event stupefied tens of thousands of  
>>>witnesses at Tananarive, Madagascar.

>><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/tanan.txt>

>>BTW - for Tim Shell, don't think mainstream science has got even  
>>near creating real "ball lightning phenomena" to study them. The  
>>real thing seems to have very weird ability to interact with  
>>physical objects (ie burning or even exploding some things),  
>>while passing through other solid objects \_without\_ interaction  
>>- like walls, aircraft shells, doors, windows etc.

>What interests me is some possibly new physics. We can't explain  
>UFOs well at all with our present physics, in some cases not at  
>all if you credit the witnesses and their descriptions.

Hi, Larry,

What I find interesting (and ironic) is that while many  
researchers are willing to go so far as to apply 'new physics'  
to explain UFO behavior, few are willing to apply new physics,  
old physics, or any physical science in-between to the  
possibility those UFOs have drivers... seems there's never an  
opportunity to "credit the witnesses and their descriptions"  
when it comes to abduction.

Happy New Year!

Bill Weber

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

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Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

It is abundantly clear that most, if not all skeptics, don't begin to understand the fundamental math issues concerning the Charles Moore trajectory calculation hoax. So in the spirit of Jim Lippard's FAQ Q&A treatment of the original CSICOP STARBABY scandal, here is my own Q&A on Moore's hoax.

Unlike Lippard, I hesitate to label it an FAQ on the matter. Skeptics not only don't frequently ask these questions, they deliberately avoiding asking them.

Q: What is Moore's so-called Mogul trajectory hoax?

A: It is a model calculation by former Mogul Project balloon scientist Charles Moore, based on historical wind data, that supposedly demonstrated how Moore's lost Flight #4 Mogul balloon launched June 4, 1947, supposedly explained a crash reported in early July on the Foster Ranch, that triggered the so-called Roswell crashed flying saucer incident. In 1997, Moore bragged that the winds were "exactly right" and that his calculation "exactly landed" the balloon on the Foster Ranch, and, by implication in many minds, virtually proved his balloon explained the Roswell events. But when Brad Sparks and I went over Moore's tables and calculations in 2002, we discovered Moore's trajectory was fraudulent and that Moore had resorted to numerous cheats to get his balloon to his desired location.

Q: So what exactly were these so-called "cheats?"

A: It's complicated, because Moore cheated in so many different ways. The sheer complexity of the deception confuses people and also tends to turn them off because if of the length of time it takes to carefully go into the details. But basically Moore cheated by claiming to use certain assumptions and methods, but secretly substituting other bogus assumptions and methods when he did the actual set-up of his trajectory calculation table and his final calculation. The major deceptions are in three categories: 1) Moore's actual table balloon rise/fall rates seriously conflict with half of his given ones (thus crazy numbers like  $100/12.1 = 350$  or  $852/2.8 = 100$ ) 2) Moore claimed he was assuming the balloon had perfectly functioning equipment, but instead he secretly treated it as faulty. In setting up his calculation table, he gave it drastically shortened rise and fall times to drastically shorten the trajectory and prevent serious overshoot of the crash site. 3) Moore claimed to be calculating his final trajectory using one method (that was correct), but used another instead that was mathematically incorrect, again to shorten the trajectory.

Q: Well surely Prof. Moore has refuted your charges as baseless, right?

A: Wrong. The only word from Moore, via debunker Dave Thomas, is that Moore "didn't want to get into the math." If our charges had no merit, math would be the first thing Moore would argue. The fact that he won't argue the math is a really an admission that he CAN'T argue the math because it is fraudulent, as we charged. (How can one argue that  $100/12.1$  really equals 350?) But other than this, Moore has remained silent and has issued no retractions. He has let Thomas, and other debunkers like Tim



Printy, act in his stead. Since they can't argue scientifically, they have resorted to propaganda techniques instead to deflect the criticism and confuse the real issues in the public's mind. Among the propaganda ploys, e.g., is to avoid addressing the real math issues and/or accuse us of in engaging in nothing more than "character assassination," to give the impression that criticism of Moore is only personal and not based on anything of substance.

Q: Let's get into the details. Did Moore claim that he was assuming Flight #4 used their best equipment, was similarly configured to and flew and well or better than the successful Flight #5 the next day?

A: Yes he did. This clearly implied he was also assuming Flight #4's altitude control equipment functioned properly, like Flight #5, and #4 should have had similar rise and fall profiles as #5.

Q: So did Moore use a similar rise profile as Flight #5?

A: No, he did not. In his calculation table, he secretly eliminated a lifter balloon cutoff, present on Flight #5 (and other flights), whose purpose was to drastically slow the ascent above 35,000'. Instead of treating #4 like #5, he treated it more like the faulty and failed Flight #6, whose altitude control equipment was noted as being damaged on launch. Lifter balloon cutoff never happened for #6; it rose straight up to high altitude and came straight down.

Q: So what?

A: First, Moore was cheating by saying he was assuming one thing but doing something else entirely. Second, and more importantly, this cheating had the effect of cutting about 20 minutes and over 20 miles from the ascent trajectory by having #4 race through the high wind area between about 35,000' and 52,000', instead of having a much slower ascent in this region like #5. This is one way Moore surreptitiously prevented serious overshoot of the Foster Ranch crash site and a critical balloon turn point.

Q: This is a serious charge. Surely skeptics like Tim Printy and Dave Thomas have addressed it, right?

A: Wrong. No skeptic will go near it. They either pretend it doesn't exist (e.g. Thomas) or argue all around it, taking the discussing off on irrelevant tangents (e.g. Printy). Again, the reason they won't deal directly with the issue is because they can't. There is no rational or honest defense.

Q: Did Moore use a similar fall profile as Flight #5?

A: No, he did not. In his table, he eliminated the noted #5 descent ballast dumps, which drastically slowed its fall, and had #4 fall almost twice as fast. Again, he was treating #4 as a balloon with faulty equipment, contrary to his stated assumption. His model #4 fell an equivalent distance from stratosphere to ground in only 59 min. compared to 96 min. for #5. This was even much faster than the faulty #6 which fell the same distance in about 72 min.

Q: So what?

A: Again Moore was cheating by saying one thing but doing another. The purpose was again to drastically shorten the trajectory and prevent serious overshoot of his intended crash site. Had Moore adhered to a #5 fall profile, over 30 more miles of overshoot would have been added.

Q: And haven't the skeptics discussed this issue?

A: Thomas again pretended it didn't exist and Printy used a frantic, illogical, hand-waving argument to try to justify why the Flight #4 would have fallen much faster than the known neoprene balloon Moguls.

Q: After setting it up his #4 trajectory table (rightly or wrongly) did Moore calculate the final trajectory properly?

A: No, he did not. He said he was doing it one way (which was one correct way of calculating it), but in reality, he did it

differently. So again he was cheating by saying one thing and doing another. But worse, the way he really did it was mathematically bogus. Moore built various wind symmetries and correspondences into his table that were destroyed by his improper method of calculation. E.g., his table indicated identical wind values for the same altitude intervals on the up and down sides. But Moore carried all his wind values back through the previous altitude. This had the effect of applying the same winds to totally different altitude intervals on the up and down sides instead of applying them to the same intervals.

Q: Again, so what?

A: This again caused a drastic alternation from a properly calculated trajectory because pushing back his wind values also pushed them back in time. By improperly pushing back his wind values on the ascent side, he cut 30 minutes from a critical upper atmosphere turn point. This had the effect of shaving about a dozen more miles from the ascent trajectory, yet another way Moore cheated to prevented overshoot and force an early turn of his balloon.

Q: And how did the skeptics deal with this?

A: Printy and Thomas simply reproduced Moore's mathematically bogus calculation to get his bogus trajectory and proclaimed victory, under the bizarre notion that reproducing a faulty math technique magically makes it correct. It's like figuring out how a crooked accountant cooked the books and then proclaiming that makes them clean. Thomas never addressed my many points proving this calculation mathematically wrong and instead accused me of "incompetence," just more use of propaganda techniques on his part. Later on UFO Updates he finally admitted under his breath that my arguments "might even have some merit," but then went back into his propaganda spin mode, claiming that it amounted to nothing more than "disagreements" over how to model. He never responded to my detailed rebuttal arguments. Printy similarly accused me of incompetence. He did dare to argue the issues on UFO Updates last year and was mathematically beaten to death. He finally retreated from debate, but never corrected the many lies and misrepresentations on his website despite being proven wrong.

Q: So what would the trajectory have been had Moore adhered to his stated assumptions and calculated properly?

A: Had Moore treated Flight #4 as a properly functioning balloon, i.e., used something like Flight #5 rise & fall profiles, and calculated his table properly the way he said he was doing it (but didn't), his model #4 balloon would have overshoot the Foster Ranch crash by over 70 miles to the NE. Instead of ending up at the Foster Ranch site, only 85 miles NNE of the Alamogordo launch site and about 62 miles NW of Roswell, it would have ended up nearly 160 miles NE of Alamogordo and about 75 miles NNE of Roswell. That's a very big difference!

Q: But Dave Thomas in the Sketical said your arguments were nothing but "quibbles" and "shrill accusations."

A: Thomas' language was again him resorting to propaganda to avoid addressing the real math issues and to make the charges sound to the reader as if they were unfounded or trivial. Honestly, is a nearly 90% or 70+ mile miss between a properly calculated crash site and Moore's claimed one a "quibble?"

Q: But Dave Thomas in the Skeptical Inquirer argued Moore was still "qualitatively" right. What did he mean by that?

This was more propaganda. Thomas knew he couldn't argue the case quantitatively so he resorted to a pseudoscientific, handwaving "qualitative" argument. When you read through his Orwellian doubletalk, it amounted to another tacit admission that Moore's math was wrong. His argument was basically that the historical winds Moore used would have blown a balloon to the NW of Alamogordo, very roughly in the direction of the Foster Ranch to the NNE, and not towards El Paso to the south. But the proper scientific argument is the quantitative one, i.e., where the balloon would likely have ended up with the given winds had Moore calculated properly. As it turned out, this was almost double the distance from Alamogordo as Moore claimed. If one followed Thomas' "qualitatively correct" logic to it's absurd

conclusion, a plane from Los Angeles to Chicago that ended up in New York City because of crew navigation errors would still be deemed on target because it ended up in roughly the same north-eastward direction and not southward in Mexico City. This is a nonsense argument, no? Certainly the passengers and FAA would think so.

Q: What about Moore's statements that this was never intended to portray the actual trajectory, only a "possible" one, or Dave Thomas' Skeptical Inquirer version, "His point... was to show that the winds that day did not preclude the balloon's arrival at the Roswell ranch."

A: This was just more of the "qualitatively right" spin. But think about it--how can a trajectory that can only be gotten by cheating be a "possible" one? The fact that Moore had to resort to cheating actually DOES preclude the balloon landing at the ranch with the given historical wind data.

Q: Moore said in his book that he had a clear memory of Flight #4 passing near the town of Arabela and Capitan Peak, about 70 miles NE of Alamogordo and used that as his major "constraint" on his trajectory. In a 1997 Sci-Fi special on Roswell, he further claimed the winds were "exactly right" to take his balloon to the Arabela area. Right or wrong?

A: Wrong! When the numbers are properly run, it turns out the historical winds were not "exactly right" as Moore claimed. What Moore really did was cheat in 2 big ways to drastically shorten his ascent trajectory so that the balloon would be forced to make an early stratospheric turn west and pass near Arabela and Capitan Peak. Had he used a more normal rise rate like #5 (i.e., had lifter balloon cutoff) and calculated his table correctly, his balloon would have overflowed this turn point "constraint" by nearly 40 miles. The turn would have actually occurred about 20 miles north of Roswell and 40 miles east of Arabela. According to a correctly calculated Moore model, the closest the balloon would have passed near Arabela was about a dozen miles to the east as it flew past Arabela on its ascent, and about 18-19 miles north of it as it flew westward after the turn.

Q: But Moore claims his memory is very clear on this and this was the only possible Mogul flight in which the "exotic" name of Arabela would have been mentioned.

A: False. A well-documented Mogul flight (#17) only 2 months later flew directly over Arabela. He may simply be confusing flights after 50 years. Moore's memory is probably no better than any other witness and there is no reason to accept everything he says at face value, especially now after it is apparent he is capable of hoaxing. Incidentally, Flight #17 is the only documented Mogul flight known to have passed anywhere near the Foster Ranch. Prevailing winds almost always took the Mogul flights well away from this location. This historical fact alone argues that a Mogul explanation for the Foster Ranch crash was unlikely from the gitgo.

Q: You claim Moore cheated with his math. Why would he do this?

Only Moore knows the real answer. But possibly because he wanted desperately for his little lost Flight #4 Mogul to explain the Roswell crash. Moore went well beyond arguing this was merely a "possible" trajectory. One of his other brags in the Sci Fi special was that he calculated a trajectory that "exactly landed" his balloon at the Foster Ranch. But the math shows he could only do this by cheating. If you play it straight, you can't get his Flight #4 to the Foster Ranch in any plausible way using the historical wind data. The winds were much too strong and would have pushed the balloons much too far to the east and north of the Foster Ranch crash site.

Q: Did Moore do anything else wrong with the math?

A: Yes, many, many things. Most egregiously (first noticed by Brad Sparks), fully half of his 40 table rise/fall rates are seriously wrong compared to what you get if you calculate them from his stated altitude and time intervals. E.g. his first stated rise rate is 100 ft/min. But his table has his balloon rising 852 ft. in 2.8 min. for an actual rise rate of  $852/2.8 = 304$  ft/min, 304% of what he states it is. At the end of his

table he has the balloon falling at a constant 900 ft/min, but his actual last two calculated values are 1491 and 1655 ft/min, or 166% and 184% of what he indicated. His wackiest value was at the top of his ascent where he "slams on the brakes" and has the rise coming to a sudden halt. His table claims he has the balloons still rising at 350 ft/min, but the altitude and time intervals show it rising only 100 ft. in 12.1 min, or only 8.3 ft/min. That's over a factor of 40 error! The worst region of his table is above 45,000 feet where 13 out of 14 of his rise/fall rates are very seriously in error.

Q: So what?

A: Well, for one thing, Moore is an experienced scientist, not some high school dropout who flunked math. There is no excuse it. These are grade school math errors, little more than subtracting two sets of numbers and then dividing the results. Every one of his stated rise/fall rates should have corresponded exactly with the calculated ones. As to why he did it, I can only speculate. But if one recalculates the time intervals to bring the stated and calculated rise/fall rates back into correspondence, you get yet another trajectory where the balloon ends up about 5 miles south of his already bogus "exact" Foster Ranch crash site. In other words, even with all his other cheats, his balloon still missed by a little bit. If Moore wanted to boast that his calculation "exactly landed" his balloon on the crash site, he had to finagle even more numbers.

Q: Well, this seems pretty clear-cut. Numbers like  $100/12 = 350$  and  $852/2.8 = 100$  are obviously dead wrong. How could skeptics argue with that?

A: Generally by ignoring the issue entirely. That has been Dave Thomas' tactic. By pretending there are no such issues and dismissing them as "shrill accusations," he can then claim disingenuously that he "can find NO justification whatsoever for Rudiak's persistent accusations of fraud and hoaxing against Dr. Moore." This is a "See no evil, speak no evil" dodge. Tim Printy foolishly tried to argue that Sparks and I didn't understand how Moore really did the calculation and was again mathematically beaten to death. There is no possible way to "fix" these outrageously phony numbers.

Q: Did he do anything else that you deem questionable?

A: Oh God yes! In 1995 Moore's interpreted a surviving diary and cloud cover records to mean that Flight #4 was probably launched post-dawn, just like Flight #5 and the other early N.M. Moguls. But 2 years later he had more complete historical wind data, which were much less favorable to Moore's theory of events. These winds turned out to be blowing much harder to the north and east than Moore originally assumed, i.e., away from the Foster Ranch. That's why he devised various ruses to drastically shorten the rise and fall trajectories. But he also had to come up with some rationale to push his balloon much further to the west towards the Foster Ranch, meaning he had to keep it up much longer than Flight #5 or any other early neoprene Mogul. That's where he suddenly came up with his late night 3:00 a.m. launch, then flip-flopped on his original logic in interpreting the diary and weather records in order to rationalize his new position.

Q: So what?

The "so what" here is Moore again suddenly changing positions when it suited him and using contorted logic to try to justify it. It's not so much a matter of actual cheating as adopting a highly questionable assumption to again force an end. In terms of trajectory, had he stuck to his original position of a post-dawn launch, calculated correctly, and followed a successful Flight #5 profile, the balloon would have ended up about 100 miles ENE of the Foster Ranch crash site and about 80 miles NE of Roswell, an absolutely huge miss.

Q: Anything else?

A: Yes, there are many other problems with Moore's model and math, but they are of lesser importance. E.g., Moore's improper backward table calculation would have thrown out his first wind value at ground level, which in itself is bad scientific technique. But Moore didn't even do that. Instead he created a

mutant hybrid number by splicing together the wind speed from his first data point with the wind direction value from his second data point, and throwing out the other halves from the first two wind data values. Run that past any math teacher to see what they think of it. It has very little effect on trajectory, but it is just plain crappy, wrong math. As to why Moore got so creative with his math technique here, one again can only speculate, but it may have another way Moore hoped to cover his tracks. Something was obviously wrong here, but it took a long time before anybody figured out exactly what it was. (Ironically it was debunker Tim Printy who figured it out, but he acted as if it had no bearing on Moore's math integrity.)

Q: Isn't this just one of your "quibbles" and "shrill accusations," as Dave Thomas wrote in his Skeptical Inquirer article?

A: It's a "quibble" in that it has little effect on trajectory. It is not a "quibble" or a "shrill accusation" to point out that this is mathematical nonsense, piled on top of far more serious math nonsense. That many of Moore's numbers and calculations are fraudulent are not "quibbles" or "shrill accusations," but statements of absolute mathematical fact.  $100/12$  does not equal 350;  $852/2.8$  does not equal 100. And the huge misses Moore would have gotten had he run the numbers properly and stuck to his stated assumptions are not "quibbles" or "shrill accusations" either. Thomas was just trying to trivialize and avoid the serious math issues I raised on my website by spinning them as "quibbles" and "shrill accusations," Thomas again acting as a propagandist, not a scientist.

Q: Are you quite done now?

A: Well, I could go on and on. E.g., Brad Sparks also noticed that Moore deliberately altered the original Flight #5 Mogul trajectory plot after claiming he was reproducing it exactly as-is. The original plot showed Flight #5 lingering near Roswell base for an extended period of time, finally passing only 4 miles south of the base on descent and crashing about 16 miles east of the base. But Moore removed Roswell base from the original plot and substituted Roswell town 6 miles to the north. Then he invented a new crash site out of thin air about 31 miles east of the base. Furthermore, when Sparks raised these issues in an email debate with Moore mediated by Karl Pflock, Moore lied and claimed that Flight #5 came no closer than 15-20 miles from the base and would have been too small to notice. He also proffered that Roswell base's view was hidden by clouds, even though he knew full well that the balloon had been tracked by telescope the entire time from Alamogordo, nearly 100 miles away. Again, one can only speculate why Moore would do all this, but he had previously claimed Roswell base would have known nothing about any of the Mogul flights before the Roswell incident. The Flight #5 plot seemed to contradict this. Moore's alterations to the original plot, probably to distance the balloon from the base, and then lying to Sparks may have been his attempts to bolster and defend his original claim. This has nothing to do with Moore's Flight #4 trajectory calculation, but it does illustrate another instance where Moore chose to falsify data when pushing a particular point of view.

Q: Isn't this just "character assassination" of Prof. Moore on your part, exactly as skeptics like Dave Thomas and Tim Printy charge?

A: Moore's statement (via Thomas) that he "didn't want to get into the math." amounted to his admission that his math was indefensible. It would only be "character assassination" if Brad Sparks and I were falsely characterizing what Moore had done or said. We are not responsible for Moore's hoaxing, only pointing out that he has clearly done so. Debunkers like Thomas and Printy can't defend Moore's actions, so they attack the messengers instead (the real "character assassination") awhile ducking the actual issues.

Q: Well again, so what? Even if Moore cheated, this still doesn't prove a flying saucer crashed, does it?

A: No, and neither Sparks nor myself ever argued otherwise, only that Moore's trajectory calculation was mathematically fraudulent. However, one can't avoid the obvious implications of Moore's hoax on the Roswell debate. First, it impeaches his

testimony on other matters. Second, his hoaxed trajectory had been one of the cornerstones of the Mogul theory. Mogul proponents took it on faith that Moore had practically proven Flight #4 triggered the Roswell events. That no longer stands. I have argued that the historical wind data Moore used actually show that it was highly unlikely for the winds to have taken the hypothetical Flight #4 to the Foster Ranch and explained the Roswell crash. To avoid gross cheating, one has to literally invent a completely different set of wind directions and speeds to get the balloon there in a plausible way. But such an assumption is in itself highly questionable and improbable. What this amounts to is Mogul being practically eliminated as a contender, which currently leaves no other conventional explanations that I am aware of.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Trindade Material - Part III - Mori

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>Date: Tue, 23 Dec 2003 23:30:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Trindade Material - Part III

>I think you are saying that whereas it is incredible that one  
>person did have the presence of mind to photograph the UFO  
>(see below) it is incredible that others did not have the  
>presence of mind to snap one another standing around afterwards.  
>I'm not really convinced by this. I know you argue (as you  
>suggested to me off-list) that this would have enabled Barauna  
>for example to prove the identities of the other witnesses after  
>the event. This would have been handy indeed! But if we are  
>among a crowd of people sharing an experience why would we think  
>we might need this kind of insurance?

Please forgive my harshness, but if we were to take that idea seriously, Barauna wouldn't have thought on taking photos of the UFO. Then, as to the other people, if journalists and their photographers don't document what they see, who will?

>You object to Barauna's explanation that he'd come to the end of  
>his film roll with the last UFO photo: Why would his film run  
>out just after the UFO left? you ask. It could be relevant that  
>the picture he had been due to take, of the launch being raised,  
>was scheduled to be the last photo of his assignment as it  
>marked the very end of the expedition.

Barauna said: "I pressed the automatic button of my camera, many times in sequence!". The expected thing would be to his six shots end before the UFO was already gone. Instead, we are to assume he was very lucky and captured the whole sighting, beginning to end, with all of his only six shots left. Deus ex machina. One more circumstantial evidence of hoax.

>Nevertheless, once again, why would it be unreasonable to agree  
>with Jerry Clark in this case - that here is someone who was in  
>a position to dispute the story of the UFO, and as a newspaper  
>journalist might have made a good story out of doing so, yet  
>since 1958 until his death evidently did not do so?

The Trindade sighting was debunked by newspapers of the time, just as much as other newspapers promoted it. The debunking papers were quite happy, it seems, when they found out about Barauna's previous spoof of the Tijuca photos. It had to take a debunking newspaper to reveal that.

I still don't know where the "Jornal do Brasil" fitted on this pro and con. It was not part of "Diarios Associados", but apparently it was neutral or pro. If it was indeed "pro", then we have an explanation for the silence of the photographer and the journalist, even if they knew the hoax (or at least didn't see anything). The fact that the paper interviewed Barauna is indicative that it was part of the promotion of the case.

>By the word  
>'pal' you imply that he was a co-conspirator.

No, you misunderstood me, my bad English may be of blame. I used



the word 'pal' to refer to the journalist who was along with the photographer Azevedo, because they were both from Jornal do Brasil.

>You also remarked (off-list) that 'most of the witnesses have  
>since passed away'. How do we know that most of the witnesses  
>have passed away if there is no evidence that there ever were  
>any witnesses?

Because mostly all of the people that were aboard and we do know, are deceased, for many years already.

>Incidentally what is your comment on the Navy  
>Minister's press release dated Feb 22 which as translated on the  
>CUFOS and NICAP sites and elsewhere states that Barauna  
>"photographed the disc in presence of several men belonging to  
>the crew of the NE Saldanha da Gama"?

If that comes from Simoes letter, quoting a news clipping, the same clipping has the famous quote that the "Ministry cannot make any statement about the object seen over Trindade, because the photos are not proof sufficient to any statement". Simoes also wrote that "the Navy denies the skipper of the School Ship Saldanha da Gama and its crew had seen the disc".

My comment is that those Navy statements are confusing. We don't know if or which of those statements were really informed, and how much so.

>Perhaps my point was badly made, Mori, but let me put it this  
>way: Were the Navy men 'pointing guns' doing so because they  
>were themselves in a panic?

That is what Barauna said: "we could see the expression of panic on the crewmen, pointing guns to the sky".

>Or did some of the civilians get in  
>a panic because the Navy started pointing guns?

If the "pointing guns" incident happened, it is a reasonable thing to speculate about. But I don't think that happened. Of course, we are both speculating. What is emphasized is the need for better support on almost any claim related to what happened.

>Should  
>his years-old recollection of an impression of things glimpsed  
>out of the corner of his eye really be given so much weight?

But that's exactly the point being made! Sorry for the exclamations, but the fact that his word alone cannot be taken as a gospel and need always better support to be taken as a fact is exactly the point being made!

>And I pointed out that this is exactly how we all deal with  
>genuine memory. The way witness testimony evolves over the years  
>is that early guesses and uncertainties freeze into patterns  
>when witnesses are asked to repeatedly relive events.

If we assume that contradictions on testimony are due to the "freezing" of "uncertainties" and "early guesses", then how do we know when they are due to deliberate invention?

It must certainly be conceded that testimony contradictions are not for themselves proof of invention, lie, etc, but they are definite proof of one thing: the unreliability of the testimony in question. They are also indicative of distortion, false memories, exaggeration, or even lies, tall tales, etc.

>Your point implies that if he had said immediately and with  
>certainty that there were 48.2 witnesses and stuck with that  
>figure for 20 years then this would have more verisimilitude. I  
>disagree. As I said, it can only ever have been a guess in the  
>first place.

Actually, believers on this case assume that the 48 figure was obtained because Barauna saw, heard or was told of that number on the Navy inquiry. It is reasonable, as the Navy inquiry should have established just exactly how many people saw the UFO, and the Navy people were extremely nice to Barauna. Thanks to them Barauna was able to make some money on the photos, because they told him about how a paper was going to publish his

photos without his consent.

The problem with that assumption is, the figure that Barauna gave of "almost a hundred crewmen", actually comes from these words of his:

"On an inquiry made by the captain of the 'Saldanha', almost a hundred crewmen of the ship confirmed seeing the saucer".

That is even quoted by Fontes work on Trindade, published on the sixties. So, Barauna was not just making guesses, at least one figure other than "48" (which he gave only on 1979 or 73), is supposedly based on an inquiry, and it is of "almost a hundred crewmen" who "confirmed seeing the saucer". Why he would a day later speak of a group of twenty people, and decades later stick with 48, I don't know. For sure, its is. The suspicion is tht it was because he was making things up.

Anyway, he is certainly innocent of a fraud unless the contrary is proven. On the other hand, the reality of the incident in itself is an extraordinary thing that is in doubt unless proved in solid ground. To this point, it is not. So, we doubt it. At the same time, there's plenty of indications that this was a hoax. And we are working to expose it.

Regards,

Mori

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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Oberg

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>However that's just a real skeptic's point of view.

In these kinds of cases from Russia =96 a strange light is seen in the sky and people on the ground report all sorts of events that later are only anecdotal =96 the first step should be to compare the time and viewing direction with documented visual phenomena associated with space/missile events at Plesetsk (which happens to be nearby).

The notorious 1977 'Petrozavodsk Jellyfish', the 1966 'Cape Kamennyi' air crew sighting, and even the 1984 'Exactly-4:10-AM' air-crew sighting, all connect directly to documented launches, and all provide cautionary tells of imaginative details and over-interpreted coincidences provided by excited witnesses.

Russia is particularly susceptible to such confabulation since during those years the government seems to have taken advantage of public excitement over UFOs to weave credible cover stories that concealed actual military space/missile activity.

The delicious irony is that Western UFO enthusiasts who profess to be devoted to 'uncovering government coverups' thus, by endorsing the credibility of these phony cover stories, contribute to the maintenance of disinformation by the long-departed (and unlamented) Soviet regime. They're in good company =96 books by Hynek, Vallee, Keyhoe, and other respected figures contain material that serve the Soviet coverup of the real (if more prosaic) space/missile activity.

Tsk tsk.

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Cosmos Revealed: The Truth Is Out There, Again and Again  
Commentary by Andrew Lam

Editor's Note: Recent discoveries suggest life itself may be commonplace in the universe. But far from constraining spiritual imagination, science's wondrous new findings reveal mysteries ever more sublime.

Though barely middle aged, I am old enough to remember a time when Earth was just a lonely blue planet amid the heavens. I remember, too, that precise moment when man's gaze turned upward, in awe. It was the winter of 1968, the worst period of the war, and I was a child and living in Vietnam. But on TV, instead of the regular news about the war, three peculiar creatures danced on a barren landscape.

Until that moment, I had believed what my grandmother told me: that a beautiful moon goddess resided on the silver globe that hung outside my window. But by stirring up the lunar dust with their metallic boots, the American astronauts effectively debunked her corporeal existence.

In her place is a radical shift in human psyche regarding its relationship with the rest of universe.

Consider these astonishing discoveries made in the last decade:

- Using the Hubble Telescope, which orbits Earth, astronomers have discovered other solar systems - planets going around stars. One planet in particular is believed to have an atmosphere.

- We know that Earth is constantly bombarded by meteors when we look up into the night sky and spot shooting stars. But more astounding is what astronomer Lou Frank speculated about a decade ago and found new evidence for only recently. Using the Hubble Telescope to study Earth's atmosphere, Frank proved that Earth is constantly hit by snowballs from space. The implications are enormous: if snowballs from outer space hit Earth regularly, it is "snowing" elsewhere also, onto other planets, providing much-needed water for the primordial soup.

- A few years ago a meteorite from Mars found on Earth, known as the Allan Hills meteorite (or ALH 84001 to scientists), astonished everyone when some scientists claimed they found tantalizing traces of fossilized life within it. Their findings have been contested, but the meteorite renewed enthusiasm for the idea of panspermia (Gr: all-seeding) - the interstellar exchange of DNA, a theory that was championed by Francis Crick,

who discovered the DNA molecule with two other scientists half a century ago.

- The Galileo space probe that orbited Jupiter showed us that on Europa, one of Jupiter's many moons, huge oceans lie beneath an icy surface, as well as active volcanoes - that is to say, the ingredients that could spark and possibly support life.

Until quite recently, we humans have been egocentric when explaining our place in the universe. Half a millennium ago we assumed our world was the universe's center - and, for that matter, flat - and that the sun orbited Earth. Last century we held on to the notion that our solar system was unique. Scientists just a generation ago assumed, too, that conditions on Earth - a protective atmosphere, ample water and volcanic activity - made it the only planet that could possibly support life.

That sense of self-importance has given way to a more humble assessment of our place in space. The conditions on our home planet may be unique, but solar systems are not at all anomalies. We are in the process of accepting that we are very much part of larger universe. Furthermore, we are - by sending space probes to the edge of the solar system, by collecting moon rocks and comet dust, by landing probes on Mars to dig for soils and search for signs of life, and by planning manned missions to Mars - in constant exchange with the universe.

These days many scientists dare to believe that we are not alone. Take astronomer Segio Fajardo-Acosta, a research associate at University of Denver. He believes many civilizations exist in the universe. "The distances are staggering and communication is a problem, especially if that civilization is in another galaxy," Fajardo-Acosta writes. "But with imagination and a very sophisticated technology, I think we could probably overcome the distance limitation and communicate with others."

Nietzsche asked rhetorically, "Have you not heard that God is dead?" Galileo, Newton, Einstein and the like had revealed a universe more startling than any ancient myth could describe.

But it is my contention that science, even as it slays the old gods, does not destroy human spirituality. Quite the contrary: in the cosmic age, science and spirituality reinforce each other. Science chips away at our ancient myths, only to reveal even greater mysteries. The more science reveals, the more mysterious and sublime the revelation.

On the eve of two NASA spacecraft missions to Mars in search of signs of life this January, space exploration should fill us all with a renewed sense of wonder. The sea on which humanity now sails is infinitely more vast and wondrous than that imagined by Columbus. And though wars and famines and diseases still grip mankind, when we look upward, it seems that there's ample grace waiting in the heavens.

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## Shermer Answers - Part I

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Interview: Skeptic Michael Shermer Answers (Part I)  
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It's a first here at SciScoop, folks! Believe it or not, our interview is TOO BIG to fit in a single story. Here are the first five questions with Dr. Shermer's answers - tune in tomorrow for the conclusion of the interview. Special thanks to Dr. Shermer for taking the time to answer our (long) questions! (with some long answers!)

### 1. Bad Reactions?

[teece] I'd be curious to know if Dr. Shermer gets any really nasty reactions from some of the folks who make outlandish claims.

I saw the 20/20 interview, and it was great. The Edwards guy is a tremendous fraud -- I feel sorry for the people that believe him. But Dr. Shermer is hitting people like that where it really hurts -- their wallets.

Do they ever react in a threatening way?

-- Timothy Klein

[Shermer] Rarely, but I do occasionally receive nasty letters, pejorative descriptions of my personality, and even questioning my parentage (as in "son of a bitch"), but never a death threat. The Holocaust deniers assumed I was Jewish (as in "Shoymer"), because who else would write on the Holocaust, but when that didn't pan out they accused me of being a public front for a behind-the-scenes Jewish cabal of academics and intellectuals (such as Stephen Jay Gould and Jared Diamond) who have convinced me to do their bidding (as if these intellectuals have hidden their light under the proverbial bushel). I receive the most mail from my Scientific American column (a couple a day on average). Most pick nits (Dylan Thomas was Welch, not English, RU-486 is the abortion pill, not the morning after pill, and so on), some bemoan my blatant pro-scientism and anti-deconstructionism, and, amazingly (considering the source), whenever I critique creationism I get deluged with defensive missives. At first I assumed this was an orchestrated write-in campaign from creationist non-readers who were tipped off to my column's subject, but more and more I now think that a lot of readers of Scientific American are creationists.

### 2. How widespread is this?

[apsmith] Dr. Shermer - your writing seems to focus on what I would call "extreme" examples of people's gullibility, things



that to any well-informed person are obviously nonsense. But the gullibility and wishful thinking extend very far into the rest of our society too. This covers a very wide range - the logic of investing and shopping, gambling, news media decisions on what to report, legislation that sounds good but often does nothing effective, or even the opposite of what it purports; conflating people like Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden, etc.

Do you think this is just because the natural human state is one of laziness and real wishful thinking? Or is it because people are actively rejecting rationality? Or are we facing a conspiracy of obfuscation from a cabal that really does know what's going on? Or perhaps all three?

I have recently read extensively in the areas of environment and energy policy, and I have been just astonished at the poor level of exposition of the real issues. People like Amory Lovins and Jeremy Rifkin seem to have either lost the capability to think clearly in their ubiquitous communications, or else are engaged in deliberate obfuscations. It's just as bad or worse on the anti-environmentalist side, with the right-wing "debunkers" of global warming, ozone, and all those environmental regulations that hamper free enterprise. The whole hydrogen economy proposals make no rational sense to me, unless the intention is to expand fossil fuel and nuclear power plants... is hydrogen really the best way to store electric energy? What about extending the grid to the streets so our cars can run like electric trams and train cars? But no, they attack the "conventional electric power grid" as being "only 33 percent efficient" but that's not the grid, that's the thermal to electric conversion efficiency of any steam turbine generator and it's going to be there whether you turn it into hydrogen at the power plant or transmit the electricity over wires (the wires themselves are typically well over 90% efficient in delivering power). And they attack the grid in other ways and advocate for distributed power production - which makes no economic or reliability sense to me. Rifkin writes an entire book on "entropy" that preaches doom and gloom in a way that no scientist should recognize as reality - a perfect counterexample to Rifkin's argument is life itself, successfully recycling its own elements with the energy input of the sun, for hundreds of millions of years, but it doesn't seem to have occurred to him. Well, I could go on and on here...

So are we just becoming increasingly susceptible to hucksters and the rhetoricians out there? Is it because they don't teach rhetoric in schools any more, so people don't recognize when they're being deceived? I don't want to get too paranoid here, but frankly the level of discourse on policy and substantive issues in the world today scares me...

[Shermer] As Woody Allen said, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean "they" are not after you. Yes, we do cover most of the standard paranormal claims, in Skeptic, Jr. Skeptic, and in my Skeptic column in Scientific American. But how many articles does one need to read - with such titles as "Water Dowsing: Does it Really Work?" - before it becomes apparent one need not read past the title? At least half of our space, if not more, is allocated toward more mainstream scientific controversies, such as the environment, on which we have devoted two special issues. The problem here is that extreme claims on both ends - the environment is fine, leave it alone; the environment is collapsing, fix it now - are almost certainly exaggerated and little more than political rhetoric. Bjorn Lomborg, whose book *The Skeptical Environmentalist* we recently excerpted in Skeptic (as well as provided a critical review to balance out the section), rightly (I think) notes that the environmental movement has become a political tool for which little hard science is presented. Of course, as his critics have pointed out, there are some factual errors, along with questionable interpretations of reliable data (the data never speak for themselves, remember), so we should be skeptical of the skeptical environmentalist as well. On the other side, I find Jeremy Rifkin and his ilk so repulsive, so anti-science and anti-technology (and, really, anti-progress, anti-capitalism, anti-freedom, and anti-life) that it is hard to take anything he says seriously, which is a shame because he probably does occasionally make a good point, but it is so awash in rhetorical nonsense that it gets lost. When in doubt, push both ends of the extreme termini toward the middle. This does not guarantee one will find truth (creationism is a counter example because it is

just plain wrong on every point), but for complex issues like global warming, we need much more data and far less politics.

### 3. Usefulness of Weird Beliefs

[Sweetwind] Stephen Jay Gould once wrote "tangential thinking by combination of unexpected items may be a more important component of creativity than logical deduction," and I think of that every time I do a Tarot reading to try to solve a problem :-). I'm definitely a skeptic, and I don't expect to find any solutions in the cards that aren't already somewhere in my head. But I often find that reading the cards helps me plumb the depths of my mind and come up with novel insights and approaches.

Do you think that some weird beliefs provide advantages to their holders? And that these beliefs could prove to be useful tools, even if wielded by a skeptic? Or should they all be dumped? (And for full disclosure, I admit to occasionally sneaking a glance at my horoscope in the morning paper... astrology is total bunk, of course, but the horoscope usually gives good advice which it would behoove anyone to take on any given day!)

[Shermer] Holding so-called weird beliefs provides a number of different benefits to the holder, depending on the belief itself. To the conspiratorialist, there is the exciting sense of getting an inside track to secret knowledge and hidden forces at work in the world. To the member of a cult, there is a feeling of exclusive power and prestige from being a member of an (the) in-group who will be saved at the end of the world, or will save the world from whatever cause the group supports (environmental disaster, economic ruin, etc.). To the believer in UFOs there is a sense of connection to a transcendence beyond the earth, to a power greater than human, to god-like entities who reside beyond but care enough to visit (and in many claims, to intervene to save us from ourselves, ala The Day the Earth Stood Still). Beliefs have utility. To understand their power, one must understand their usefulness to the holder.

### 4. Skepticism and Religion

[Drog] This is sure to be controversial, but here goes.

You have often exposed self-proclaimed psychics as frauds, presumably to enlighten (and thus protect) the public. But there are many cult leaders that also prey upon the susceptible, with much more harmful effects. One could also argue that many accepted religions in the world preach beliefs that cannot be backed up by any scientific evidence, and that some religions are indirectly harmful to people on a global scale, often leading to bigotry, hatred and even war. While many religious institutions undoubtedly have a genuine desire to do good in the world and have helped those in need, there have certainly been numerous allegations and proven instances of religious institutions being highly corrupt. So while many (or all) psychics are hustlers, cult and religious leaders could similarly fit that bill.

So in addition to debunking beliefs in the paranormal, how have you and the Skeptics Society tackled religious beliefs (if at all)? The right to be free from religious persecution is enshrined, as it should be. Yet how does one promote critical thinking when most people in the world believe in a faith that seems to belie critical thinking? How many of us were indoctrinated into our parents' religion, attending Sunday bible school classes, without once being told that there isn't really any proof behind what they were teaching. It's bad enough that we were not encouraged to think for ourselves, but we were actively encouraged not to think for ourselves--to instead "have faith".

How can we encourage our academic institutions to promote critical thinking while our religious institutions seem to promote the opposite?

[Shermer] With 90-95 percent of the nearly 300 million Americans proclaiming belief in God, it would be hard to argue that so many people are simply ignorant, irrational, or blind. In fact, in Ed Larson's and Larry Witham's 1996 study published in Science, they found that 39 percent of American scientists believe in God. Presuming that working scientists with Ph.D.'s

are unlikely to be ignorant, irrational, or blind, there is clearly something else at work here. That something else is explained in the new edition of my book, *Why People Believe Weird Things*, in which I answer the question of why smart people believe weird things. The short answer (if you don't want to read the 15,000 word chapter!) is: Smart people believe weird things because they are better at rationalizing beliefs that they arrived at for nonsmart reasons. That is, most of us believe what we do for a host of psychological and social reasons that have nothing to do with reason and evidence. However, because we live in the age of science and reason, we have been trained to justify our beliefs with evidence and logic. Some beliefs are simply not subject to rational and empirical defense, however, and religious beliefs fall into this category. In my opinion, if one examines one's personal religious beliefs very deeply one is faced with an uncomfortable choice: (1) abandon those beliefs or (2) bury them in a logic-tight compartment isolated and protected from such rational and scientific analysis. Or, just don't think about it too much.

## 5. Parapsychology

[Drog] It was in 1937 that Dr. Joseph Rhine published his book, *New Frontiers of the Mind*, containing the results of his experiments in ESP. His tests of card-guessing and dice-throwing revealed ratios of correct guesses against incorrect ones with odds over chance expectation sometimes as high as a million to one. The President of the American Institute for Mathematical Statistics, after careful analysis of Rhine's mathematical procedures, stated, "If the Rhine investigation is to be fairly attacked, it must be on other than mathematical grounds."

In 1941, Rhine's experiments were duplicated in England by Dr. S. G. Soal with a subject who achieved billions-to-one odds against chance in card-guessing. Professor of Philosophy at Cambridge, C.D. Broad, wrote, "There can be no doubt that the events described happened and were correctly reported; that the odds against chance coincidence piled up billions to one; and that the nature of the events which involved both telepathy and precognition, conflicts with one of more of the basic limiting principles (of physical science)."

Finally, in the late 1960's, the Parapsychological Association achieved affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. American anthropologist Dr. Margaret Mead, said, "For the last ten years, we have been arguing about what constitutes science and the scientific method, and what societies use it. The PA uses statistics and blinks, placebos, double-blinds and other standard scientific devices. The whole history of scientific advance is full of scientists investigating phenomena that the establishment did not believe were there. I submit that we vote in favour of this Association's work!" The vote was 170-30 in favour of the PA.

Since then, parapsychologists around the world have amassed a huge amount of scientific evidence that they claim shows that paranormal phenomena such as ESP definitely exist, even if they cannot yet explain the mechanism by which it manifests itself. Dr. Shermer, what is your view on the work done in the field of parapsychology over the past 70 years? Do the experiments show that there really is a strange phenomena at work, or do you have issues with the methodology of the experiments? Do you think that parapsychology is a genuine science, that research in this field shows promise and should be continued?

[Shermer] Parapsychologists have been scientifically studying the paranormal for well over a century now (the subject of my biography, *In Darwin's Shadow*, Alfred Russel Wallace, began conducting serious investigations into spiritualism in the 1860s), and in point of fact they have not "amassed a huge amount of scientific evidence." There is hardly any evidence at all - just a handful of statistically significant studies, cited over and over by paranormalists, and a couple of meta-analyses, in which loads of nonsignificant studies were combined to force statistical significance. There are several effects going on here: (1) the file-drawer problem, in which only significant findings are reported and nonsignificant studies are filed away; (2) only final results are published in journals, not the raw data that would allow one to see precisely how the data were gathered in the first place; (3) when trained research scientists have investigated such studies, such as Ray Hyman and

Susan Blackmore, whom paranormalists and scientists all agree are fair and balanced in their analysis of such claims, they inevitably find serious methodological flaws. For example, the most famous significant paranormal study was published in the prestigious review journal Psychological Bulletin in 1994 by Daryl Bem from Cornell University and his Edinburgh parapsychologist colleague Charles Honorton: "Does Psi Exist? Replicable Evidence for an Anomalous Process of Information Transfer." Conducting a meta-analysis of 40 published experiments the authors concluded: "the replication rates and effect sizes achieved by one particular experimental method, the ganzfeld procedure, are now sufficient to warrant bringing this body of data to the attention of the wider psychological community." (The ganzfeld procedure places the "receiver" in a sensory isolation room with ping pong ball halves over the eyes, headphones playing white noise over the ears, and the "sender" in another room psychically transmitting photographic or video images.) Subjects showed a hit rate of 35 percent, when 25 percent was expected by chance.

Ray Hyman from the University of Oregon found inconsistencies in the experimental procedures used in different ganzfeld experiments (that were lumped together in Bem's meta-analysis as if they used the same procedures), and that the statistical test employed (Stouffer's Z,) was inappropriate for such a diverse data set. Hyman also found flaws in the target randomization process (the sequence the visual targets were sent to the receiver), resulting in a target selection bias: "All of the significant hitting was done on the second or later appearance of a target. If we examined the guesses against just the first occurrences of targets, the result is consistent with chance."

Even if a study does pan out to be both significant and methodologically sound, there is still no explanatory theory for how psi works. Until psi proponents can explain how thoughts generated by neurons in the sender's brain can pass through the skull and into the brain of the receiver, skepticism is the appropriate response. If the data shows that there is such a phenomena as psi that needs explaining (and I am not convinced that it does), then we still need a causal mechanism.

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As promised yesterday, we now present the second half of SciScoop's interview with Dr. Michael Shermer. Again, many thanks to Dr. Shermer for making himself available!

### 6. Labels

[rickyjames] "Skeptic" is a shorthand label that is synonymous to many with "atheist". How do you define the difference between various labels applied to those who think rationally, and do you think it is desirable for rational adherents to adopt a new label such as "bright" that has been suggested by some?

[Shermer] A skeptic is a scientist who applies the methods of science to all questions, who strives to remain open-minded, and who attempts to avoid the confirmation bias where one seeks confirmation in the data for what one already believes. Skepticism is not a position one automatically takes ("I'm skeptical") to claims; rather, it is a method, an approach to claims ("I'm curious," "I would like to find an explanation"). In the last survey we conducted of members of the Skeptics Society over a quarter claimed belief in some form of higher power (God). Thus, skeptic is not synonymous with atheist. The label atheist is very specific: one can only be an atheist with regard to the claim of God's existence (as opposed to a "theist"). Skepticism is much broader. One can be a skeptic with regard to any claim, not thus theistic claims. Finally, I have written along essay on "The Big 'Bright' Brouhaha" for Skeptic magazine, posted at [www.skeptic.com](http://www.skeptic.com), which give the longer answer to the question about the "bright" label. I very much like the concept of unifying our disparate groups, and I was, in fact, the first to sign up to be a bright when the concept was first introduced at the Atheist Alliance International conference in Clearwater, Florida (my name literally appears first on the sign up sheet, just ahead of James Randi and Richard Dawkins). However, when it became apparent to me that the vast majority of people most likely to fall under the "bright" rubric would not use the label, I became, well, skeptical that it would succeed. For the time being I continue calling myself a skeptic.

### 7. Thought Control in Democratic Societies

[Drog] Any fan of Noam Chomsky would be highly skeptical that the U.S. government (and perhaps most other governments in the world) would ever mandate the teaching of critical thinking in the school systems, because it would be so much more difficult to control the population if they all thought for themselves

rather than buying into whatever viewpoint the media presents to them. What is your view on this? Do you think Dr. Chomsky is correct in his assessment of how populations cannot be disciplined by force and thus must be subjected to more subtle forms of ideological control via the media? Do you believe that critical thinking should be taught in schools? Do you believe that it eventually will be?

[Shermer] Critical thinking not only should be taught in schools, it already is (albeit not as effectively as it might be). In fact, we have invested considerable time and resources at the Skeptics Society to this very task, developing the Baloney Detection Kit and the Baloney Detection Books for students and teachers. The idea that the government (the proverbial "they" in such discussions, as in "they would never allow...") would orchestrate a campaign to prevent the teaching of critical thinking because then such skills might be turned on the government itself, is utter nonsense and conspiratorial claptrap. Anyone who thinks that the government has successfully quieted or squelched political criticism hasn't read a book or newspaper, listened to the radio, or watched television in the past couple of decades.

#### 8. Education

[Sweetwind] Way back in high school geometry I remember a fellow student asking (with some annoyance) what good it was to learn how to do a proof. The teacher replied that it is so you learn to think logically, and I thought that was a good answer, and sufficient justification to keep it in the curriculum. But it wasn't until I went to college that I learned about things like confirmation bias and the fundamental attribution error, and knowing about these tricks our minds tend to play on us is also important for being able to think clearly. Dr. Shermer, what would you like to see added to the standard secondary (or even primary) school curriculum to help our children learn to think logically?

[Shermer] The very thing we are already working on: the Baloney Detection Kit for teachers and the Baloney Detection Books for teachers and students. Skepticism is critical thinking, and more.... Skepticism also includes science and the scientific method, the best tools ever devised for finding causality and for understanding how the world works.

#### 9. The "right" amount of skepticism?

[Drog] How do we ensure that we maintain a healthy amount of skepticism towards radical new ideas while at the same time ensuring that we remain open-minded enough to not dismiss them without due consideration? I suspect that the answer is to simply subject all new ideas to the same level of scientific scrutiny. But in reality, is this always the case? Sometimes an area of research may be "stained" by the claims of pseudoscientists, frauds and charlatans, thus making it difficult for any actual scientific study to ever be taken seriously (e.g. parapsychology, Atlantis, UFO's, etc.). Other times, a sound new scientific theory may be at odds with an existing theory in which many scientists have a heavily vested interest.

An example of the latter that comes to mind is The Great Sphinx Debate, in which geologists Schoch and West claimed that the Sphinx shows classic patterns of erosion by rainfall, thus dating it to within 5000 and 7000 B.C.E.--in stark contrast to the accepted archaeological dating of 2520-2494 B.C.E. The ensuing debate between geologists and egyptologists, who claimed that the geologists' dating would topple the entire framework that they had painstakingly built up over many years and is not supported by any other archaeological evidence, became extremely heated, indicating (to me) that scientists are human too and are not nearly so detached and objective as we would like to believe.

Another example is the work of geophysicist J. Marvin Herndon (interviewed here on SciScoop last April), who has spent ten years trying to convince the scientific community to even listen to his theory that a nuclear reactor resides at the Earth's core, let alone debate his evidence.

So, in an age when scientific study is becoming big business,

when one's research grant (and sometimes one's very employment) depends on the frequency of one's published papers and books, when there are enormous pressures to find and publish evidence supporting one's own theories while ignoring any non-supporting evidence, how can we ensure that we are as skeptical as we need to be but not more than is justified?

[Shermer] One of the most important tasks of skepticism is finding what I call the exquisite balance: being open-minded enough to recognize and accept a viable radical new idea, but not being so open-minded that your brains fall out. Unfortunately there is no simple formula for the right amount of data and evidence that when a critical mass is reached one should shift theoretical alliances. The data never just speak for themselves. And in science there is a very social process of debate, discussion, and peer review and analysis that rolls along until a consensus is reached or until it is clear that more data and analysis are needed before a consensus can be reached. The goofier the idea, the more data one needs and the more difficult it will be to convince the experts in the field. Claims that science is dogmatically closed-minded to new ideas is absurd and gainsaid by the history of science, which is chock-a-block full of revolutions and paradigm shifts. Most radical new ideas are simply wrong and that is why they are not accepted. Occasionally, a good new idea goes unnoticed or ignored or rejected for far too long (for a variety of social and psychological factors), but nevertheless they do eventually triumph.

#### 10. Specific Example

[rickyjames] What's an appropriate "skeptic" attitude towards the frontier mathematical fields of cellular automata / chaos / fractals? In particular, how does a skeptic reconcile convincing visual evidence and patterns of apparent deeply fundamental forces at work with biological processes that work in ways that are seemingly totally unrelated to these mathematical ones?

In Part I of a recent article here on SciScoop I effectively used the "Wolfram" argument in trying to convince people that math has a deep philosophical component. I said look at this math, it produces things that look like ferns, wow, that means the math is almost mythically special and has to be tied to some special attachment to the Universe. Wolfram did the same thing with mollusk coloration patterns that look like they're generated with (mathematical) cellular automation processes he outlines. Gee, both ferns and mollusks sure LOOK good as an example of Mystical Something, and they're certainly intriguing enough to merit continuing legitimate interest in the math, but as a hard-headed scientist I still have nagging doubts and a sense of disbelief.

There seems to be no tangible physical process that biological cells can go through during growth to match how cellular automations and especially fractals generate similar-looking patterns. For example, fractals when they generate fern like shapes do so by reeling off a series of points that are only unconnected dots until you get enough of them plotted to visualize - THEN the fern like shape jumps out at you. It's almost like Impressionist art. How can there be a corresponding Impressionist biology? How can a cell react to another cell that is so far away in space and time that it hasn't even formed yet in the area it needs to be in to complete the fern-shape?

[Shermer] Vol. 10, No. 2 of Skeptic has a cover story by David Naiditch on Wolfram's book and theory. Naiditch has written what I consider to be the best and balanced critique of Wolfram to date. He too identifies the problem of correlating mathematical products in a computer to biological products in nature (the mollusk coloration patterns being a prime example). We have a pretty good understanding of the links between genes and proteins, and how genotypes end up as phenotypes, and it does not appear to be anything like what goes on in computer cellular automata. Still, to be fair to Wolfram, his theory is still in its infancy so we should keep an open mind until more scientists have an opportunity to test his theory.

#### 11. Can We Know?

[Chronosphere] There are, arguably, some certainties in the universe (maybe a different set for every human, but I will



leave this aside for the moment). Some people jump to conclude, after a determined certainty has been discovered, that the set of rules that we use to attempt a description or an explanation of that certainty is also part of this "objective universe". To my knowledge, most skeptics adhere firmly to science, but, and here lies my question, what if the set of rules (or laws) we think we are seeing are only "inside our heads" and in the end doesn't "describe" anything but our map? That's my skepticism. I think the explanation is just and only just a set of rules of language in relation to perception. But as time passes our set of explanative rules changes, and there is no "final set of rules" to define the universe, as we are always changing and evolving, both as individuals and as societies. In this sense, science is just the ultimate tool, but I think it will be not the last one, to try to have a complete set of rules to explain everything. Nothing more and nothing else. So, it can't be a foundation to real knowledge.

[Shermer] Science is socially embedded and culturally bound, and it is produced by humans filled with psychological foibles. So to that extent science will always be limited, but like democracy, it is the best system we have so we should make the best use of it that we can. Some areas of science, however, are much more obviously valid than others. If you want to send a spacecraft to Mars you use astronomy not astrology. Why? Because it works. This is very clear cut and simple. Either the spacecraft arrives or it does not. The biological and social sciences are not so objective. Do more guns cause more crime or less? Are the racial differences in I.Q. scores a result of genetics or environment (or both)? Is global warming caused by human activity or natural forces (or both)? In such areas we must be especially vigilant because of the numerous nonscientific forces at work that make it more difficult for us to really know reality.

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### 01-01-04 Sighting Flowery Branch Georgia

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <[hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)>  
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 07:52:40 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:48:58 -0500  
Subject: 01-01-04 Sighting Flowery Branch Georgia

Flowery Branch, Georgia

Date: January 1, 2004  
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Brian,

The event happened on Jan. 1st 2004 at or around 3:30 PM EST. My family and I (wife, daughter age 5, son age 2 almost 3) were on our way home from lunch and shopping. We had turned off of I985 onto Spout Springs Road (heading east) and I guess we were around 1.5 to 2 miles from the Interstate when my wife said "what is that?".

It appeared to be several hundred feet up and my first thought was that it was a child's balloon - one of those reflective foil-like ones but the sun's reflection from the object was so bright and the objects surface appeared to be so smooth (like finely polished silver) that I got real curious. Also, though it was hard to tell, my wife and I both got the impression that the object was 4 to 6 feet in diameter.

We passed the object by and turned around and came back. We actually turned into a side street to get closer and parked. From this vantage point we could clearly see it (not trying to drive and look). The object was moving slowing away from us (like the wind was blowing it though there was no wind at ground level) and it was moving on its axis. This is hard to explain... it would flip and roll sort of like it was tumbling but not consistently in any given direction. From this movement we could make out that the object was an almost flat disc.

When it would roll to its thin side it looked black and there was no reflection.

When it would roll and reveal its flat side it would appear to be silver and the sun's reflection was strong. It looked like polished silver in the sun. Also, in the middle of the object was a red color - a circle - my wife said it looked like a big silver button in the sky with a red dot in the middle. This middle dot area did not reflect the sun like the rest of the area around it.

Also, I might add that when looking at the flat side of the object, I mentioned before how it was smooth and silver... but it also looked solid. I mean it did not look like something filled with helium. I understand that in this we could have been mistaken but to us it honestly looked 'hard'. That along with the way it was moving on its axis (tumbling) made the object 'not fit' - what I am trying to say is that it is unexplainable to my wife and I.

We observed it for several minutes as it was moving westward away from us (I am assuming it was West because it was heading back towards the Interstate). I decided to try and drive to another subdivision off of Spout Springs road to see if we could get under it. My wife was looking at it as we were driving away, she turned away and when she turned back, it was gone. "It's gone" she said. I looked all over the sky and it was just gone.

This was the most baffling part to us. Our eyes were off of it only for a few seconds.

Another odd thing... When we first saw the object, it appeared to be moving to the north-east. When we were at the place we stopped to watch, it was clearly moving more westward (which from the pace we had stopped was directly away from us).

Afterwards, I asked my 5 year old daughter what she thought it was, she said that it was a CD (Compact Disc). As far as she is concerned that is exactly what it was (a 4 foot wide, floating Compact Disc).

As far as witnesses, there was light traffic moving along the road. Also, right across the street from the area we parked was two men walking up and down the side of the road looking looking as if they were looking for something on the road side that had fallen out of their vehicle. Neither of these people seemed to be looking at the object as their attention seemed to be on finding something in the ditch. There may have been trees in the way that obstructed the view for these guys.

The area that this happened in is filled with thousands of homes from closely packed subdivisions. Someone else had to have seen it. There is just too many people living in this area for us to have been the only ones.

To conclude... I do not buy the aliens from another world bit. However, I can't account for the object we saw. It appeared to literally defy the law of gravity. If this was a hoax or some strange toy some kid got for Christmas, the joke is really on us.

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Thank you to the witness for their report.

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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 12:16:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:52:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Ledger

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 07:04:34 >-0600  
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[editor@perceptions.couk.com](mailto:editor@perceptions.couk.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2004 16:25:53 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>However that's just a real skeptic's point of view.

>In these kinds of cases from Russia -- a strange light is seen in the  
>sky and people on the ground report all sorts of events that later  
>are only anecdotal -- the first step should be to compare the time and  
>viewing direction with documented visual phenomena associated with  
>space/missile events at Plesetsk (which happens to be nearby).

>The notorious 1977 'Petrozavodsk Jellyfish', the 1966 'Cape Kamenniy'  
>air crew sighting, and even the 1984 'Exactly-4:10-AM' air-crew  
>sighting, all connect directly to documented launches, and all  
>provide cautionary tells of imaginative details and over-interpreted  
>coincidences provided by excited witnesses.

>Russia is particularly susceptible to such confabulation since during  
>those years the government seems to have taken advantage of public  
>excitement over UFOs to weave credible cover stories that concealed  
>actual military space/missile activity.

>The delicious irony is that Western UFO enthusiasts who profess to be  
>devoted to 'uncovering government coverups' thus, by endorsing the  
>credibility of these phony cover stories, contribute to the  
>maintenance of disinformation by the long-departed (and unlamented)  
>Soviet regime. They're in good company -- books by Hynek, Vallee,  
>Keyhoe, and other respected figures contain material that serve the  
>Soviet coverup of the real (if more prosaic) space/missile activity.

>Tsk tsk.

Hi Jim,

That's a little pie-in-the-sky, don't you think?

What about Pravda publishing Menzel's simplistic anti UFO piece during the 60s? Menzel, the holder of a Top Secret rating publishing in Pravda. And then there was a cutoff point after which UFOs were verboten-or the Russian word equivilant. What was that all about?

Best,

Don Ledger



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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 11:01:31 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:55:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Shell

>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 07:04:34 >-0600  
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>Tsk tsk.

Now, now. I don't blame the UFO researchers for including in their books sightings that are poorly researched and may be disinformation. Because in most cases the reports are presented with enough grains of salt to keep Morton's in business for a century. Also because they're not the ones who came up with the disinformation in the first place.

It's practically impossible for anyone outside the loop (including yourself) to separate the UFOs from the aluminum chaff. In a case like this train, who can we believe on either side? Why should we believe old Soviet records that show a rocket was launched that day? You seem to think they're horrible liars, and I tend to agree. Should I believe a U.S. government report that says a Soviet rocket was launched that day? They have just as much (or more) reason not to tell me the "truth" as the Soviets. So all we have is a sketchy report, something out of Filer's Files, that maybe adds a tiny bit more unreliable data to the mix.

See, to me, that's the irony.

I certainly understand why governments need to keep their secrets, although there seems to be a lot of throwback thinking to the old "ultimate weapon" fears that originated in the first half of the last century. I think it's been pretty well proven that there is no ultimate weapon. But that doesn't put an end to the 50+ years of bureaucracy designed to keep "Brand X" from finding out all the things we do and don't know - about atomic energy or UFOs or whatever. Number one rule in security, never admit you don't know something.

It would sure be nice, though, to have a reliable source of information available. Then we might be able to stop wasting our time on misidentified natural phenomena, secret vehicle tests, etc., and concentrate on the truly anomalous stuff that might actually yield valuable scientific information.

I don't think you personally believe there is any truly anomalous stuff, but even then, a reliable source of information would help prove you right.

Although proving a negative - there are no real alien flying saucers visiting Earth - is even more impossible than fighting the bureaucracy.

Unfortunately, even if the Air Force fessed up and said, "Oh, yeah, that big black flying triangle you folks saw in Indiana last Saturday was one of ours. Keep it on the QT, okay," why should we believe them? What's the difference between them covering up a real UFO and one of their own secret tests? None that I can see. Given the choice between two unknowns, there's no way to logically select between the two. You can rationalize,

and say that the secret aircraft test is the more "plausible" or "probable" of the two, since we know the Air Force exists, and does occasionally test secret craft. But when you don't have all the information one answer is no more plausible than the other. See the logic there? Just because the Air Force occasionally flies weird stuff over the corn fields doesn't necessarily mean that particular weird thing flying last Saturday was an Air Force test.

But that's because I'm a hardcore skeptic. Until somebody shows me the goods, I have to assume everybody's blowing marsh gas up my ass, including the "authorities" whether they're pro or anti-UFO. Because everybody has an agenda. You, me, everybody.

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:58:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2004 14:16:20 -0800  
>Subject: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

<snip>

>Q: Did he do anything else that you deem questionable?

>A: Oh God yes! In 1995 Moore's interpreted a surviving diary and  
>cloud cover records to mean that Flight #4 was probably launched  
>post-dawn, just like Flight #5 and the other early N.M. Moguls.  
>But 2 years later he had more complete historical wind data,  
>which were much less favorable to Moore's theory of events.  
>These winds turned out to be blowing much harder to the north  
>and east than Moore originally assumed, i.e., away from the  
>Foster Ranch. That's why he devised various ruses to drastically  
>shorten the rise and fall trajectories. But he also had to come  
>up with some rationale to push his balloon much further to the  
>west towards the Foster Ranch, meaning he had to keep it up much  
>longer than Flight #5 or any other early neoprene Mogul. That's  
>where he suddenly came up with his late night 3:00 a.m. launch,  
>then flip-flopped on his original logic in interpreting the  
>diary and weather records in order to rationalize his new  
>position.

David and List,

Thank you again for your fantastic work on Charles Moore's  
speculations. But I suggest again to go one step further: There  
was no Mogul 4 at dawn, there was no Mogul 4 at 3:00 a.m., there  
was no Mogul 4 at all!

To me, it is obvious when reading carefully Albert Crary's  
diary. Here are his exact words, as reproduced in the Roswell  
Report. To make that clear, let's compare the entries for three  
days. (these are the relevants excerpts):

"Jun 3 Tues. Up at 0230 am ready to fly balloon but abandoned  
due to cloudy skies.

"Jun 4 Wed. Out to Tularosa Range and fired charges between 00  
and 06 this am.

No balloon flights again on account of clouds.

Flew regular sono buoy up in a cluster of balloons (etc).

Jun. 5 Thurs. Up at 4 to shoot 2 charges for balloon flight.  
Whole assembly of constant-altitude balloons set up at 0500.

In the third entry, he refers clearly to a Mogul balloon train,  
but not for June 4 when he mentions the "cluster of balloons" .  
These clusters of balloons are described precisely in the  
Roswell Report, with a drawing. They were made up of "three to  
five sounding balloons", and "three ML-307 radar targets"  
(quoted from the drawing). The legend says:

"Typical radar target flight train used by the NYU balloon group in 1947".

This is confirmed in the "Progress Report" of NYU for the month of June: "Field tests were conducted at Alamogordo Army Air Base during the week of June 1, using clusters of meteorological balloons. The primary object of these tests was to perfect handling and launching techniques for large flights (etc.)".

These launchings of small clusters of balloons are confirmed in the books of Charles Moore and Karl Pflock.

So, what may have happened ? I suggest that one of these small clusters fell somewhere on the Foster ranch, in the first days of June. Brazel found it, with his daughter Bessie Schrieber. She said in her affidavit that they filled three bags. Her father said it was "just a bunch of garbage". This had nothing to do with his discovery of the debris field in the first days of July, except that it is the story he told the press on July 8, as instructed. What Brazel described to the press squares well with a small cluster of balloons, and even with flowered taped radar targets used by NYU.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Speiser

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>Source: [SciScoop.Com](http://SciScoop.Com)

><http://www.sciscoop.com/story/2003/12/30/6755/6058>

>Interview: Skeptic Michael Shermer Answers (Part I)  
>By Sweetwind, Section Interviews

>Posted on Tue Dec 30th, 2003 at 06:07:55 AM PST

<snip>

>Even if a study does pan out to be both significant and  
>methodologically sound, there is still no explanatory theory for  
>how psi works. Until psi proponents can explain how thoughts  
>generated by neurons in the sender's brain can pass through the  
>skull and into the brain of the receiver, skepticism is the  
>appropriate response. If the data shows that there is such a  
>phenomena as psi that needs explaining (and I am not convinced  
>that it does), then we still need a causal mechanism.

Here is where I take issue with Shermer and other skeptics. "We still need a causal mechanism"...for what? To accept that it's happening? It's not happening unless we know why it's happening? I grant that we cannot accept the existence of psi as an actual mechanism of transfer until it can be proven, but I've known many a "skeptic" who is willing to disregard the phenomena itself solely on the basis of our not being able to divine the mechanism. It's a bit like the French Academy of Science saying that the phenomenon of rocks falling from the sky is to be disregarded because none of their scientists could offer any way for the rocks to get into the air in the first place.

I am not a scientist. Can someone who is a scientist state for me whether this is a hard and fast rule in science? "An observed phenomena has no validity, or is not worthy of further study, until a reasonable causative mechanism has been advanced"? That seems to be what Shermer and others are stating.

==JJS==

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### PRG Press Release - 01-02-04

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Paradigm Research Group

January 2, 2004  
Press Release

1st Annual Exopolitics Expo - X-Conference  
Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg - April 16-18, 2004  
[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)

Washington, DC -- Paradigm Research Group announces the speaker lineup for the X-Conference has been set and includes 23 presenters from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Italy, and Australia. This is the strongest group of experts ever assembled to speak to the governmental, political and media aspects of 50+ years of a government imposed truth embargo on information confirming an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. The official website is: [www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)

Speakers will include Stephen Bassett, Dr. William Birnes, Grant Cameron (Canada), Philip Corso, Jr., Paul Davids, Richard Dolan, Ann Druffel, Stanton Friedman (Canada), Timothy Good (United Kingdom), Dr. Steven Greer, William Hamilton, Terry Hansen, Paola Harris (Italy), Richard Hoagland, Linda Moulton Howe, Dr. C. B. Scott Jones, Jim Marrs, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Nick Pope (United Kingdom), Peter Robbins, Dr. Michael Salla (Australia), Dr. Richard Sauder, Dr. Robert Wood, Ryan Wood. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be announced later this year.

The X-Conference has been intentionally scheduled during the presidential election season (between the Colorado and Pennsylvania primaries), April 16-18, 2004, at the Hilton Washington, DC North. In January, invitations will go out to all presidential candidates to attend the X-Conference, either in person or via representation. Additionally, all candidates will be offered time to speak to the conference issues of extraterrestrial engagement and cover-up, which no presidential candidate, other than Democrat Heather Anne Harder in 1994 and 1998, has had the courage to do. All members of Congress will receive similar invitations. Over 80% of the American people consistently indicate in national polls the government is lying to them regarding extraterrestrial related phenomena.

The schedule, which is subject to change, now includes:  
Saturday/Sunday: 20 lectures, 16 workshops, 2 discussion panels;  
Friday/Saturday: documentary film showings; Friday Evening:  
Speakers' Cocktail Party; Saturday Evening: Banquet with Keynote Address; Sunday Evening: Special Presentation. During the Saturday evening banquet, PRG awards for Journalistic Courage (Sarah McClendon) and Political Courage (Congressman Steven Schiff), along with Lifetime Achievement, Disclosure and Hall of Fame awards will be presented.

The Hilton Washington, DC North is located at 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Maryland. It is a 3 Star, 3 Diamond hotel with unlimited free parking, metro access, conference facilities for 1500, banquet facilities for 300+ and is equidistant from all three major airports (Reagan, Dulles, BWI).



Paradigm Research Group was founded in 1996 to support the work of research/activist organizations addressing the science and politics of extraterrestrial related phenomena.

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## UFOs Spotted Over Huddersfield

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Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Huddersfield

Source: Huddersfield Daily Examiner, UK

[http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content\\_objectid=13775671\\_method=full\\_s:UFOs-spotted-over-town-name\\_page.html](http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content_objectid=13775671_method=full_s:UFOs-spotted-over-town-name_page.html)

Jan 2 2004

By The Huddersfield Daily Examiner

Twinkling Christmas stars may have been replaced by UFOs over Huddersfield.

Shocked pensioner Malcolm Stapp is adamant he saw a couple of flying saucers in the night sky.

Mr Stapp, 74, of Salendine Nook, said: "It sounds incredible I know, but I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

He had been watching a film on TV and was going to bed at 12.30am on Monday when he saw a bright light in the sky.

He said: "It was stationary over Huddersfield for at least 15 minutes. At one point another appeared travelling north and going very fast - a lot faster than the jets that fly over here. It was certainly not a helicopter or a plane."

He added: "Both UFOs were globular with lots of lights on them.

"I tried to look at the stationary one through binoculars, but it was just a blur of intense lights. I watched it for 15 minutes and it was still there when I went to bed.

"I've never seen anything like it before."

Pc Dave McSweeney, of Huddersfield police, said they had received no other reports of sightings of UFOs in the early hours of Monday.

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## Happy New Year

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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 15:17:12 -0500  
Subject: Happy New Year

Happy new year from everyone at Magonia Exchange.

Best wishes for 2004,

Chris Aubeck

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## Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Lehmborg

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Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:12:53 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 15:43:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Lehmborg

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 11:01:31 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg@houston.rr.com](mailto:joberg@houston.rr.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 07:04:34 >-0600  
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>Tsk tsk.

>Now, now. I don't blame the UFO researchers for including in  
>their books sightings that are poorly researched and may be  
>disinformation. Because in most cases the reports are presented  
>with enough grains of salt to keep Morton's in business for a  
>century. Also because they're not the ones who came up with the  
>disinformation in the first place.

Unfortunately, that's no longer true... now we know we have  
Bro. Andy and Bro. David urinating in our swimming pool as we  
speak.

<snip>

>But that's because I'm a hardcore skeptic. Until somebody shows  
>me the goods, I have to assume everybody's blowing marsh gas up  
>my ass, including the "authorities" whether they're pro or  
>anti-UFO. Because everybody has an agenda. You, me, everybody.

Well - not me... And what's your agenda anyway? Maybe you meant  
"hidden agenda...", or, "non-admitted" one?

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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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## Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter?

From: Nancy Red Star <[red@star.mailbox.as](mailto:red@star.mailbox.as)>  
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 16:12:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:26:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2003 18:12:06 -0000  
>Subject: 'Disclosure' Witness?

>With all the recent and past criticism of the Disclosure Project  
>and in particular in relation to the allegedly poor filtering  
>and assessment of some of the witnesses, I wonder if there is  
>anybody on this List who can tell me anything about Daniel M.  
>Salter?

>He was one of the people called by Mr. Greer but it does not  
>appear that he has ever been discussed on this List.

>He has a book out, published this year, entitled "Life With A  
>Cosmos Clearance" (as told to Nancy Red Star) and as you might  
>imagine from the title, makes some pretty amazing claims in the  
>book. In fact I think he outpaces Phillip Corso. It's a great  
>read but I find I'm left with a few doubts.

>Can anybody throw any further light on him?

Daniel Morris Salter is listed as a witness at the 2001,  
National Press Club, is in the "Disclosure" book by Stephen  
Greer - page 357 - and is in the film "Disclosure Project".

He was in the NRO, DCCCD, and the Scientific and Technical  
Unit of Interplanetary Phenomenon.

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## Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Shell

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:28:29 -0500  
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The way it generally works is this:

You're sitting in your office, going over the books, and it becomes apparent that your funding is going to run out pretty soon. So you think to yourself, "What could I study that somebody would be willing to foot the bill to find out? Something sexy, maybe, that could be of interest to my rich Uncle Sam." Over the preceding 10 years you've specialized to such a degree that you can't just jump into another field, also, you don't want to rock the paradigm, because the people who have the most money don't buy theories, they only buy hardware, something you can kill somebody else with. Like with the government PSI studies. Can we use it to read our enemies minds? Can we use it to disable missiles? Those guys are really practical.

So the easiest thing to do it to take a study that's already been done and refine it a little bit to get better data. Obviously, you're not going to be inventing anti-gravity if you're busy re-inventing the wheel. You're going to play it safe and stay away from anything even remotely resembling something you see on the front page of the Weekly World News. There's no money in it.

Also, it all goes back to the whole notion of objectivity and subjectivity in science. The mere act of selecting a topic of study is a subjective act. You say, "I think there may be something worth studying in greater detail here." What makes you think that? Your current belief system, a "hunch," a vague, half-assed notion. That's all. And believing someone might cough up a few bucks to pay for the study.

The sad thing is that studying something like PSI is really inexpensive.

Rupert Sheldrake and his "10 Experiments" has pretty much proven that. But a big potential investor wants somebody else to do all the expensive groundwork first. Nailing down PSI, or how it works, is not nearly as important to the money people as having it do something. You could get all the PSI research money you want if you could come up with an amplifying helmet or something that could suck secrets out of an enemy's mind (or better yet, blow it up, like in "Scanners"). They'll worry about a causative mechanism later.

Hell, we still don't know what electricity really is. We're pretty good at manipulating it, but what it actually is is

anyone's guess. And we can see sparks. You don't get any sparks with PSI. Just a boring statistical variance. <snore>

"Science," like the "Free Market," is an interesting concept that a lot of people like to believe. But there's no pure example of either in real life. It's all about belief and who has power over who.

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## Milky Way Map Shows Way To Other Civilisations

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Subject: Milky Way Map Shows Way To Other Civilisations

Source: The Daily Telegraph - UK

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02/01/2004

Milky Way Map Shows The Way To Other Civilisations

By Roger Highfield

The hunt for extraterrestrials has become a little easier after the discovery that up to 10 per cent of stars in our galaxy may harbour conditions necessary for complex life to emerge.

Although our solar system has been in the most hospitable region of the galaxy for five billion years, astronomers conclude that three quarters of the Milky Way's other inhabited solar systems - if they exist - would have had one billion years longer, on average, to nurture life and advanced civilisations.

The estimates come from a new map of the "Galactic Habitable Zone", an area of space whose boundaries are set by its safe environment, away from exploding stars and marauding planets ("Earth destroyers"), and which has access to the chemicals necessary for building terrestrial planets similar to Earth.

In a paper published today in Science, Charles Lineweaver, from the University of New South Wales, and Yeshe Fenner and Brad Gibson, of Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, have identified the region where life is most likely to prosper among the 300 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy.

"What we have done for the first time is to quantify carefully where complex life is likely to exist," Dr Lineweaver said.

Mapping the possible distribution of life in the Milky Way may help to increase the chance of success for future hunts for Earth-like planets.

But Dr Lineweaver said their discovery does not mean complex life necessarily exists beyond Earth.

"Perhaps there's no life out there. But if there is life, we've determined where you are most likely to find it."

Meanwhile Nasa's Stardust spacecraft has entered the cloud of dust and gas surrounding the nucleus of comet Wild Two, which it is due to sample later today.

Stardust has travelled 2.3 billion miles since its launch in February 7, 1999, and will return to Earth in January 2006.

The microscopic particles of comet and interstellar dust collected by Stardust may help to provide answers about the origins of the solar system.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:32:22 -0500  
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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
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>Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:12:53 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 11:01:31 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>But that's because I'm a hardcore skeptic. Until somebody shows  
>>me the goods, I have to assume everybody's blowing marsh gas up  
>>my ass, including the "authorities" whether they're pro or  
>>anti-UFO. Because everybody has an agenda. You, me, everybody.

>Well - not me... And what's your agenda anyway? Maybe you meant  
>"hidden agenda...", or, "non-admitted" one?

Maybe "agenda" isn't exactly the right word when it comes to  
individuals.

Organizations - the Air Force, the CIA, CSICOP, the Raelians,  
whoever - are more likely to have agendas.

Perhaps "predispositions" or "prejudices" is more accurate. For  
instance, I would be pleased as punch (on some level) to be  
absolutely convinced that there are extra-terrestrial  
intelligences with which we might be able to communicate. But  
because I'm such a skeptic, my standards of proof are extremely  
high. These predispositions are going to color my arguments no  
matter what I do.

I only hope that by recognizing my predispositions, factoring  
them into my mental equations, I'm more able to honestly  
observe, analyze and report.

Because as much as I would like to have the existence ET be  
proven beyond my reasonable doubt (hopefully far enough away so  
they're not a threat), I don't want to fake or push the argument  
in that direction. What would be the point of that? To convince  
somebody to "believe" the way I do? The only person I need to  
prove anything to is my very skeptical self.

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## Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:38:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Stanford

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>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 11:27:48 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Shermer Answers - Part I

>>Source: SciScoop.Com

>><http://www.sciscoop.com/story/2003/12/30/6755/6058>

>>Interview: Skeptic Michael Shermer Answers (Part I)  
>>By Sweetwind, Section Interviews

>>Posted on Tue Dec 30th, 2003 at 06:07:55 AM PST

>><snip>

>>Even if a study does pan out to be both significant and  
>>methodologically sound, there is still no explanatory theory for  
>>how psi works. Until psi proponents can explain how thoughts  
>>generated by neurons in the sender's brain can pass through the  
>>skull and into the brain of the receiver, skepticism is the  
>>appropriate response. If the data shows that there is such a  
>>phenomena as psi that needs explaining (and I am not convinced  
>>that it does), then we still need a causal mechanism.

>Here is where I take issue with Shermer and other skeptics. "We  
>still need a causal mechanism"...for what? To accept that it's  
>happening? It's not happening unless we know why it's  
>happening? I grant that we cannot accept the existence of psi  
>as an actual mechanism of transfer until it can be proven, but  
>I've known many a "skeptic" who is willing to disregard the  
>phenomena itself solely on the basis of our not being able to  
>divine the mechanism. It's a bit like the French Academy of  
>Science saying that the phenomenon of rocks falling from the sky  
>is to be disregarded because none of their scientists could  
>offer any way for the rocks to get into the air in the first  
>place.

>I am not a scientist. Can someone who is a scientist state for  
>me whether this is a hard and fast rule in science? "An observed  
>phenomena has no validity, or is not worthy of further study,  
>until a reasonable causative mechanism has been advanced"? That  
>seems to be what Shermer and others are stating.

Personally, Jim, I think you've hit Shermer's error-in-reason  
squarely on the head.

For decades, aspirin was used effectively for pain and  
inflammation, without science understanding the mechanism of its  
effectiveness (it is now known to function as a prostaglandin  
inhibitor), even though experimental science had clearly  
demonstrated its effectiveness. By Shirmer's reasoning  
concerning parapsychological phenomena, aspirin's effectiveness  
might have been declared psychosomatic (mind-caused), its use  
declared a practice of irrational persons, if he and his  
skeptical pals were in charge of medicine.

In Shirmer's attitude of basically ignoring or outright  
rejecting evidence of 'psi' phenomena or UFO evidences, for that

matter, we see pseudo-science at its haughtiest. Surely he must realize that the process of science is not to reject a phenomenon because it or its process of occurrence is not understood, but to study a poorly understood phenomenon so carefully as to construct a falsifiable 'explanatory' hypothesis consistent with the phenomena and test it by making predictions based on that hypothesis - but you wouldn't know he knows that, based on his position concerning poorly understood phenomena such as 'psi' and UFOs.

Yes, Jim, you make a very apt comparison. Shermer's mind-set would have fit well into that which enabled the French Academy of Science to declare that rocks had not fallen from the sky because they could see no way for such heavy masses to have gotten into the air in the first place. Like them, Shermer refuses to reach beyond his limited perceptual horizon and realize that there is a much bigger universe 'out there'. I do not call that 'bright' (as Shirmer defines himself in the interview). In my mind, it is just plain dogmatic and ignorant behavior.

I began subscribing to Scientific American back in 1953, when I was fifteen years of age. Back then it was much more pure science and much less popularly oriented - in short, at least for me a much better and more interesting magazine. But when they hired Shermer to pedal his narrow-minded, highly egotistical (one might even say 'intellectually narcissistic') rantings against anything he refuses to examine objectively or try to understand, I quit subscribing. I will stick to reading Nature, Science, and even the popular but excellent Science News. Make no mistake about it, those publications have their own brand of politics, too, but at least they do not 'room and board' a Shirmer propaganda column.

That said, I must admit that I agree with Shirmer on a few (but only a few) things. :)

Ray Stanford

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

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## Happy Birthday 'Flying Saucer'

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Subject: Happy Birthday 'Flying Saucer'

Source: Free Internet Press

<http://freeinternetpress.com/article.pl?sid=04/01/02/1524227&mode=thread>

Happy Birthday, "Flying Saucer"

Daylight Disk - Denison, Texas, USA - 2 January 1878

The term 'flying saucer' was made popular by a journalist covering Kenneth Arnolds's Sighting of nine flying disks in June of 1947.

A farmer, John Martin, used the term 70 years earlier to describe what he saw on a hunting expedition in Texas.

John Martin saw a dark object high in the Northern sky. He first noticed it to be about the size of an orange, that grew in size as it got closer to him. After a while it had increased considerably in size and appeared to be going quite fast. When it was over him it was the size of a large saucer and at a great height.

Because this UFO was dark, and not a mysterious light, reflective, or silvery, many scientists believe he saw a solid object against the sky, with the light behind it.

Editor: The phrase "Flying Saucer" is 126 years old this year.

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## 'Stardust' Gathers Space Dust Snaps Rare Comet

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:51:17 -0500  
Subject: 'Stardust' Gathers Space Dust Snaps Rare Comet

Source: CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/01/02/stardust.comet/>

01-02-04

'Stardust' sweeps up space dust, snaps rare comet pics

Particles could unlock secrets of the universe

By Jeordan Legon  
CNN

(CNN) -- After traveling five years and 2.3 billion miles, a speeding NASA space probe pounced on the shimmering tail of a comet Friday, signaling it trapped tiny space dust to bring back to Earth and snapping rare, closeup pictures of a celestial body.

Shortly after 2:45 p.m. ET today, the Stardust spacecraft reached its closest point with the massive chunk of ice and rock known as the Wild 2 Comet, getting within 200 miles at a relative speed of 13,645 mph, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said.

At that point, the craft made a turn, pointing a camera at the nucleus of the comet and snapping pictures that began arriving on Earth an hour later. The probe also reported that its robotic arm trapped comet dust in a tennis-racket-shaped catcher filled with a material called aerogel.

"We have successfully collected samples from the comet and we're bringing them home for analysis in laboratories all over the world," said Don Brownlee of the University of Washington, principal investigator for the Stardust mission.

While the space particles will take two years to travel back to Earth, scientists say a dust counter began signaling Stardust mission control almost immediately with the size and number of particles gathered. Another gadget is expected to analyze and report the composition of the matter. And researchers hope to receive many more black-and-white pictures of the comet's core in the coming days.

But the biggest promise lies with the dust aboard the spacecraft. If it makes it back, the mission would be the first robotic retrieval of extraterrestrial material since 1976, when the Soviet Luna 24 returned soil and rock from the moon.

The hope is that the comet's dust, which has been lingering in the cold of space for billions of years, could provide clues to how the solar system formed, including the sun and planets, and perhaps other stars and the universe.

"In recent decades, spacecraft have passed fairly close to comets and provided us with excellent data," Brownlee said. "Stardust, however, marks the first time that we have ever collected samples from a comet and brought them back to Earth for study."



Surviving the close encounter 242 million miles from Earth with the Wild 2 -- pronounced Vilt 2 -- wasn't easy. Scientists prepared the refrigerator-sized craft to be pelted with rocks and other debris traveling six times faster than a speeding bullet. The Stardust was protected by two bumpers in the front, guarding its solar panels, and another shield on the probe's body.

"We've flown through the worst of it and we're still in contact with our spacecraft," said Tom Duxbury, Stardust program manager.

"We can breathe easy," he said, shaking hands with fellow scientists in NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California.

After gathering the particles, the collector was expected to fold down into a capsule, programmed to close like a clamshell and make its return trip to Earth.

In January of 2006, the capsule is scheduled to detach from the craft and make a soft landing in the Utah desert, while the \$200 million Stardust mission returns to space. The capsule could also bring back particles that it collected from February through May 2000, when Stardust passed through a region where interstellar particles flow through the solar system.

"The science that's going to come out of this, that's going to tell us about the early formation of our solar system, the role that comets have played in the formation of Earth and ourselves, that will unfold over the next few years," Duxbury said. "The science that this project is returning will be unprecedented."

Researchers hope the unique chemical and physical information locked within the comet's dust samples, which collectively could fit in a thimble, will teach them whether comets or interstellar dust provided the water or organic material necessary to form life.

Comets, possibly the oldest bodies in the solar system, could contain a record of the original material that formed the sun and planets 4.5 billion years ago. Interstellar particles, also gathered by the Stardust mission, consist of most of the known elements and include complex carbon structures. Their exact origin remains a mystery but scientists think they are linked to young stars.

"We're collecting things that are very ancient and even older than our solar system," Brownlee said. "We are literally reaching for the stars."

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## NASA Spacecraft Nears Mars

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 09:57:19 -0500  
Subject: NASA Spacecraft Nears Mars

Source: Trinity Mirror - Berkshire UK

[http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/nationalnews/content\\_objectid=13777670\\_method=full\\_siteid=NASA-spacecraft-nears-Mars-name\\_page.html](http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/nationalnews/content_objectid=13777670_method=full_siteid=NASA-spacecraft-nears-Mars-name_page.html)

NASA Spacecraft Nears Mars

Jan 3 2004

A NASA spacecraft was closing in on Mars, carrying a six-wheeled vehicle that is to roam the surface in search of geologic evidence that Mars was once suitable for life.

The spacecraft cradling the Spirit rover was scheduled to land on Saturday night on Mars, alighting in a crater just south of the planet's equator.

At the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, members of the mission braced themselves for the unmanned spacecraft's anticipated landing on Mars' surface.

"We have done everything we know to do to ensure these missions will be a success," said JPL director Charles Elachi, adding there were no guarantees. A safe landing, other members of the mission said, would depend on Mars.

"One gust of wind or one pointy rock means we could have a bad night," said Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist.

Previously, one in three attempts to land spacecraft on Mars have failed.

"It's an incredibly difficult place to land. Some have called it the 'death planet' for good reason," said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science.

NASA could hear from Spirit within 10 minutes of landing, but communications problems could also delay confirmation and transmission of the rover's first pictures for up to 24 hours.

"It could be a long wait," Squyres said.

If NASA does not hear from it by late Sunday, "We are in serious trouble," project manager Pete Theisinger said.

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## Probe Survives Daring Comet Fly-By

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Subject: Probe Survives Daring Comet Fly-By

Source: New Scientist

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994515>

01-03-04

Probe survives daring comet fly-by

NewScientist.com news service

NASA's Stardust mission survived a daring flypast of the Comet Wild 2 on Friday and collected the first ever samples of comet dust. The material, which could reveal much about the early Solar System, will be returned to Earth in 2006.

As a bonus, the fly-by produced the best pictures ever taken of a comet, although these also revealed the conditions Stardust had to endure - described by one team member as "terrifying".

Stardust was launched in 1998 and mission scientists were apprehensive as the spacecraft hurtled to within 240 kilometres of the comet's nucleus.

This potentially hazardous plunge took it through a cloud of particles at a relative speed of 22,000 km/h. To protect the craft, special "Whipple" shields were deployed to absorb and deflect the energy of impacting particles.

"I was amazed," said Ray Newburn, part of the Stardust team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, where the mission was designed and controlled. "I wouldn't have expected that much success" for such a difficult project, he told New Scientist.

Oversized racket

The mission's primary objective was the capture of pristine particles from the comet. These were caught in the pores of a lightweight glass foam, itself held in a framework resembling an oversized tennis racket. The samples will be dropped to a desert landing site in Utah in two years and then detailed laboratory analysis will begin.

If the craft had been struck by a particle larger than one centimetre across, Newburn said, it would have blasted right through the Whipple shields and into the craft or its solar panels. Calculations had estimated there was about a one in 50 chance of this happening. "It was nervous time, without a doubt," Newburn said.

The unprecedentedly detailed images of the nucleus, showing sharp-edged pitting and one particularly deep chasm, will help astronomers to understand the structure of cometary nuclei.

In particular, the pits are helping scientists explain how comets form the geyser-like jets of gas and dust that produce

their spectacular tails. For the first time, Newburn said, "we're seeing what the places the jets come from look like" and, as a result, "we know a lot more already about the mechanism".

Stardust's chief scientist, Don Brownlee of the University of Washington, said that "the fantastic details shown in these images greatly exceed our expectations" but may take some time to fully interpret.

Despite the palpable relief at JPL over the successful pass through the comet, Newburn cautions that the mission's final phase - landing the samples on Earth - will be even riskier. But it will also produce the biggest payoff: "There will be much more science in the particles themselves," he said.

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## Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Lehmborg

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>Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 14:58:54 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Shermer Answers - Part I

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 11:27:48 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Shermer Answers - Part I

>>I am not a scientist. Can someone who is a scientist state for  
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>>phenomena has no validity, or is not worthy of further study,  
>>until a reasonable causative mechanism has been advanced"? That  
>>seems to be what Shermer and others are stating.

>The way it generally works is this:

>You're sitting in your office, going over the books, and it  
>becomes apparent that your funding is going to run out pretty  
>soon. So you think to yourself, "What could I study that  
>somebody would be willing to foot the bill to find out?  
>Something sexy, maybe, that could be of interest to my rich  
>Uncle Sam." Over the preceding 10 years you've specialized to  
>such a degree that you can't just jump into another field, also,  
>you don't want to rock the paradigm, because the people who have  
>the most money don't buy theories, they only buy hardware,  
>something you can kill somebody else with. Like with the  
>government PSI studies. Can we use it to read our enemies minds?  
>Can we use it to disable missiles? Those guys are really  
>practical.

We've no thought beyond tomorrow; that is our collective  
sorrow...

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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.  
\$450.00 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: Mystery Of Train #1702 - Dickenson

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>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2003 13:54:58 +0000  
>Subject: Mystery Of Train #1702

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>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2003 09:09:29 -0500  
>>Subject: Mystery Of Train #1702

>>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11661\\_train.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11661_train.html)

<snip>

>>extremely surprised to see some vibrating object looking  
>>like an upturned basin, the shining ball followed the  
>>vibrating object and only after them the train appeared at  
>>a speed of 60 km per hour.

<snip>

>That "Disc followed by a Ball" sounds like a version of of the  
>big one seen - by up to 200,000 witnesses - over Tananarive City:

><http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/tana54.htm>

Hello all

Misuse of term 'skeptic'.

We see, again, some claiming rationalism as a cover for non-  
thinking, dogmatic refusal to consider evidence. Maybe the same  
who still pretend to 'believe' in the "Standard Model" of  
Einsteinian / Quantum physics - which fails to fit facts. Ball  
Lighting, crystal growth, entangled photons, even Sun/Earth/Moon  
orbits are completely "impossible" in Standard Model terms. See:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#pairs>

(Yup, some crystal growths demand "instantaneous transfer of  
information" deemed impossible by Relativity & Quantum; while a  
simple "three-body problem" is still beyond our calculation,  
unless you fake it.) See:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/oldnews7.txt>

So anyone refusing to consider new evidence on the grounds of  
"physics" is a blind superstitious dogmatist - not a  
rationalist or skeptic.

"he that dares not reason is a slave":

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/index.html#tyr>

>However that's just a real skeptic's point of view.

Best wishes - really

Ray D



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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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**Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter? -**

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 11:31:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter? -

>From: Nancy Red Star <[red@star.mailbox.as](mailto:red@star.mailbox.as)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 16:12:15 -0800  
>Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter?

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2003 18:12:06 -0000  
>>Subject: 'Disclosure' Witness?

>>With all the recent and past criticism of the Disclosure Project  
>>and in particular in relation to the allegedly poor filtering  
>>and assessment of some of the witnesses, I wonder if there is  
>>anybody on this List who can tell me anything about Daniel M.  
>>Salter?

>>He was one of the people called by Mr. Greer but it does not  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 11:55:14 -0500  
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>NASA's Stardust mission survived a daring flypast of the Comet  
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Watch this kill us all with some deadly flesh-eating proto-  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 14:05:10 -0500  
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phony as I noted in my MUFON 2000 paper "Roswell and the  
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Is there any indication that he did any original research  
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Stan Friedman

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2004 18:27:24 -0500  
Subject: Apollo 16 UFO Video?

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It is downloadable at:

<http://www.geocities.com/futureshock2000/ufopic.html>

There is some comment on it at:

<http://www.chez.com/lesovnis/htm/apollo16.htm>

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## Kissinger's Power Politics On ET

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2004 16:18:40 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 10:23:56 -0500  
Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET

From: Exopolitics <[exopolitics@yahoo.com](mailto:exopolitics@yahoo.com)>  
To: [exopolitics-media@exopolitics.org](mailto:exopolitics-media@exopolitics.org)  
Date: Sat, January 3, 2004 12:07 pm  
Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics Drives Government Policy on  
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Press Release - University Researcher Argues Kissinger's Power Politics  
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Dr Michael E. Salla, author of Exopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence (Dandelion Books, 2004), argues that Henry Kissinger developed the strategic philosophy used by political elites in responding to extraterrestrials. Dr Salla, a researcher based at American University, Washington DC., has been studying the political implications of an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence since May, 2001. In a recently released research paper he argues that the secret defense system that has emerged as a result of Kissinger's 'power politics' or realpolitik, has led to the complete exclusion of the general public from extraterrestrial affairs and from playing any significant role in planetary defense.

Salla argues that rather than viewing the general public as a strategic asset in developing a successful response to the extraterrestrial presence, policy makers have viewed the general public as a strategic liability that needed to remain uninformed of the extraterrestrial presence. The role of the general public became a passive one of merely remaining a provider of basic resources for the extensive network of compartmentalized black projects designed to provide a successful response to the extraterrestrial presence.

Salla argues that there is an inherent flaw in Kissinger's development of the power politics strategy that relegates the general public into a passive role in any global defense system. The development of a classified compartmentalized network of secret projects funded by a black budget has been subverted by extraterrestrials who have been infiltrating national security agencies for at least the last 50 years.

Salla claims there is a need for full disclosure of the extraterrestrial presence so that global humanity can play an active role in global defense by developing human capacities in a range of so called 'non-strategic' areas such as: 'consciousness raising'; galactic history and education; health; poverty; and incorporation of environmentally friendly extraterrestrial technologies.

Salla argues that the strategic doctrine underpinning the global defense of the planet is unbalanced and skewed towards a military and technological response to a phenomenon that requires balancing military/technological projects with grass roots human capacity building. He claims that finding this balance will enable policy makers and the general public to deal with a range of global problems that provide a cover for subversion of human affairs by those extraterrestrial races seeking to control the Earth's population and resources. He

concludes that to ignore the failure of power politics as an appropriate strategic response to the extraterrestrial presence is to invite the same sequence of policy mistakes that led to the First World War, but this time at an interplanet ary level that would be a direct threat to human sovereignty and freedom.

The complete paper is available at:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Study-Paper-7.htm>

Dr Salla is available for interview and can be reached by email at [msalla@american.edu](mailto:msalla@american.edu)

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ASTRONOMY

Not enough TNOs

TNOs (Trans-Neptunian Objects\*) are large lumps of dirty ice orbiting the sun in the so-called Kuiper Belt just beyond Neptune. The Kuiper Belt with its inventory of TNOs was not even recognized by astronomers until a few decades ago. By then, it was obvious to the comet-counters that the large number of short-period (less than 20 years) comets they were tallying could not come from the hypothesized Oort Cloud at the far fringes of the Solar System.

Sure enough, when astronomers searched the Kuiper Belt region, they found some fairly large objects, some almost planet-size. Pluto, in fact, may be a TNO.

A problem that has now arisen derives from a faint-object search of a small section of the Kuiper Belt with the Hubble's Advanced Camera for Surveys by a team led by G.M. Bernstein and D.E. Trilling. What they saw and counted is "wildly inconsistent" with the number of short-period comets that are observed. In fact, the team found only 4% of the number of objects that theory had predicted.

Conclusion: the size distribution of TNOs deviates from theory because the many expected larger TNOs were pulverized by some unrecognized event or process at some time in the Solar System's long history. Another possibility is that the missing large TNOs were once merely loose rubble piles of ice chunks that were gravitationally torn apart and dispersed.

A survey for even fainter TNOs may decide what really did happen. In any case, the history of that region of the Solar System needs some radical rewriting.

(Schilling, Govert; "Comet 'Factory' Found to Have Too Little Inventory," \*Science\*, 301:1304, 2003. Cowen, R.; "Hubble Highlights a Riddle," \*Science News\*, 164:148, 2003.)

\*TNOs = KBOs (Kuiper-Belt Objects)

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The camera pans from the object to the opposite side of the moon  
and then back again, and the object is still in the same  
position relative to the moon, although it has faded in  
brightness considerably.

I would think that if it were a reflection of the camera lens  
itself, it should have moved around more as the camera moved.

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Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 10:30:28 -0500  
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Hello All,

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[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit\\_lands\\_040103.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit_lands_040103.html)

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Sunday, January 04, 2004 - Page updated at 12:00 A.M.

Spacecraft sends back images of comet's cratered nucleus

By The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. =97 NASA yesterday said it has captured dozens of close-up images of a distant comet that show the frozen ball of rock and ice spewing jets of dust and gas into space.

The Stardust spacecraft took 72 images of the nucleus of comet Wild 2 on Friday during a flyby 242 million miles from Earth.

Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory began poring over the black-and-white images as the pictures and other scientific data reached Earth yesterday.

Initial analysis revealed as many as seven jets shooting from the comet, project manager Tom Duxbury said.

The images cover about 40 percent of the surface of Wild 2, which appears pocked with sinkholes formed where scientists believe the comet has lost material through sublimation =97 solids turning to gas without an intermediate liquid phase.

NASA said it would release more images of the egg-shaped, 3.3-mile diameter comet tomorrow or Tuesday. The agency has released a single black-and-white photo of the comet nucleus.

The spacecraft also collected dust and gas samples from the comet and is scheduled to jettison them to Earth in January 2006.

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## Mars Mission Chronology

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Sun 4 January, 2004 11:20

Chronology - Missions To The Red Planet

LONDON (Reuters) - The U.S. spacecraft carrying a robotic explorer designed to search for signs of life on Mars has beamed images of the bleak Martian surface back to scientists on Earth hours after its arrival on the red planet.

Missions to Mars began in the 1960s but two thirds of them have been unsuccessful.

The following is a chronology of the main Mars missions:

1964 - Mariner 4, U.S. - Nov 28 - First successful Mars fly-by in July 1965. The craft returned the first close-up photographs of the Martian surface.

- Zond 2, Soviet Union - Nov 30 - Mars fly-by. Contact lost in May 1965.

1971 - Mars 2, Soviet Union - May 19 - Orbiter and lander, reached Mars in November. Lander crashed but orbiter sent back images and data.

- Mariner 9, U.S. - May 30 - Orbiter, reached Mars in November, provided global mapping of Martian surface and studied atmosphere.

1973 - Mars 5, Soviet Union - July 25 - Orbiter, reached Mars February 1974 and collected data.

1975 - Viking 1, U.S. - Aug 20 - Orbiter and lander, reached Mars June 1976. Orbiter imaged Martian surface. Lander sent back images and took surface samples.

1992 - Mars Observer, U.S. - Sept 25 - Orbiter. Contact lost in August 1993, three days before scheduled entry into Martian orbit.

1996 - Mars Global Surveyor, U.S.- Nov 7 - Orbiter, reached Mars in September 1997 and began mapping the planet, showing signs of a huge chasm and a giant dust storm.

- Mars Pathfinder, U.S. - Dec 4 - Lander and rover. Landed on Mars July 4, 1997, in the most-watched space event. The lander sent back thousands of images. Its Sojourner Rover roamed the surface, sending back 550 images.

1998 - Mars Climate Orbiter, U.S. - Dec 11 - Destroyed on entry in September 1999 because engineers had used two sets of measurements -- one in miles and the other in kilometres.

2001 - Odyssey, U.S. - April 7 - Arrived on Mars October 24 to

detect water and shallow buried ice and study the environment.  
It can also act as a communications relay for future Mars  
landers.

2003 - The Mars Express - June 2 - First fully European mission  
sent to any planet, carries Beagle 2, which will burrow into the  
Martian surface and study the atmosphere.

- Mars Expedition Rovers, U.S. - June 10 - A robot launched atop  
a Delta 2 rocket. Water is the sole objective of the mission. A  
second robot, the Mars Expedition Rover B, nicknamed  
Opportunity, is launched on July 7.

- December 19 - Beagle 2 parts from the Mars Express rocket.

- December 25 - Mission suffers setback after Beagle 2 fails to  
emit a call sign to show it has landed.

2004 - January 3 - The U.S. lander carrying the Spirit Rover  
makes a textbook touch-down in a huge impact crater on Mars. The  
golf-cart sized mobile geology laboratory will study the rocks  
and soil on Mars for evidence of water and past or present life.

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## Greys Caught At Night?

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Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 10:26:58 -0500  
Subject: Greys Caught At Night?

Hi All,

Firstly, a very happy 2004 to everyone on the List!

Secondly, I received some pictures last week, so I have decided to place them on my site for all to view, please read the info on the page, it explains it quite well.

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/Greys.htm>

Best,

Roy

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## Scientists To Use Beagle 2's Mothership To Reach

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Sourcer: Herald Tribune

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040104/APN/401040578>

Sunday, January 4

Scientists to use Beagle 2's mothership in attempts to reach probe

The Associated Press

LONDON -- Scientists said Sunday they will use Beagle 2's mothership in further attempts to make contact with the probe, which has not been heard from since it was to have set down on Mars on Christmas Day.

Mission controllers are pinning their hopes on the European Space Agency's Mars Express, which ferried Beagle 2 to Mars and which itself safely entered orbit of the planet on Sunday.

Chief Beagle scientist Colin Pillinger said there will be four windows of opportunity for Mars Express to receive a signal from the missing Beagle 2 later this week, the first on Wednesday.

Pillinger acknowledged that a failure by Mars Express to make contact could spell the end of the mission.

"The spacecraft was built to survive for six months so we could still be listening out on a long term basis but obviously, if we are not in communication with it, sending it orders, it can't carry out its function and carry out the mission," Pillinger told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"If the next four sessions that we have later this week produce nothing, then we definitely have to begin to fear the worst," he added.

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## Debunkers Determination? [was: Mystery Of Train]

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Subject: Debunkers Determination? [was: Mystery Of Train]

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>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2003 09:09:29 -0500  
>Subject: Mystery Of Train #1702

>anyone refusing to consider new evidence on the grounds of  
>"physics" is a blind superstitious dogmatist - not a  
>rationalist or skeptic.  
>QUOTE "he that dares not reason is a slave" UNQUOTE

Hello,

Researching reasons for determination of dogmatic "debunkers"  
took me back to a document unearthed by Terry Colvin last year.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/oct/m17-007.shtml>

Also available at:

<http://www.ntskeptics.org/news/news2002-01-31.htm>

or maybe <http://www.swirlednews.com>

Going "FIND IN DOC" for ' dust-heap ' should put you in four  
paragraphs which maybe contain real (financial) reasons why  
de-bunking is strongly encouraged (and subsidized?) - by  
military /industrial/political "establishment" which would seem  
to have most to lose.

Only one change needed in the doc. - for "destruction of a whole  
continent" substitute "destruction of a whole world".

Regards

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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## Rover Makes Perfect Touchdown On Mars

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Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 10:33:05 -0500  
Subject: Rover Makes Perfect Touchdown On Mars

Source: New Scientist

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99994516>

Rover makes perfect touchdown on Mars

11:05 04 January 04 NewScientist.com news service

A NASA rover called Spirit made a perfect landing in an ancient lakebed on Mars early on Sunday morning, after a suspenseful entry sequence that worked far beyond anyone's expectations.

Elated scientists and engineers repeatedly erupted into cheers, jumped in the air and gave each other hugs at the mission control centre at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. The Mars rover mission's chief scientist, Steven Squyres of Cornell University, said: "In none of our rehearsals did it go this well."

The airbag-protected lander continued to transmit data almost without interruption throughout an entry and landing sequence the mission team had dubbed "six minutes from hell". Furthermore, the four-sided craft even landed with its base-side down, greatly simplifying the process of unfolding its petals to release the golf-cart-sized roving robot.

After the craft opened, it deployed a camera mast and relayed back dozens of high-resolution images. These provide a complete panorama of the rock-strewn landing site and were transmitted in only 12 minutes, just before the sun set on Mars.

Spirit is the first of two NASA rovers, with the second due to land in a few week's time. The success is a boost to those pursuing the exploration of Mars, following the failure to contact the European Space Agency's lander Beagle 2 and the generally poor record of Mars lander missions.

Constant communication

The ill-fated 1998 Mars Polar Lander and Mars Observer missions led NASA to make many changes, including the constant stream of data sent back by Spirit during entry and landing. The lack of such data made it impossible to be sure of the cause of the 1998 failures.

Spirit therefore sent back signals during every phase of the process, providing instant confirmation at mission control of each of the critical events. These were deployment of the lander from its carrier craft, entry into the atmosphere, deployment of the parachute, jettisoning of the heat shield, radar scans of the ground below, firing of retro rockets to slow the descent, and inflation of the cushioning airbags.

However, there then followed more than 10 minutes of stomach-churning suspense as the radio signals vanished while the craft was bouncing across the surface.



This was worrying because during the very similar landing process of Mars Pathfinder in 1996, there had been good radio contact during the bouncing phase. But jubilation broke out again in mission control as a stream of data suddenly poured in from the safely-landed craft.

One late addition to the craft's design may have made a crucial difference in the mission's success: steering rockets designed to compensate for strong winds during the descent. Data showed that the rockets did fire, indicating that the wind may have been strong enough to cause a landing failure without those rockets.

#### Sweet spot

Mission planners had expected it would take at least three days to determine exactly where spirit landed. But the bonanza of data already received include images taken during the descent that make it possible to pinpoint the location to within about a kilometre.

The point appears to be about 10 kilometres east of the centre of the landing ellipse. Squyres had in fact picked this exact spot a few weeks ago as the ideal "sweet spot" for landing, because it appears to have been swept clean of dust, making it easier to study the rocks. "The location looks like it was tailor-made for our vehicle," he said.

Jennifer Troster, the manager for surface operations, said the pictures show that it should be much easier to drive the rover off the lander's ramp than in most of the team's practice sessions.

But she said it is odd that the largest rock in the scene, about 75 centimetres across, is right next to the lander's ramp. "It may be that we rolled up against it." However, it will not pose any problem, at most requiring the rover to turn slightly before rolling off.

Mission controllers expect it to take about a week to get the rover fully deployed onto the surface to begin a planned three months of exploration and geological research.

David L Chandler  
Pasadena

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## Alfred's Odd Ode #384

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Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #384

Alfred's Odd Ode #384 (January 4, 2004)

It's first of all, their cluelessness, that puts my teeth on edge, that they're 'cognition's' high ground, by default, they would allege! That they would claim the dead-lock\_nut on all that they survey, when it's just their simple comfort that supports them, holding sway! And loath to re-do work that's proved them 'wrong' at many turns, they corrupt the pool of data which provides what we might learn!

They defend the indefensible and contrive what we now know is a canted load of crap supporting jealous status-quos! They defend the indefensible giving credence to their lies; they laugh and smirk and 'defecate' on "truth" and "fiction" lines! They defend the indefensible and pretend the scientific when their "balance" is a biased mess of canted mal-specifics!

...And these would point at me with shaking fingers (...I bite off!) and accuse me of the ignorance they contrive from air and cloth! It's them creates the 'void' endured, and from which they'd employ... their bag of tricks they use against... the truth we might enjoy! It's them that fronts the mainstream and colludes to form the myth that there's no 'point' to UFOs... a 'point' they want to miss!

If they admit to UFOs their 'tower' crashes down! If they admit to UFOs we'll know they're errant clowns! If they admit to UFO's, their righteous slide ensues and we begin to win at last, as they begin to lose! And what we win's reality that's larger than we knew, and we're reborn to take that place which has the wider view! What we gain's advancement as the door's thrown open wide... (!) and from their cage we'll fly on out to soar and cleave outside!

Now I've no time for those described, who'd keep us in their "box." Who'd LIE and CHEAT to keep us bound and in their mental stocks! Who'd prosecute denial, and proscribe the status quo, to persecute the innocents reporting what they know! I've no time for these portrayed! They are beneath concern. They block the way to truth and light, and from them we shan't learn!

They are beneath my stern contempt; they have no stock with me! They've lost whatever credit they had held, they are diseased! They abdicate their honor, and they lose the right to teach, as what I sense is out there and it's them that halts our reach! They're dismissal and denial and they're everything I hate; reality approaches, yet they doom us to their fate!

...And that's a fate of slaves and drones, and everything that's weak. That's the fate for all who hear the errant CSICOP speak! That's the fate envisioned by CSICOP, dim and slow, who thinks himself the center of the things he thinks he knows! We are more than he allows; the future shines and gleams! We are more than he can guess, and think, or even dream!

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I asked for CSICOPian Dragons and out slithers mere garden salamanders, their moist little skins glistening with the moisture of the dead damp leaves that sustains them. Out in the open they start to desiccate and so whine and moan and otherwise protest that you retreat into the smothering, light negating, moldy rot \_with\_ them... respect their rules, and abide their prerequisites...

Fat chance of that! Considering how they've contrived to so openly betray the public trust with the officious, hyper\_educated and duplicitous games they insist on playing... I've got a spot they can pucker up for that \_rarely\_ sees the sun...

Granted, their prerequisites would be fine if you want to ape a salamander (with all respect to real salamanders, everywhere, which are cognitively superior to your garden variety debunker in every way...) but I'm a man, a human, specifically, who aspires to the creative, the progressive and the forward looking, and I perceive a dead end to the slimy path of the overspecialized moist\_skinned skepti\_bunky salamander, a dank purveyor of reflex negativity or old school 19th century philosophy, and the will fob of same.

...These pompous pelicanists who artfully collude and woefully conspire to preclude our emergence into the inexorable future; these mal\_aspiring CSICOPians who only \_assume\_ the cloak of legitimacy and occlude our sensibilities with the misused and so then smothering folds of it!

Who do they think they are? How long will we suffer their deceitful programs and dishonest prosecutions in a field already rocky with the imprecision and indecisiveness they've precipitated and nurtured? When will we banish them from our considerations, boycott their publishing houses, and let their books pile up to mold into the dead leaves that they resemble? What will be the artifice of their eventual invalidation, their ironic slide into the discredited Flat Earth Societies and Phrenology adherents of the past (other manufactured and sustained voids that producing them and 'sciences' like them), those tired, now unsupported, and legitimately (?) invalidated sciences of the too murky and duplicitous past...

Verily! The present is \_already\_ the past!

Not only does the canted and conflicted science of the card carrying CSICOPian (even before he was called a CSICOPian) often misstep, err grandly, and confuse the issue (consider Eugenics and Aristotelian thinking), ...under the guise of "process" and "order" and 'peer review' it is allowed to blunt, obstruct, impede, thwart, and frustrate the honest, progressive, and far\_reaching efforts of other, more gifted, individuals, or maybe the reader's never heard of Nicola Tesla... many worthy men and women lay on \_that\_ ash heap in history.

Debunkers could be a lot more tentative with their rejections, circumspect with their dismissals, and careful with their derisive refutations and knee\_jerk refusals! They might give them up altogether! Their rejections are always premature, their dismissals invariably inopportune, and their refutations and refusals too overtly (suspiciously!) negative. Increasingly, they only achieve an aggregate ineffectiveness with much of the population they'd \_want\_ to convince because they are so stridently arrogant with regard to the proclamations of their own effectiveness, and so, sow the seeds for their eventual failure. Good thing too! Their failure is our advancement!

You know what these guys are at the bottom of... search your feelings! They're at the bottom of every bit of torturous behavior we practice on one another and afflicting humankind today, frankly! This includes being swept up in the insanities of fundamentalist reactionaries of every stripe and flavor, an accommodating overpopulation of people kept purposefully ignorant (and terror stricken!) about vital aspects of their individual lives, and even the ongoing and increasing death of the individual and respect for same.

The incredible irony is that these would profess to be the default champion of the \_antithesis\_ of these things! They decry overpopulation, but, realizing that overpopulation insures that

you don't have to pay any one person too much respect (always someone to replace the "trouble\_maker"), they won't vociferously credit how dire the eventual consequences of that overpopulation will be! They decry religiosity but won't credit the new archeology competently refuting that religiosity! They decry the dumbing down of the aggregate population but still support the corporate educational philosophies of employee production, philosophies not shy about sacrificing every human consideration necessary to maximize efficiency for profits... not reasonably shared!

Overpopulation and a numbingly incessant mal\_education via media, institution, agency and government... insure the seeming inevitable death of the individual, increase punishment for thinking out of the box, and increase persecution for victimless alternative self\_expressions and creative enterprises... This is no less than the Extermination of the individual!

...CSICOPian pelicanists and 'faith\_based' debunkers help to orchestrate the social symphonies of their inhuman masters... Corporate Multinational Behemoths who care as little for them, actually, as the individual human being they would, handily... even gleefully, wipe out! Search your feelings!

Astonishingly, I don't believe I overstate my case. These errant CSICOPians are likely more wrongly motivated than we even suspect! They're against an alternative nutritional medical approach and four\_square behind the big pharmaceutical companies and their passionate desire to manage disease rather than cure it. They're reflexively dismissive with regard to alternate power sources and so, at least indirectly, are proponents of big oil and the continued rape of our spaceship planet! The reader can think of other examples where the seriously erring CSICOPian very ironically fronts for the old regressive over the new progressive. Plus: they're the darling of the disingenuous mainstream!

Could it be that they (the CSP's) are the invention of the mainstream, created to obfuscate, complicate, and otherwise obliterate an interest in the ufological, or any other peek behind that jealously guarded curtain, and not the mere lap\_dog as I suggested earlier? Who's to tell, the mainstream persecutions continue virtually unabated for those of us getting a sense... of some reality significantly greater than the one a CSICOPian would allow! A chicken or egg discussion is moot. That there is a scurrilous symbiotic relationship is plain, and "what foul beast slouches off to [that CSICOPian] Bethlehem to be born," again, indeed.

I'm pretty hard on the debunker... I see him as an abject retreat from the enlightened and individually powerful beings that human individuals might eventually become. He is a dangerous anachronism, an intellectual troglodyte, a fading ink stamp in a cultural passport where the borders have come down. I see him as the knowing or unknowing agent of the scales on our reality perceiving eyes and the calluses on our subjugated knees!

Further, I come to see it as lunacy that his DENIALS and PROTESTATIONS and DEMANDS for proof (proof he'd likely never accept anyway!) are remotely entertained as anything other than a time gaining dodge to slow his advancement into a future he knows is coming... Worse, he seems that special kind of person willing to continue to profit, for as long as is possible, at the dear expense of others he couldn't care less about.

In the interests of balance, some would say that there are good people in CSICOP, just like there are good doctors, priests, cops, and even lawyers... with but a corrupted few getting the all the negative headlines...

Well -- I've a hot flash for the reader... there are few good doctors, priests, cops, and even lawyers... or CSICOPians... if they don't stridently condemn, in busy prosecution, those in their institutions that make the alluded to transgressions... and they DON'T!

If they don't, they'll smell of the same filth as the active perpetrator. Sorry -- the CSICOPian would be as generous with me, and gravy is gravy for goose and gander. Balance

\_requires\_ that I'll allow him no less.

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## The Fall Of The CSICOPian Empire

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Subject: The Fall Of The CSICOPian Empire

Honored Listmates;

It should be pretty obvious now that I'm swinging hard on Planet CSICOPia, and forgetting that it may even be the time honored windmill tilt, my new years resolution is to do my part to remove that planet from the sphere of influence that it presently enjoys.

Wow, huh? <g>

I'm interested in links or anecdotes any of you might have regarding the "Committee for the Serially Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons...." where as, to wit... it ain't lived up to its stated charter.....

...Charter being (in their words):

1. Maintain a network of people interested in critically examining paranormal, fringe science, and other claims, and in contributing to consumer education.
2. Prepare bibliographies of published materials that carefully examine such claims.
3. Encourage research by objective and impartial inquiry in areas where it is needed.
4. Convene conferences and meetings.
5. Publish articles that examine claims of the paranormal.
6. Do not reject claims on a priori grounds, antecedent to inquiry, but examine them objectively and carefully.

I love number six; isn't it special? ...Any help would be greatly appreciated, and thanks!

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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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## Breaking News - Law Officers Disclose UFO Sighting

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Subject: Breaking News - Law Officers Disclose UFO Sighting

Law Officers disclose very strange UFO sighting from  
Huntington, Indiana - December 26, 2003

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/Huntington03.html>

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## The Australian 2004 National UFO Conference

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

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Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

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>>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2004 14:16:20 -0800  
>>Subject: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

>Thank you again for your fantastic work on Charles Moore's  
>speculations. But I suggest again to go one step further: There  
>was no Mogul 4 at dawn, there was no Mogul 4 at 3:00 a.m.,  
there  
>was no Mogul 4 at all!

>To me, it is obvious when reading carefully Albert Crary's  
>diary. Here are his exact words, as reproduced in the Roswell  
>Report. To make that clear, let's compare the entries for three  
>days. (these are the relevants excerpts):

>"Jun 3 Tues. Up at 0230 am ready to fly balloon but abandoned  
>due to cloudy skies.

>"Jun 4 Wed. Out to Tularosa Range and fired charges between 00  
>and 06 this am.

>No balloon flights again on account of clouds.

>Flew regular sono buoy up in a cluster of balloons (etc).

>Jun. 5 Thurs. Up at 4 to shoot 2 charges for balloon flight.  
>Whole assembly of constant-altitude balloons set up at 0500.

>In the third entry, he refers clearly to a Mogul balloon train,  
>but not for June 4 when he mentions the "cluster of balloons" .

Gildas, one of the problems here is the imprecision of the  
language. Balloon clusters could also refer to the entire  
complement of balloons in a regular flight. Thus we might be  
dealing with a handful of balloons or 2 dozen.

>These clusters of balloons are described precisely in the  
>Roswell Report, with a drawing. They were made up of "three to  
>five sounding balloons", and "three ML-307 radar targets"  
>(quoted from the drawing). The legend says:

If they sent a sonobuoy up in a "cluster of balloons," it would  
take more than 3-5 meteorological balloons. I think the  
sonobuoys weighed around 15 pounds (judging from an later  
engineering schematic and summary sheet). Therefore I would  
guess in the neighborhood of 15+ balloons would be needed to  
loft it, neglecting anything else, like radar targets.

One of the big unknowns is whether this was a fully configured  
balloon, i.e. did it have the altitude control equipment still  
attached or had it been stripped out so that it could be used on  
some other flight? Had this equipment been removed, then the  
balloon would have had very different rise, fall, and high

altitude flight characteristics.

E.g., Flight #6 had damaged altitude equipment, rose very quickly to an overly high altitude, had its neoprene balloons immediately start rupturing, and then dropped rapidly down.

So if "Flight #4" was configured with high buoyancy (and no altitude control equipment), it too should have risen and fallen rapidly. This is how Moore treated his model #4 to drastically shorten up and down trajectories (i.e. as a balloon with faulty altitude equipment instead of the perfectly functioning equipment as he stated). But the real problem is the high altitude portion, because one would expect the same sort of "straight up, straight down" behavior. Instead Moore kept his balloon aloft in the stratosphere for 5 hours, far longer than any of the other neoprene Moguls (he needed this to catch stratospheric counter winds taking the balloon back to the west in the direction of the Foster Ranch). Thus perfect flight at high altitude, faulty flight at lower altitudes. Moore wanted it both ways, and I don't think one can plausibly justify such an assumption.

Flight #7 might serve as a model of a neoprene balloon cluster of lower buoyancy and no altitude control equipment. In this test configuration, the balloon drifted up and came down very slowly. It also stayed up for a long period of time. The problem for Moore's model is the length of time spent getting to high altitude and down again, which would have drastically lengthened the trajectory and blown the balloon well past the Foster Ranch. Further, it never did get up in the counter-wind area carrying it back west. Thus it would travel too far and wide of the mark. Even if it had, the absence of altitude control equipment manifested itself in wild swings of altitude. Overall, for all these reasons, it is very unlikely that such a low-buoyancy balloon would have reached the Foster Ranch either, given the known winds.

>"Typical radar target flight train used by the NYU balloon group in 1947".

>This is confirmed in the "Progress Report" of NYU for the month of June: "Field tests were conducted at Alamogordo Army Air Base during the week of June 1, using clusters of meteorological balloons. The primary object of these tests was to perfect handling and launching techniques for large flights (etc.)".

>These launchings of small clusters of balloons are confirmed in the books of Charles Moore and Karl Pflock.

>So, what may have happened? I suggest that one of these small clusters fell somewhere on the Foster ranch, in the first days of June. Brazel found it, with his daughter Bessie Schrieber. She said in her affidavit that they filled three bags. Her father said it was "just a bunch of garbage". This had nothing to do with his discovery of the debris field in the first days of July, except that it is the story he told the press on July 8, as instructed. What Brazel described to the press squares well with a small cluster of balloons, and even with flowered taped radar targets used by NYU.

It's an interesting idea, that maybe there is confusion between the fully configured Mogul flights and these small balloon clusters, which would have had different flight characteristics. Ultimately, however, it all comes down to the winds. If there were winds blowing more to the north than the winds on June 4, then maybe one of these small test clusters (plus maybe radar targets) could have come down on the Foster Ranch (which was NNE of Alamogordo).

However, one of Moore's claims is that he went through the weather records for all of June, and June 4 was the only date corresponding to a Mogul launch on which the winds could possibly have taken the balloons in the direction of the Foster Ranch. If true, then Moore boxed himself in on the date and balloon flight. The winds, as it turns out, would still not have been right even on June 4--too strong and in a non-favorable direction (too much to the east).

There are other possibilities that have not been explored. The detailed wind data came from a White Sands weather station at

Orogrande, about 35 miles south of Alamogordo. This weather station sent up 4 very high-altitude weather balloons with at least one attached radar target starting 72 hours before every scheduled V-2 rocket launch. There was a V-2 launch May 29, one for June 12, but cancelled, and one for July 3 that was scrubbed after a launch pad accident. These would have generated 12 additional radar target launches spread over 9 days immediately preceding the Roswell incident.

Again, if the winds happened to be right on one of these days, maybe one of these actual weather balloons, rather than a Mogul, ended up on the Foster Ranch either in early June or early July. Nobody has ever looked into this possibility.

(This still doesn't explain the large debris field or the anomalous debris descriptions, so Gildas or I are arguing that some other balloon somehow explains the Roswell incident. What Gildas is exploring is the possibility of some sort of balloon coming down on the Foster Ranch independently of the anomalous debris field, a separate crash and incident.)

Bob Durant, however, has suggested that maybe one of these balloons was picked up somewhere else, flown to Fort Worth, and served as Gen. Ramey's shill weather balloon. Regardless of whether or not this is true, the main point here is that the radar targets were not exclusive to the Mogul Project and could have come from a number of places. They even demonstrated one being launched at Fort Worth AAF only 2 days after the famous photos of Gen. Ramey with the weather balloon were taken.

David Rudiak

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### The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone

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On this morning's The Power Hour, Joyce Riley read a series of news accounts showing that freedom of speech is dead, and I mean really dead, not just in some figure of speech, in the United States.

Case after case after case where the federal Secret Service ordered local police to set up "free speech zones", which are usually a third to half a mile from the nearest presidential motorcade route, often have fences or barricades allowing police to contain all who have protest signs against government policy.

One person faces a 6 month jail sentence and \$5,000 fine for simply carrying a sign. This individual asked and was told by the arresting officer that the content of the picket sign was the reason for the charges.

Two elderly ladies with small handwritten signs were arrested because they were on a motorcade route and not in the designated "free speech zone".

Free Speech Zone? Duh ... I thought the entire United States was a free speech zone by virtue of the Constitution!

Apparently, it is now rock solid federal policy that no one carrying a sign critical of government policy will be allowed in sight of a presidential motorcade.

This is policy, not law. When asked why protesters are no longer allowed to be seen at a presidential motorcade, federal officials replied that they were "... only concerned about the 'safety' of protesters ... why, after all, they might get too enthusiastic and enter the motorcade route and get injured."

Am I the only one who sees no essential difference from this new policy and similar policy in the Soviet Union?

Eleanor White

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>Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 10:26:58 -0500  
>Subject: Greys Caught At Night?

>Hi All,

>Firstly, a very happy 2004 to everyone on the List!

>Secondly, I received some pictures last week, so I have decided  
>to place them on my site for all to view, please read the info  
>on the page, it explains it quite well.

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/Greys.htm>

>Best,

>Roy

Hi Roy and List:

Just off the "top of my head," I have a few observations:

The "beam of light" on the alleged aliens was the first thing that caught my attention.

The beam of light comes into question first. Does a night vision camera need a beam of light (especially a high-beam light source) in order to capture images? From what I know about them, they do not. See photo. #1.

The second thing that caught my attention was also the first photograph. In all of the many times I have encountered these beings, they have never shielded their eyes from light.

The third thing that got my attention is the size of the fence slats - "posts.", the size of the plants and the size of the "aliens." I am not a photographic expert, but this just doesn't seem right to me. It doesn't look "real." I am familiar with plants (I am not a plant biologist) and these - what seem to be arborvitae - do not seem to be the right size as compared with the light source and the size of the "aliens." Especially, in photograph #4.

On the Web Site it says, "These pictures were taken by a friend of Derrel Simms..." Have you investigated as to whether or not these really were submitted by Simms or "taken by a friend of Simms"? If not, this seems like a way to try to discredit Simms. If he has these photographs in his possession, maybe we should hear what he has to say about them first? Curious.

K. Wilson

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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## Re: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET - Harney

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>Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET

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>Date: Sat, January 3, 2004 12:07 pm  
>Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics Drives Government Policy on  
> Extraterrestrials

>Press Release - University Researcher Argues Kissinger's Power Politics  
>Drives Government Policy on Extraterrestrials

>Dr Michael E. Salla, author of Exopolitics: Political  
>Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence (Dandelion Books,  
>2004), argues that Henry Kissinger developed the strategic  
>philosophy used by political elites in responding to  
>extraterrestrials. Dr Salla, a researcher based at American  
>University, Washington DC., has been studying the political  
>implications of an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence since  
>May, 2001. In a recently released research paper he argues that  
>the secret defense system that has emerged as a result of  
>Kissinger's 'power politics' or realpolitik, has led to the  
>complete exclusion of the general public from extraterrestrial  
>affairs and from playing any significant role in planetary  
>defense.

There is quite enough nonsense on this List, without the crazy  
speculations of Dr Salla. He has already been discussed on this  
List last year. See, for example, the comments by Ray Stanford  
at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jun/m04-019.shtml>

and by Richard Hall at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m22-018.shtml>

John Harney

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## Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter? - Miller

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>>>>>Subject: 'Disclosure' Witness?

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>Is there any indication that he did any original research  
>himself?

>Stan Friedman

Hello Stan,

No, there isn't. The book is simply his account of working for the government. What I will say about him, although this could be a side bar to the way the book was written up by Nancy Red Star, his co-author, is that he could hardly be accused of being possessed of his own ego. It doesn't come over as "Me, me me".

He makes the following claims:

Date unspecified, he worked in the cryptographic centre at Langley.

There are "about" 38 levels of classified clearance above Top Secret.

Working at Cosmos clearance gave him access to info on UFOs, Extraterrestrials and particlization.

In 1969, he was transferred to the NRO. He worked in the counterintelligence unit of the Interplanetary Phenomenon Scientific and Technical Intelligence Unit.

Date unspecified, he worked for the ACIO - Advanced Contact Intelligence Organisation - a worldwide group.

He was a Chief Conrad Courier.

When he first entered the Air Force (radar), he worked under Benoit Mandelbrot - "a great mathematical genius".

He claims Forrestal's fall did not actually kill him, but he never got up off the ground. He wanted to go public after interviewing an EBE at a secure facility.

He worked on Blue Book. He was part of the first team to go and investigate sightings. His job was to debunk and shake the witness. If he failed the number two team went in and threatened. If they failed, the "OO Boys" would go in "and that would be the end of that".

By 1947 "we" knew "our" radar (one to five million watts radiated energy) was interfering with extraterrestrial craft. The most powerful radar was at White Sands and was responsible for downing the two Roswell craft. Three survivors. Dr. Guillermo Mendoza, a botanist worked with them. One question here which hooks up with other comments later in the book. He spends a lot of time saying how pointless the SDI is as aliens can dismantle/disable nuclear weapons at the touch of a button. But their craft were susceptible to radar interference?

"Around" 1962 the Americans launched a missile with an attached nuclear warhead aimed at the moon, "to see what would happen." Shot down by a UFO.

Extraterrestrial above ground facility on dark side of moon. Three glass biospheres. Claims to have seen film of roads and bridges inside domes. Astronauts have filmed these sites without NASA's permission. Domes have collapsed. US advised to leave them as belonged to another civilisation that would be coming back to use it. This occurred in the 80's. ET rendered moon lander inoperable. US sent two more mission to moon in early 90's, also destroyed. After third 90's launch was destroyed in transit, US gave up. Russians "suffered" similarly. Debate on whether US really went to moon is spin to deflect from news of ET contact.

Believes (but doesn't claim as fact) that there is a programme to educate the public through films etc. and that there are deals with certain individuals. Folks like Spielberg allowed access to classified material. Government guarantees to make up financial shortfall on any of these films. So far never had to pay up.

Other termination groups like the previously mentioned OO Boys are the Wackenhut assassins, the 1010 and the 54-12 Men.

May 7th 1989, spacecraft shot down with experimental laser cannon by two Mirages of South African AF. Crashed in Kalahari creating four hundred feet wide, thirty six feet deep crater. Two survivors. C5 Galaxy took craft back to Wright Patterson. Laser cannon given to SA by US. This technology was allegedly passed to Taiwan by Went Ho Lee. Claims this was first craft to be recovered intact. Considering the size of the alleged crater, then that's saying something. Claims SA handed everything over to US in return for US support when SA detonated first nuclear explosion. From this craft the US went on to build a lenticular vehicle (Black Manta FT). Three engines: jet engine to get out of atmosphere, electric atomic engines to get up to warp speed (yes, he uses the word warp). November 2000 edition of Popular Mechanics carries representation of the craft. What is it with that magazine? Faraday cage built to house two survivors from this crash. US has also built biosphere glass dome to allow ETs to live here but neither keeps 'em going for more than a year. As an observation, it is odd that if he is making all this up or imagining it all, that of all the possible retrievals he could have mentioned (and got away with), he chose to comment about this one to the virtual exclusion of all others. He does not mention Van Greunen.

Cattle mutilations carried out by US government. They are experiments in ET laser and plasma technology regarding blood transfusion. Claims lot of lives saved in Vietnam because of it. Chronological cock up on his part here?

Involved a lot in pariclization. Philadelphia Experiment - scientists accidentally cut the middle of a wavelength, changing frequencies between dimensions and knocking a hole in space-time. Intent was to make ship radar invisible. When ship reappeared, claims bulkhead had been interpenetrated by bodies of crew men.

Claims Foo Fighters were balls of fire and electromagnetic - the idea being to kill the engines and gauges of allied planes. Well that was a waste of time then.

The stratum within US Space Counterintelligence is as follows; The NRO reports to the President, on certain subjects only. Also to MAJI. MAJI briefs the President on some matters too. Next level down is the NSC. Then DCI. Star Wars City (Cheyenne) are responsible for intelligence within the first six hundred miles of space. The Guardians of the High Frontier are responsible for above six hundred miles. Star Wars City has own airforce - black helicopters, spy planes etc. 1010 Special Security Squadron reports to SWC and is responsible for recoveries under Project Pounce. Pounce does not exist as specific unit - members have other jobs and meet up on retrievals. Consolidated Space Operations Centre issues orders that come out of NORAD. Centre linked to Rockefeller Corp and in turn MAJI. Rockefeller reports to Fujika Corp in Japan. IBM, Lockheed, and Boeing connected to Kaman Industries, Aerojet Electro and Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical. All of this and more illustrated on chart.

There is a Cosmic Q, level 33 which is MAJI. Majestic 12 is level 32. In black aircraft projects there are directors at level 31. Level 30 are the Wackenhut Group and the OO Boys. A little further down are the "Snatch or Snuff" who take orders from the Secret Service.

Writes about underground bases but relies on testimony of Phil Schneider.

Belgian 90's sightings - Black Mantas.

Claims NATO has deep underground base that extends from Bentwaters out to under the North Sea. Says that the US back engineers there and that some Black Mantas built there too.

Very taken with Larry Warren's account of Rendlesham.

Phoenix Lights and Gulf Breeze was a demo to our allies that we have nothing to fear with a war against Iraq or North Korea.

The NRO has a campaign to weaponise space called the Development of Conscious Contact Citizenry Department (DCCCD).

There's a bit more but this is the essence of the book.

If you got this far, waja think Stan?

Stuart Miller

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## Wesley Clark Discusses Space Vision Again

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 18:04:10 -0500  
Subject: Wesley Clark Discusses Space Vision Again

"We must once again commit ourselves to a great pioneering journey that will be worthy of remembrance 100 years from now. We must once again dare to go where we have never gone before."  
--Wesley K. Clark Statement on the 100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers Flight, December 17th, 2003

"I still believe in  $e=3Dmc=B2$ , but I can't believe that in all of human history, we'll never ever be able to go beyond the speed of light to reach where we want to go. I happen to believe that mankind can do it. " Wesley Clark in New Hampshire, September 27, 2003

Wesley Clark, who in September was quoted in reply to a question from STS-90 astronaut Dr. Jay Buckley Jr., as saying he believed it was possible to exceed the speed of light, has now made additional statements in favor of advanced space technologies.

Wesley Clark, who dreamed of being an astronaut before entering the military, now even has a space page on his website where people can weigh in on space policy.

<http://space.forclark.com/>

Clark's campaign opened the site encouraging the space community at large to post their opinions and thoughts about space policy "with the express understanding that such input will be taken very seriously as the Clark campaign prepares an official policy statement regarding the future of the space program."

Clark's first statement on space and advanced propulsion led to some speculation that the 4-Star General might be speaking based on knowledge of black budget programs. In reaction to the statement one intelligence source even claimed General Clark "knows something about the crash retrieval." The statement however did not generate any follow up questions from the media or the UFO community. It is doubtful these new statements will generate any further questions either.<?xml:namespace prefix =3D o ns =3D "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

The two new statements about Clark's hopes for future space exploration appeared on his space web page.

Clark on Human Mars Exploration

By LorettaHidalgo  
Posted to Space on Fri Dec 19th, 2003 at 03:47:22 PM EST

The head of political action for the Mars Society got to meet General Clark on Dec 9th and ask him about his stance on a human Mars mission. Clark said he wants to be able to speed up the trip!

He said he wants new propulsion and enabling technologies because he doesn't like the idea of 6-9 month voyages to Mars. He also said that it is his goal to enable us to go beyond the Solar System. Now that is a 100 year vision!

Clark wanted to be an astronaut when he was a kid- like so many

of us. I think he is the one leader who could put NASA's house of cards back together again.

Keep bringing people to our space.forclark blog! Lets show our numbers! It's up to us to create the space program of our dreams.

Clark speaks on space during houseparty telecon!

By GeorgeWhitesides Posted to Space on Fri Dec 19th, 2003 at 08:59:34 PM EST

Did anyone else hear Clark's comments on space during the 8pm pacific houseparty telecon?? They were great!!

I don't have the exact words (did anyone record the call?), but he said that he didn't just want to go places we'd already been - a great critique of the new Bush administration space policy expected early in '04.

What was exciting was the fire in his voice when he talked about space, and his obvious knowledge of the subject. This issue is clearly something that he's thought about, cares about, and wants to do something about.

I was sitting in the telecon with another space enthusiast, and our jaws just dropped when he starting talking about space. We were blown away. What were other people's reactions?

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## Hundreds See Fireballs In Spain

From: William Wise <[w.wise@mac.com](mailto:w.wise@mac.com)>  
Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2004 11:45:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 17:58:02 -0500  
Subject: Hundreds See Fireballs In Spain

Source: CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/01/05/spain.fireballs.reut/index.html>

Monday, January 5, 2004 Posted: 11:05 AM EST (1605 GMT)

MADRID, Spain (Reuters) -- Hundreds of witnesses reported seeing fireballs cross the skies of northern Spain on Sunday in what authorities said may have been a disintegrating meteorite, Spanish radio said.

The bright flashes were spotted at around 6 p.m. local time (1700 GMT) in a swathe across the northern half of Spain, from the eastern city of Valencia to the northwestern pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela.

In some cases, objects were reported to have fallen to earth.

"I left the house at around 12 minutes to six. I heard a big explosion, like an earth tremor, and a white cloud of smoke formed around a nearby mountain which took a long time to disappear," a local official from the northern region of Palencia told the radio.

Civil Guard officials told the radio an object had plunged from the skies in the northern province of Leon.

Spain's civil aviation authority ruled out the possibility of a plane crash.

Jose Angel Docobo, director of the University of Santiago's observatory, said the phenomenon could have been caused by a rock orbiting the sun which had collided with Earth.

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## Re: Breaking News - Law Officers Disclose UFO

From: David Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2004 23:41:17 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 18:06:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Breaking News - Law Officers Disclose UFO

>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 04 Jan 2004 16:39:07 -0500  
>Subject: Breaking News - Law Officers Disclose UFO Sighting

>Law Officers disclose very strange UFO sighting from  
>Huntington, Indiana - December 26, 2003

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/Huntington03.html>

I checked out the interesting newspaper article on the link and noticed that Fort Wayne International Airport hadn't yet commented.

So I emailed Sandra Lux, PR manager there and she replied promptly.

She writes: "David, I am doing some further checking. We have a military base here and I am checking with them to see if they had anything flying around that time. I will try to get back to you yet today.

We also have a "UFO Sighting" number for this area - you could call them to see if anything was reported on that day and time:  
1 -800-836-2166"

And in a second email she said:

"David -I checked with our FAA Control Tower personnel and they checked back over their records of Dec. 26 from 2:25 - 2:45 p.m. They have reports of the small aircraft leaving Huntington airfield. Other than that they show:

- \* No radar data to support any sightings
- \* The local military were not flying that day
- \* Tower supervisors received no phone inquiries or reports of any sightings."

Regards

Dave Haith (UK)

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## UFO over Rosario Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 10:58:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 18:17:57 -0500  
Subject: UFO over Rosario Argentina

SOURCE: Planeta UFO  
DATE: January 6, 2004

UFO OVER ROSARIO

The UFO was seen last Saturday, December 27 between 1 and 1:30 a.m. in the "El Patio de la Madera" sector of the city of Rosario. The luminous object traveled from west to east at a speed similar to that of an airliner. Upon seeing the object, the eyewitness ran for his camcorder but couldn't find a free tape, so he chose not to waste any more time and used his digital camera.

Rosario is less than 60 km distant, in a straight line, from the city of Victoria in the province of Entre Rios, which is famous for sightings that involve lights similar to the ones shown in the photos below. The person who sent these images to the list states that a fisherman recognized the object and said that it was identical to others that he had seen in the past over the same area.

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Translation (C) 2004, Scott Corrales IHU  
Special thanks to Christian Quintero, Planeta UFO

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 1

From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 15:48:05 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 18:21:20 -0500  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 1

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<[Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)>

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### SPIRIT LANDS ON MARS

The robot rover Spirit bounced to a landing on the floor of Gusev Crater on Mars Saturday, January 3, 2004, at 11:51 p.m., Cape Canaveral time.

"We're back," said NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe, "I am very, very proud of this team, and we're on Mars."

At ground level, Gusev Crater appears to be "a massive crater that contains what may be a dry Martian lake bed."

"Ten of 13 earlier Mars missions" from the USA and other countries "ended in failure, so this was a significant victory for NASA, which has been under a cloud since the explosion of space shuttle Columbia" in February 2003.

"Virtually every single thing went right, including landing right-side-up so we could get photos and mosaic panoramas within the first few hours," said William Hartmann of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson (Arizona), author of A Traveler's Guide to Mars.

"Spirit landed facing south on a smooth, cratered plain marked by whirlwinds of dust, in 'fantastic' position to roll off its airbag-shrouded landing craft," engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California stated.

"The rover will begin rolling slowly over the crater floor next week, analyzing soils and rocks for the next three months."

"The mission's principal investigator, Steven Squyres of Columbia University, said his team planned to check out almost every instrument aboard the rover before planet analysis begins."

"Scientist Jennifer Trosper said Spirit is encountering 20 percent less than expected of the solar energy needed to charge its batteries because of the high level of dust. Less energy may eventually force the team to prioritize Spirit's jobs, she said."

About the size of the USA's state of Connecticut, "Gusev Crater, where Spirit landed, is several billion years old and notched by a channel that appears to have been carved by water."

(Editor's Comment: If no one has yet named this channel, I have a suggestion. How about Quinebaug Arroyo, after the river in eastern Connecticut?)

"Meanwhile, British scientists report no contact with Beagle 2, which was supposed to have landed" at Isidis Planitia on December 25, 2003. "The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter, Beagle's mothership, will be in position to start trying to contact the lost lander" on Wednesday, January 7, 2004. (See USA Today for January 5, 2004, "We're back. We're on Mars," page 1A.)

#### STARDUST TAGS A COMET IN DEEP SPACE

It was a weekend double-header for NASA. Hours before the robot rover Spirit landed on Mars, the robot spacecraft Stardust successfully intercepted the comet Wild 2 on the far side of the sun.

"A spacecraft with an outstretched scoop about the size and shape of a tennis racket flew on Friday," January 2, 2004, "through a cloud of dust and gas surrounding a comet, capturing tiny particles from the early solar system to be brought back to Earth."

"Officials of the Stardust mission said the close encounter with a comet appeared to be a success. The 770-pound spacecraft suffered no disabling damage as it passed through the thickest dust swirling off the comet's icy nucleus. Scientists will examine radioed data to determine what the craft learned about the dynamics and chemistry of cometary dust and how much was collected."

"Life is good!" exclaimed Tom Duxbury, the manager of the project at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, as the Stardust spacecraft sped away from the comet Wild (pronounced Vild--J.T.) 2."

"We've flown through the worst of it, and we're still in contact with the spacecraft," he continued, "We're just bubbling all over."

"Several striking pictures of the comet's nucleus taken by the spacecraft had scientists shaking their heads in wonder and surprise. The rough surface is pitted with what appears to be craters or sinkholes or something they have not thought of. Jets of dusty gas can be seen streaming off the comet."

"The comet was 242 million miles (387 million kilometers) away, on the far side of the sun when the American spacecraft made its closest approach at 1:42 p.m." Cape Canaveral time on Friday. "It passed within 150 miles (250 kilometers) of the comet's 3.4-mile (5.6-kilometer) wide core of ice and rock, relatively pristine leftovers from the materials that formed the planets of the sun."

"Stardust started out on its journey of almost five years and 2 billion miles with a launching in February 1999 from Cape Canaveral, Fla. It followed a circuitous route, returning two years ago to the vicinity of Earth to use the force of terrestrial gravity for a change in trajectory."

"Well before the encounter, the spacecraft deployed its dust catcher, a kind of space-age flypaper. The racket-shaped frame holds a collection area made of aerogel, a silicon dioxide substance that is 99.8 percent empty space. It thus has enough 'give' in it to slow and stop tiny (cometary) particles without altering them radically."

Stardust is now on its way back to Earth with its precious cargo. "The plan is to seal about an ounce of comet dust into a capsule and drop it by parachute onto a (U.S.) Air Force test range in Utah when the spacecraft returns to Earth in January 2006." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for January 3, 2004, "Spacecraft catches tail end of comet," pages 1A and 5A.)

#### HUNDREDS WATCH A UFO IN SOUTHERN SIBERIA

"Russian Civil Defense authorities sent a helicopter to the Siberian region of Kemerovo, whose inhabitants claim having seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) which gave the impression of having 'landed.'"

"Regional authorities quoted by Russia's Itar-Tass news agency explained that during the early morning hours of Friday, December 26, 2003, residents of the village of

Gurievsk," near Kemerovo, "followed the maneuvers of a UFO for over half an hour. The object, which had the appearance of a fireball, eventually fell to Earth."

"According to eyewitness accounts, no explosions were heard, nor were there any reports of fires or toppled trees received, as seems to occur whenever a meteorite is involved."

Kemerovo is located about 300 kilometers (180 miles) east of Novosibirsk. (See the Spanish news agency ANSA report for December 29, 2003. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esta historia.)

#### FIRST PANTHERS, NOW UFOs: THE HUDDERSFIELD MYSTERY

"Twinkling Christmas stars may have been replaced by UFOs over Huddersfield," a mid-sized city near Manchester in UK.

"Shocked pensioner Malcolm Stapp is adamant he saw a couple of flying saucers in the night sky."

"Mr. Stapp, 74, of Salendine Nook, said: 'It sounds incredible, I know, but I couldn't believe I saw what I was seeing.'"

"He had been watching a film on TV and was going to bed at 12:30 a.m. on Monday," December 29, 2003, "when he saw a bright light in the sky."

"He said: 'It was stationary over Huddersfield for at least 15 minutes. At one point, another appeared travelling north and going very fast--a lot faster than the jets that fly over here. It was certainly not a helicopter or a plane.'"

"He added: 'Both UFOs were globular with lots of lights on them. I tried to look at the stationary one through binoculars, but it was just a blur of intense lights. I watched it for 15 minutes, and it was still there when I went to bed. I've never seen anything like it before.'"

"PC David McSweeney, of Huddersfield police, said they had received no other reports of sightings of UFOs the early hours of Monday." (See the Huddersfield Daily Examiner for January 2, 2004. Many thanks to Jim Hickman for this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Note: Huddersfield has been the site of numerous sightings of phantom panthers during the past month. For more, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 48, for December 17, 2003, "Moors panther sighted all around Huddersfield," page 5.)

#### SOLITARY UFO SEEN BY A WOMAN IN ONTARIO

On Tuesday, December 28, 2003, at 5:35 p.m., the eyewitness, Mrs. L.B., "facing west" in Eganville, Ontario, Canada (population 1,319) saw "what looked like a star, that was just too large to be one. Looking through binoculars was astonishing. It looked like it had thousands of lights attached to it," she reported, "And it almost looked like it had bright lines connected to all of the lights. It was very bright, and it seemed to change shapes--first circular, then almost like it was an acorn."

"It stayed in one spot for approximately an hour and a half. It was just there; it did not approach. It did not seem to move. It just disappeared. High in the sky. I would like to know what it was, and if anyone else saw it."

Eganville, Ont. is on Provincial Highway 41 about 60 miles (100 kilometers) west of Ottawa, the capital of Canada. (Email Form Report)

#### GIANT SNAKE CAPTURED ON ISLAND IN INDONESIA

"Indonesian villagers claim to have captured a python that is 14.85 meters (49 feet) long and weighs 447 kilograms (985 pounds), a local official said Monday," December 29, 2003.

"If confirmed, it would be the largest snake ever kept in captivity."

"The reticulated python was captured in Jambi province on Sumatera Island."

"Hundreds of people have flocked to see the snake at a primitive zoo in Curugsewu village on the country's main island of Java, Republika reported."

"Local government official Rachmat said the reticulated python measured 14.85 meters (49 feet) in length and weighed in at 447 kilograms (985 pounds)."

"The Guinness Book of World Records lists the largest-ever captured snake at 9.75 meters (32 feet) long. The heaviest--a Burmese python kept in Gurnee, Illinois--weighs in at 182.76 kilograms (403 pounds), the book said on its Web site."

"Republika said the snake, which was caught last year (2002) but only recently put on public display, eats three or four dogs a month."

"Reticulated pythons are the world's largest snakes. They are capable of eating animals as large as sheep, and have been known to attack and consume humans."

"The species is native to the swamps and jungles of Southeast Asia." (See the Indonesian newspaper Republika for December 31, 2003. Many thanks to Michael Strainic for this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Note: In 1911, Colonel Percy H. Fawcett shot and killed an anaconda 60 feet (18 meters) long on the banks of the Rio Xingu in Brazil.)

#### "MOTHMAN CURSE" STRIKES TWICE LAST WEEK

The "Curse of The Mothman Prophecies" struck again last week, as an alleged suicide was averted on one of the movie's outdoor sets and an actor featured in the film suddenly died.

The first incident took place in Kittaning, Pennsylvania (population 4,787), near Pittsburgh. The film's bridge collapse outdoor scenes were filmed on the Kittaning Citizens Bridge, which, according to Loren Coleman, "was used as a stand-in for the Silver Bridge" over the Ohio River, which collapsed on December 15, 1967. Curiously, this disaster was predicted over a year earlier by the weird entity known as Mothman, which was seen repeatedly in and around Point Pleasant, West Virginia in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"Soft sympathetic words, a listening ear and a strong arm were the ingredients used to save the life of a would-be jumper on the evening of (Tuesday) December 30, 2003."

"Christopher Shaffer, 30, of Kittaning, Pa., said he was walking home from a weightlifting session last Tuesday when he saw a man hanging from one arm on the other side of the Kittaning Citizens Bridge. Shaffer immediately realized that the man was preparing to jump into the frigid waters of the Allegheny River."

"I walked up to him and began talking," Shaffer said, "He told me he just wanted to '...end it all.' He began talking about a variety of subjects, mostly religion, and I could see he was very confused so I asked him if we could talk about it. At first he was hesitant, but he kept talking."

"After several minutes of conversation, the would-be jumper allowed Shaffer to help him back onto the walkway. Shaffer suggested they go somewhere they could talk. As they walked off the bridge at the corner of Water Street, they were met by Kittaning police chief Ed Cassesse, who was off duty, but happened to be at Armstrong 911 when several phone calls concerning the incident came in."

In UK, actor Sir Alan Bates "died Saturday, December 27, 2003, at a hospital in London after a long battle with cancer."

Bates played the role of "Alexander Leek," a professor and paranormal investigator, in The Mothman Prophecies. The role was based upon real-life author/investigator John A. Keel, who wrote the book The Mothman Prophecies in 1975, upon which the movie was based.

Bates was best known for his performances in movies such as Women In Love and The Fixer. In The Fixer, based upon Bernard Malamud's novel, he played the role of an accused killer.

The actor was the latest in a long list of people



associated with the production of The Mothman Prophecies who have died under sudden or mysterious circumstances.

However, no harm has come to the film's major stars--actors Richard Gere, Laura Linney and Debra Messing.

Debra Messing, who is pregnant, told the tabloid Globe that she has been experiencing strange food cravings lately.

" 'They keep changing,' says the Will & Grace beauty," who grew up in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, "'I went through a big health-cereal-with-blueberries phase and I did that three times a day. Then I went through a big fast-food burger phase. Now I'm settling into pizza pretty well. And I'm liking grapes these days, too.'" (See the Pittsburgh Leader-Times for January 3, 2004, "Soft words, strong arm help save man's life;" Entertainment Weekly for January 9, 2004, "The Quiet Type," page 18; and Globe for January 6, 2004, "Pregnant Debra Messing's wacky food cravings," page 22.)

#### TWO CROP CIRCLES FOUND IN ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

Two crop circles were found in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada on Friday, December 12, 2003 by Laurel Leaman-Konrad and Jo Slingerland. The circles were found near the "trident formation" discovered in Abbotsford in August 2003.

Cerealogist Paul Anderson reported, "One circle was in cattle corn, and the other was partly in cattle corn and partly in grass. The circles were about 30 to 46 metres (100 to 150 feet) apart." The second circle "was slightly than the one in cattle corn alone, approximately 16.75 metres (55 feet) in diameter. Grass in the larger circle was roughly splayed out."

"The field had been harvested, and both circles were in deteriorated condition, noting the possibility of them being part of an older formation last year (2003). Estimated to have occurred in July or August (2003) at the time of the other (trident) formation in Abbotsford and Agassiz, B.C. but not known about at the time."

"A helicopter was also witnessed circling over part of this field last summer."

"This was the seventeenth and last report of 2003 in Canada." (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network for this news story.)

#### RADAR FAILS TWICE AT AIRPORT IN DENVER

"There was a radar problem Saturday night," December 20, 2003, "at Denver International Airport. All flights in and out of the airport were grounded at the time."

The outage took place the same time as the mysterious power blackout in San Francisco, California. (For more on this blackout, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 50 for December 31, 2003, "Mysterious power outage darkens San Francisco," page 7.)

"It happened shortly after 7 p.m., when contact between the planes and the control tower was lost. The airport stopped all flights for an hour. The United (Airlines) flights were diverted to Colorado Springs" in southern Colorado.

"Inside the (Denver) terminal, large crowds began to congregate."

"The actual problem lasted for about ten minutes. The radar came back up and then went down again for a few minutes. The airport doesn't know what caused the outage."

"The radar problem came in the evening after a relatively smooth day, where, despite an extra volume of travelers, waiting time at the security gates averaged just five minutes." (See the KUSA-TV Channel 9 news broadcast transcript for December 21, 2003. Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this news story.)

#### NEW BOOK CLAIMS HITLER HID OUT IN ARGENTINA

"Adolf Hitler lived in Patagonia," in southern Argentina, "after fleeing Germany in 1945, claims Argentinian journalist Abel Basti in a tour-guide-style book which discusses the locations in the Andean foothills which served as a refuge for several former Nazi leaders."

"Hitler and his lover, Eva Braun, did not commit suicide--rather, they fled to Argentina's shores aboard a submarine and lived for years in the vicinity of San Carlos de Bariloche, a tourist site and ski haven about 1,350 kilometers (810 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires, according to the journalist."

"In his book, Bariloche: Nazi Guia-Turistica, which goes on sale next week, Basti reproduces documents, affidavits, photographs and blueprints aimed at steering the reader (or visitor--S.C.) to the sites that sheltered Hitler, Martin Bormann, Joseph Mengele and Adolf Eichmann."

"He (Basti) is displeased when asked if his book challenges the official story of the Hitler/Braun suicide, saying that the corpses of Hitler and his lover were never found, as is the case with other Nazis who allegedly committed suicide."

"The only 'official' story is the report made by General Zhukov (commander of the Soviet armies that occupied Berlin--S.C.) to the Kremlin, stating that Hitler and several Nazi leaders had escaped, presumably to Spain or the Americas, and this is what Stalin advised the U.S. government,' he retorted."

"Basti's book includes a photo of the Incalco Ranch (In the language of the indigenous Nahuel people of Argentina, Incalco means near the water --J.T.), located in Villa la Angostura on the shores of Lago Nahuel Huapi (lake), 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Bariloche. This was the refuge chosen by Argentinian Nazis to hide Hitler and Eva Braun."

"This residence, set amidst a pine forest and which can only be reached by boat or hydroplane, belonged to Argentinian businessman Jorge Antonio, one of the most trusted aides of two-time president Juan Domingo Peron." (Editor's Note: Juan Domingo Peron was president of Argentina twice, first from 1946 to 1955 and the second time in 1973 and 1974.)

"Basti makes mention of Rudolph Fraude, son of Ludwig Fraude, the German millionaire, as a key player, in his capacity as Peron's secretary, in placing former Nazis in Argentina, among them (Adolf) Eichmann, who was captured in 1960 outside Buenos Aires by Israeli commandos. He was executed two years later in Israel."

"The book's author, having been involved in several Nazi-related investigations with European television networks, claims that Hitler also lived at Hacienda San Ramon, 10 kilometers (6 miles) east of Bariloche, which belonged at the time to the (German) principality of Schaumberg-Lippe."

"The epic distance that exists between Berlin and Patagonia was shortened, according to Basti, by the wave of German submarines that reached the shores of southern Argentina after the Second World War." (Editor's Note: True enough. Two German submarines, the U-530 and the U-977, were captured by the Allies in the South Atlantic in July and August 1945 after making mysterious voyages to Argentina.)

"There is numerous and reliable evidence that Nazis fled to Argentina, with the arrival of Nazi U-boats in Patagonia,' he noted, recalling the 'vital assistance' offered by Peron's government at the time 'to admit the Fuhrer's henchmen into that country.'"

"Basti, who lives in Bariloche and initiated his research into the relocation of Nazis to the picturesque city, claims to have the accounts of passengers aboard the U-boats, Nazis who reached Patagonia--accounts which will constitute the basis of his second book." (See the Chilean newspaper Las Ultimas Noticias of Santiago de Chile for January 2, 2004, "Bariloche was Hitler and Eva Braun's final refuge." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Lilliana Nunez Orellana para esto articulo de diario.) (Editor's Comment: The Hitler-in-Argentina tale is an old one. It first surfaced in a book by Ladislao Szabo entitled Hitler Esta Vivo (Spanish for Hitler Is Alive--J.T.) back in 1947. A second book by Michael X. Barton was published in 1969 entitled We Want You: Is Hitler

Alive? Then Ernst Zundel took up the banner in 1974. Out of these books has sprung the "Saucer Nazi" theories.

Both theories agree that Hitler escaped from the Fuhrerbunker in Berlin and fled to Argentina in a U-boat. However, believers in the Antarctic Reich theory contend that Hitler left Argentina in the early 1950s and moved to Neuschwabenland (German for New Swabia--J.T.), an SS colony under the ice of Antarctica, right next to the prehistoric ruins of Kadath. Here, they say, Adolf lived out his life, resuming his artist's career and painting a series of Antarctic icescapes.

The Redemptionists believe that Hitler traveled to the moon in 1954 and met with aliens from Aldebaran, 68 light-years from Earth. The aliens brought Adolf back to Aldebaran with them. But he will come again in the flagship of a vast Aldebarani space armada, to "redeem" Earth. Sort of like a Cosmic Douglas MacArthur. Presumably, these aliens have figured out a way to stop the clock on aging, because, come April 20, 2004, Adolf is going to be a spry young 115-year-old!

If I get to choose, I'd much rather have the Aldebarani bring back Elvis. Speaking of whom...Happy Elvis Day! Today is "the King's" birthday. He was born on January 7, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi.)

From the UFO Files...

#### 1927: SHADOWS IN KAMULA

Although author Robert E. Howard (1906-1936) is best known for his "sword and sorcery" tales of Conan the Barbarian, REH wrote and sold three stories about another barbarian hero, Kull of Atlantis. And the origins of this character are almost as strange as the creation of Conan.

Science fiction author and REH biographer L. Sprague de Camp tells us: "Kull, the hero, is an Atlantean who flees his native land, becomes a soldier in the Valusian army and fights his way to the throne of that kingdom...Howard posits Lewis Spence's theory, which links the Atlanteans with the Cro-Magnon folk of postglacial Europe, although Kull's army includes a force of Lemurian archers straight out of Churchward's Mu."

The first Kull story, The Shadow Kingdom, "assumes that a race of serpent-men, men with reptilian heads (Reptoids?--J.T.) once disputed the earth with true men. Defeated but not exterminated, the serpent-men plot to sieze Valusia...This conflict is but one long battle in the long war between men and monsters--a concept from the higher wisdom of Madame Blavatsky."

"While The Shadow Kingdom owes something" to REH's "readings in occult and Atlantist literature and the fiction of Lord Dunsany and probably of William Morris, it is largely the product of Howard's own exuberant imagination."

"Delighted with the acceptance of The Shadow Kingdom" by Weird Tales in 1928, "Howard dashed off eight Kull stories and began but failed to finish three more." (Editor's Note: These were Black Abyss, Riders Beyond the Sunrise and Wizard and Warrior. More on Black Abyss in a minute.)

A couple of years later, in 1930, REH finally got around to revealing exactly when the Kull saga took place. In Kings of the Night, a Bran Mak Morn story, Robert reveals that Kull's Valusia flourished "one hundred thousand years ago," between the third and fourth glaciations of the Pleistocene Period.

De Camp also points out: "Of the three Kull stories that sold in Howard's lifetime, he reported that 'they wrote themselves, without planning on my part.' He also said he had dreamed them before he put them on paper. All this may be true."

If it is true, then it's possible that Robert E. Howard experienced a psychic phenomenon which your editor has dubbed retrocognition, i.e. dream-channelling or psychic glimpses of the prehistoric past.

When these "Kull dreams" began in 1927, REH was a 21-year-old apprentice author who had held dozens of short-lived, low-paying jobs since his graduation from high school. The most ancient building he had ever seen was the Alamo, the old Spanish mission in San Antonio, Texas.

Yet his sleeping brain was regularly "tuning in" on a lost kingdom of the early Ice Ages. Nowhere is this dream element stronger than in his unfinished Kull story, Black Abyss.

The story takes place in "languid Kamula," which Robert describes as a "dreamy pleasure city of snowy marble and lapis lazuli that crowned the crest of the hill...amid the green hills of Zalgara."

Kamula is far north of Valusia's capital, and Robert hints strongly that it is an older civilization that was conquered by the Valusians and annexed to their empire.

Here Robert describes the city's opulence: "thus with Brule leading the way, they paced through voluptuous chambers hung with golden tapestries and down undulating, curving halls wherein were niched alabaster statuary and great jade urns of flowers. The scent of rare incense spiced the air from hanging censers of silver openwork and all about lay evidence of a high culture gone lax and soft, degenerate, weak, hovering on the brink of decay."

Brule the Spear-Slayer, a Pictish warrior and leader of the king's personal guard, tells Kull that "great hulking Grogar," another Pictish warrior, has been knifed to death in seldom-visited corner of the palace. When Kull arrives, he finds Monarcho, the Pict left behind to keep watch on Grogar's corpse, likewise slain.

Behind both dead Picts is a secret panel of incalculable age. Pushing it open with his own prodigious strength, Kull discovers a doorway leading into the Black Abyss of the story's title.

And then things really get weird: "They bent together, ears straining at the opening. From beyond the wall came a faint far music--a thin, shrill wail--weird uncanny music, rising and falling as an echo of demonic mirth. What spectral piper lurked beyond the mysterious portal in that living blackness?"

"Kull almost shuddered at the hideous tune that clawed and plucked at his sanity. Hatred lurked in that music, a mad mocking hatred and vileness beyond man's dreams of obscenity. All the venom of a thousand years of human hatred was condensed into that shrill dancing thread of sound. Suddenly Kull took another glance at the face of the dead warrior sprawled at his feet."

"Yes! That expression stamped on the dead features--horror and surprise and pain were there, aye, but the features of the corpse were also frozen in an expression of--listening!"

"The devilish music set his skin crawling clammy. Even grim Brule went sickly pale as the demonic piping seeped from the black cleft."

"'Tis the sort of music dead men dance to, on the scarlet floors of hell," he shuddered."

Yes, here was Robert writing at the peak of his prowess. But, unfortunately, that's all he wrote. The pastiche ends seven paragraphs later with "Kull nodded, his savage eyes probing into the blackness. He stepped forward into the unknown dark. 'Come!'"

In 1967, Lancer Books published a volume containing most of the Kull tales. Fantasy author Lin Carter completed Black Abyss and the other unfinished stories, using fragmentary notes left in an envelope since Howard's death in June 1936.

Apparently, there was nothing "additional" for Black Abyss. Not only can a sharp-eyed reader determine the exact sentence where Lin Carter takes over, Lin finished the story by introducing a monstrous alien worm--a scene quite similar to an event in his own 1966 fantasy novel, Thongor of Lemuria.

(Editor's Comment: One of these days we'll have to do a feature story on Thongor and his mystic origins.)

In the end, in Black Abyss, what Robert E. Howard has left us is a tantalizing pastiche similar to his unsold Conan tale, The God in the Bowl--a detailed report of an unusual dream, which he never got around to "working" into a satisfying short story.

Now, do any of REH's nighttime bursts of retrocognition have roots in actual reality?

That we can answer with an unqualified...maybe! (See the books Dark Valley Destiny: The Life of Robert E. Howard by L. Sprague de Camp, Catherine Crook de Camp and Jane Whittington Griffin, Bluejay Books Inc., New York, N.Y. 1983, pages 222 to 226; King Kull by Robert E. Howard

and Lin Carter, Lancer Books, New York, N.Y., 1967, pages 61 to 67; and Bran Mak Morn by Robert E. Howard, Baen Books, Simon & Schuster, New York, N.Y., 1996, pages 70 to 73.)

Next Week: In Search of Kamula

Welcome to 2004, readers. Spirit has landed safely on Mars...Beagle 2 is still missing...Cassini is closing in on Saturn...and Britney Spears got married over the weekend, only to have it annulled 12 hours later. A new year means a new volume. Which means UFO Roundup is off again on another year of hunting for saucers, aliens, strange mysteries, ancient artifacts and assorted phenomena. Since we're beginning a new year, it's time to repeat the UFO Roundup Pledge.

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## Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Rudiak

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>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jan 2004 15:00:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Shermer Answers - Part I - Speiser

>>Source: SciScoop.Com

>><http://www.sciscoop.com/story/2003/12/30/6755/6058>

>>Interview: Skeptic Michael Shermer Answers (Part I)

>>Even if a study does pan out to be both significant and  
>>methodologically sound, there is still no explanatory theory for  
>>how psi works. Until psi proponents can explain how thoughts  
>>generated by neurons in the sender's brain can pass through the  
>>skull and into the brain of the receiver, skepticism is the  
>>appropriate response. If the data shows that there is such a  
>>phenomena as psi that needs explaining (and I am not convinced  
>>that it does), then we still need a causal mechanism.

>Here is where I take issue with Shermer and other skeptics. "We  
>still need a causal mechanism"...for what? To accept that it's  
>happening? It's not happening unless we know why it's  
>happening?

And that hits whats wrong with Shermer's argument right on the head.

>I grant that we cannot accept the existence of psi  
>as an actual mechanism of transfer until it can be proven, but  
>I've known many a "skeptic" who is willing to disregard the  
>phenomena itself solely on the basis of our not being able to  
>divine the mechanism. It's a bit like the French Academy of  
>Science saying that the phenomenon of rocks falling from the sky  
>is to be disregarded because none of their scientists could  
>offer any way for the rocks to get into the air in the first  
>place.

>I am not a scientist. Can someone who is a scientist state for  
>me whether this is a hard and fast rule in science? "An observed  
>phenomena has no validity, or is not worthy of further study,  
>until a reasonable causative mechanism has been advanced"? That  
>seems to be what Shermer and others are stating.

Not only is there no such rule, scientific study would barely exist if there were such a rule. 95% of scientific discovery is about first observing puzzling things in the natural world and then explaining them. Shermer wants to explain everything first, and then find the phenomena. That doesn't happen all that often in the sciences, unless one has a very good theory that predicts certain things that haven't been observed yet.

The history of science is replete with examples of phenomena first being established as real yet nobody had a clue as to how they worked. Instead work was devoted to defining the characteristics of the phenomena, which often later led to good theories. Examples here might be gravitation, electricity, magnetism, supernova, evolution, etc., etc.

In contrast, scientists have also ignored all sorts of phenomena and observations because they didn't quite fit into the existing paradigm, i.e., they couldn't quite wrap their minds around it and accept that they might possibly be real. Some good examples from the history of science include continental drift and meteor sounds. Despite good evidence, they were rejected for a long time because nobody could conceive of a mechanism to explain them.

It's rather amazing to see Shermer still committing this same mistake, despite the fact that most science is about first collecting evidence to establish the reality of a phenomenon with the explanations coming afterward.

David Rudiak

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## Disney Veteran Animator Ward Kimball And UFOs

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Subject: Disney Veteran Animator Ward Kimball And UFOs

Happy post-Holiday Season to all.

I work in animation and there's a big fight going on regarding Mr. Roy Disney's fight to save Disney Studios.

[www.savedisney.com](http://www.savedisney.com)

Whilst in the middle of a hectic schedule here chatting with animators young and old, some brought up the topic of UFOs.

Hence the name Ward Kimball came up.

Ward, now deceased was one of the most beloved animators in history. A veteran Disney animator and all around genius, historian etc.

One of the fellows mentioned that Ward was an avid researcher into ufology and had a 'Roswell' connection to say the least. Apparently he was privvy to information that only a select few had and as rumor has it, was working with the government in some fashion to research the issues.

If anyone had this information in a book or documentary please share. I'm off to search for credible sources myself.

Thanks,

Greg

[A good place to start is the UFO UpDates Archive. Click the link below --ebk]

<http://www.google.com/custom?q=Ward+Kimball&sa=Google+Search&cof=GIMP%3A%23ffffff%3BT%3A%23ffffff%3BLW%3A137%3BALC%3A%23ffffff%3>

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Morris

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>>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>If they sent a sonobuoy up in a "cluster of balloons," it would  
>take more than 3-5 meteorological balloons. I think the  
>sonobuoys weighed around 15 pounds (judging from an later  
>engineering schematic and summary sheet). Therefore I would  
>guess in the neighborhood of 15+ balloons would be needed to  
>loft it, neglecting anything else, like radar targets.

>One of the big unknowns is whether this was a fully configured  
>balloon, i.e. did it have the altitude control equipment still  
>attached or had it been stripped out so that it could be used on  
>some other flight? Had this equipment been removed, then the  
>balloon would have had very different rise, fall, and high  
>altitude flight characteristics.

Hi David,

Within the USAF Roswell Report there is a NYU document (sorry I don't have the report to hand) giving the summery of flights, in the notes to this document it states:

"The flight numbering system has been revised since it's inception and now only those flights in which an attempt was made to control the altitude of the balloon are included in the summery. Excluded are flights made to test special gear and launchings which were not successful."

My reading of this and the fact Flight 4 is not in the summery would seem to imply the "cluster" launch of June 4th had no altitude control fitted.

Best Regards

Neil

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## Re: Trindade Material - Part III - Shough

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>>Subject: Re: Trindade Material - Part III

>>[photos of witnesses etc] would have been handy indeed!  
>>But if we are among a crowd of people sharing an  
>>experience why would we think we might need this kind  
>>of insurance?

>Please forgive my harshness, but if we were to take that idea  
>seriously, Barauna wouldn't have thought on taking photos of the  
>UFO. Then, as to the other people, if journalists and their  
>photographers don't document what they see, who will?

Hi Mori

Photographing a UFO flying past the ship when you have a loaded camera in your hands, and excited people are shouting for you to snap it, is one thing. Being motivated to document the aftermath of a story in which you have just been scooped by someone else might be another matter - unless you can turn it into an even better story! The best possible story for those 'other journalists and their photographers' who had failed to get the hot action pictures for their own papers would be to smell out and expose Barauna's hoax, which should have been easy if, as you conclude, nothing much, or nothing at all, really happened on that deck.

To keep our ideas clear, let's look at the possible scenarios. These seem to be:

- 1) They know that no UFO was sighted and they expose the hoax.
- 2) They know that no UFO was sighted and they don't expose the hoax.
- 3) They know that a UFO was sighted and they endorse it.
- 4) They know that a UFO was sighted and they do not endorse it.
- 5) They are not in a position to know for sure whether a UFO was sighted or not.

Of these 1) and 3) definitely do not fit the facts. Of the remainder 4) seems unlikely because it is hard to see the motivation for journalists suppressing a great story. Scenario 5) looks plausible, on the face of it - they suspected people were imagining things and saw nothing very newsworthy in it at the time. But let's look at Scenario 2).

This also involves suppression of a story, but in this case there is a possible motive - if they were in on the hoax. If

they knew, or suspected, that the thing was a hoax, but they were not party to it, then we would need to explain why we don't end up with scenario 1). This is tricky (see below). But if they were in on it then this would explain why they didn't behave the way that you believe eager journalists should, and indeed there might be good reasons not to document proceedings to closely.

So if this is the case we are saying that the hoax must have been premeditated and prepared ahead of time, that the entire sighting was a concoction - rather than the much more realistic hypothesis that Barauna opportunistically doctored some prints later at home to "improve" (say) an unusual aircraft into a flying saucer. But in view of the Navy and witness statements this is the most difficult hoax scenario to support.

To give one example here: That something that was believed to have been "a UFO" at the time was seen by at least some people other than members of the diving club is stated at least three times in information supplied to Navy Intelligence by the expedition Commander who was on the spot. Can we realistically suggest that Bacellar's report or Capt. Brandao's summary confuses civilians with the ship's crew? I doubt it. The distinction is explicitly drawn, vide: "A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and members of the ship's crew."

Also the statement that "The UAO alarm was given by members of the crew in the stern and bow of the ship" is not only internally explicit, but is explicitly separated from a description of how Barauna was alerted: "The person who called the attention of the photographer to the object was an AF Captain (ret.) who was on the ship as a member of a group specialized in submarine hunting; the photographer was also a member of the same group." It seems clear to me that Bacellar, having been summoned to the Navy High Command to present his report, is definitely not echoing something gleaned second-hand from Barauna or passing on hearsay when he says "the alarm was given by members of the crew in the stern and bow of the ship". This is an officer with his official hat on describing the alert of Navy men on watch.

The clincher comes when Brandao refers to the "members of the crew" who saw the object and to whom the negatives were shown immediately after they were developed. Without doubt this comes from Bacellar's personal observation because we know that he was on the spot keeping the development process under his own supervision. This point is structurally significant because although we might question Bacellar's report that the sailors were able to identify the object conclusively - owing to the smallness of the images on the negatives etc. - we cannot really question his statement that members of the crew were making a comparison with something that they had seen. Can we?

So for these reasons I find a premeditated hoax difficult to swallow (as distinct from a retrospective photo-hoax, which is physically possible and less psychologically implausible). Moreover, if Barauna and some cronies staged the entire event, acting out a drama that gulled a suggestible crew into believing they saw a UFO, having prepared a phony film beforehand, in which case the Jornal do Brasil writer and photographer didn't get excited about documenting the aftermath of the event because they were 'in on it', then why did these two co-conspirators not support Barauna unequivocally: "Yes, we saw it too, but my camera was in my cabin . . ." or whatever? They would have a share in the main story for them and their paper - the only obvious reason for them to have been 'in on it' in the first place - and Barauna's pictures could have made a front page for the Jornal do Brasil instead of for Correio de Manha and O Jornal on Feb 21. (Even better, Barauna could have prepared a phony neg or two for the tame Jornal photographer as well.) Instead they both say absolutely nothing about it for the rest of their lives.

Conspiracy makes less sense to me than the simpler explanation that some 'UFO' event did happen but the Jornal pair missed the chance to photograph it (exactly as reported by Capt. Viegas, in fact), after which they may, or may not, have put together a second-fiddle background story which was seen by their editor as just rubbing salt into the wound of a missed opportunity and which never saw the light of day. (Sorry about the mixed

metaphors! BTW, if the paper still exists it would be interesting to know if there is anything tucked away in its archives.)

So this brings us back to the 'suspicious' circumstance (you say) that Barauna alone managed to photograph the object. But we "know" that he was there on deck with his camera ready to take pictures (do we not?), whilst we don't know that any of the other "journalists and their photographers" to whom you refer were even on deck. We also know that Barauna said he was alerted by the shouts of others, including Lt. Homero Ribeira, the ship's dentist, who ran across the deck to fetch him and almost ("almost" Mori!) tripped over a cable in doing so. This is not unreasonable. Barauna, a professional photographer, was there on deck at the Navy's invitation specifically to take photos and had been doing so prior to the incident. Presumably people on deck knew this. It seems entirely natural to me that Barauna would be alerted.

Unless, of course, there were these "other journalists and photographers" already with cameras in hand standing at the rail. Then the excitable summoning of Barauna might have been unnecessary. But the story as we have it suggests that these other photographers were not in a position to make themselves useful. In fact, as I said in my last post, one is led to wonder where the evidence comes from for the "five photographers" that you told us were on board.

I asked you about the source for this statement. As you didn't reply I've looked into this, and as far as I can see the source for the information is Barauna himself, or more accurately Joao Martins claiming to quote Barauna on March 8 1958:

"Besides myself, there were at least four other persons with cameras at the time of the sighting. But apparently they were not able to spot the object in time, or were paralyzed by their emotions."

Of course Barauna's story is just a fabrication, Mori, but isn't it interesting that Barauna would implicitly incriminate himself by drawing attention to "at least four other persons with cameras"? You may say: He probably would have known about other photographers on the trip and realised that if he didn't acknowledge them it would look suspicious. Perhaps, which still leaves us back where we began: Who were they, and why do we know nothing about them? Again, if they were present on deck in a position to see what was happening, and if nothing happened, why didn't at least one of them later shout out that the 'emperor had no clothes'? If, on the other hand, they were not on deck, then their failure to photograph the object would not be significant would it?

Notice that this applies whether or not the object was "really" a flying saucer, provided only that some sort of UFO alert occurred on board and that Barauna took some photographs (perhaps, as I suggested before, making them a bit more interesting later in the privacy of his own darkroom). This at least would explain the statements, both public and in secret, of Comm. Bacellar, the ship's XO, the Captain's assistant, Naval Intelligence, the Navy High Command, Capt. Moreira, the other diving club members, and crewmen interviewed by the press, that an alarming incident of some sort did take place. Maybe they misinterpreted Menzel's 'plane shrouded in vapour', I don't know. It's possible. But why did none of the "five photographers" publish pictures which could later be seen to be much less dramatic than Barauna's? Does the absence of such evidence prove that there cannot have been a plane in the sky? No. If it did it would rule out the most plausible conventional explanation of the case.

Or perhaps there never were any such photographers . . ? This seems to be the logical conclusion of your doubt, Mori :- that Barauna made up these photographers, along with everything else, as a kind of double-bluff, and that there never was any kind of UFO incident on board the Almirante Saldhana. Of course this would risk being a different kind of 'own goal' wouldn't it, when the Navy people checked the crew and passenger manifests and said to themselves, "Just a moment - four photographers? How the hell are they supposed have got on board?"

But still, this would fit in with what you say about there being

nothing entered in the ship's log - another very interesting issue (I asked you about this too, but without reply so far). But it doesn't fit with any other evidence from Navy sources, does it? In fact given that those sources leave no realistic doubt that something extraordinary was believed at the time to have taken place, by the Trindade Island Post Commander no less, the absence of any entry in the ship's log, if true, would ring alarm bells for me.

>>You object to Barauna's explanation that he'd come to the end of >>his film roll with the last UFO photo: Why would his film run >>out just after the UFO left? you ask. It could be relevant that >>the picture he had been due to take, of the launch being raised, >>was scheduled to be the last photo of his assignment as it >>marked the very end of the expedition.

>Barauna said: "I pressed the automatic button of my camera, many >times in sequence!". The expected thing would be to his six shots >end before the UFO was already gone. Instead, we are to assume he >was very lucky and captured the whole sighting, beginning to end, >with all of his only six shots left. Deus ex machina. One more >circumstantial evidence of hoax.

No, this is nonsensical, Mori. Barauna was quoted in 1958 as saying that his film did come to an end before the UFO was gone:

". . . At that moment I shot my last photo (the last on the film). After about ten seconds, the object continued to increase its distance from the ship, gradually diminishing in size and finally disappearing into the horizon."

Even if he'd had another film in his pocket I dare say it would have taken all of those ten seconds and more to unload and reload the camera.

According to the Navy report of March 3 1958, on Jan 27 Commander Bacellar reported that he himself

". . . saw in the film immediately after it was developed, still wet, the images he identified in the prints as the object photographed, and also that the pictures preceding the sequence connected with the object's passage corresponded with scenes taken aboard a few minutes before the incident."

This appears to confirm that Barauna had been taking other pictures that morning leading up to the stated 'finale', a picture of the launch being raised prior to the trip home. This is perfectly consistent with him having only a few shots left in the camera at that time, as I pointed out before.

Now, we come back to the question of the "other photographers" of whom, it seems to me, there is only one of whom we know anything, the Jornal do Brasil photographer and a journalist. As I asked:

>>. . . why would it be unreasonable to agree >>with Jerry Clark in this case - here is someone who was in >>a position to dispute the story of the UFO, and as a newspaper >>journalist might have made a good story out of doing so, yet >>since 1958 until his death evidently did not do so?

>The Trindade sighting was debunked by newspapers of the time, >just as much as other newspapers promoted it. The debunking >papers were quite happy, it seems, when they found out about >Barauna's previous spoof of the Tijuca photos. It had to take a >debunking newspaper to reveal that.

You imply that Barauna, and papers that promoted the case, kept Barauna's 'spoof' exploits a secret. Yet he volunteered the fact that he was "specialised in trick photography" to the Navy and to the press straight away; and according to Capt. Sunderland, information collected by him in the week 21-27 Feb 1958 showed that Barauna "has a long history of photographic trick shots and is well known for such items", mentioning the "Flying Saucer Hunted me at Home" spoof. It doesn't seem to have been much of a secret.

>I still don't know where the "Jornal do Brasil" fitted on this >pro and con. It was not part of "Diarios Associados", but >apparently it was neutral or pro.

Would you explain how it is that you don't know the editorial position of the Jornal do Brasil, and yet you do know that it was "apparently neutral or pro" Barauna?

>If it was indeed "pro", then we  
>have an explanation for the silence of the photographer and the  
>journalist, even if they knew the hoax (or at least didn't see  
>anything).

Interesting speculation. Maybe, if, then . . .

>The fact that the paper interviewed Barauna is  
>indicative that it was part of the promotion of the case.

Excuse me? I really must have my ears syringed! You are saying that if a paper bothered to cover the story then it must, ipso facto, have been party to suppressing its own on-the-spot journalists' story of uncovering a juicy hoax, so as not to undermine a conspiracy with a cartel of its rivals? I'm sure you can't have meant to imply that. Isn't the simpler explanation at least as reasonable? :- the photographer and the journalist were not on deck, or were not on the ball (pants wet or dry), and either way just didn't have a story?

You said before that nobody ever sought out the Jornal do Brasil photographer to interview him while he was alive and he never spoke out. It occurred to me therefore to wonder how it was that you all knew of his presence on the ship in the first place. I looked this up, and what do you know? - it appears that Barauna's supposed 'accomplice' Capt. Viegas was the first source for this, on Feb.22 1958:

"Other people were also alerted by my alarm: a sergeant, sailors, the ship's dentist (Lieutenant Captain Homero Ribeiro), and other persons. They all sighted the object. The photographer Farias de Azevedo, who was more distant, didn't come in time to get photos."

The presence of this photographer was also volunteered by Barauna himself, interview March 8 1958:

"Q. Was any other civilian aboard, besides your group?

"A. Yes. There was Prof. Fernando, a geologist, with two assistants, and also a photographer, and a reporter from the newspaper 'JORNAL DO BRASIL'. The three scientists left the ship and went to the island."

Another 'own goal'? It seems to me that Barauna and co. went out of their way to make difficulties for themselves if they were lying.

>>Incidentally what is your comment on the Navy  
>>Minister's press release dated Feb 22 which as translated on  
>>CUFOS and NICAP sites and elsewhere states that Barauna  
>>"photographed the disc in presence of several men belonging to  
>>the crew of the NE Saldanha da Gama"?

>If that comes from Simoes letter, quoting a news clipping . . .

It comes from several sources, Mori, as I'm sure you know. For example it is quoted also by Olavo Fontes (1960), in almost identical translation, with attribution to four different named newspapers of 23 and 24 February 1958. It is quite obviously a Brazilian Navy Ministry press release and is not the sort of second-hand anecdote that you are trying to suggest it is.

>the same clipping has the famous quote that the "Ministry  
>cannot make any statement about the object seen over  
>Trindade, because the photos are not proof sufficient  
>to any statement".

Indeed. So that piece of the statement, suitably interpreted, is acceptable to you; whereas the less palatable piece is - what, a typographical error? a distorted translation? I'm all for those in their place, but here we have different translations with the same sense. Fontes has "a number of elements of the NE Almirante Saldanha garrison"; others give "several men belonging to the crew" or a "number of men from the crew". Can you translate the

original for us in a significantly different way?

If not then you apparently think the Navy statement is internally inconsistent. As quoted from the four newspapers cited above the press release concludes:

"Evidently, this Ministry cannot make any statement about the object sighted over the Island of Trindade, for the photos do not constitute enough evidence for such a purpose."

Could you explain why you think that being unable to conclude anything about the nature of the object sighted is inconsistent with confirming that an object was indeed sighted?

>Simoes also

>wrote that "the Navy denies the skipper of the School Ship  
>Saldanha da Gama and its crew had seen the disc".

This denial comes from the very early statement made by a Navy spokesman to O Globo on Feb.21, stating that news of the incident was being treated with 'utmost reserve', on the same day that another unnamed spokesman gave Ultima Hora an 'unofficial' verbal statement to the effect that 'the Navy has no connection with the case', and on the same day that permission for reporters to interview members of the crew was rescinded by an order of the Navy General Staff. As I read this there was a fairly concerted attempt on the part of the Navy to distance itself from the press furore, on that first day. Subsequently the official position changed.

>My comment is that those Navy statements are confusing. We  
>don't know if or which of those statements were really  
>informed, and how much so.

But we do know, don't we(?), that the Navy secret intelligence report stated that the following information had been given personally by Commander C-C Bacellar:

"The alarm was given by members of the crew in the stern and bow of the ship."

"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."

"A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and members of the ship's crew."

We also appear to "know" that members of the crew were finally interviewed by the press ashore at Santos, Sao Paulo, on Feb 24. This is confirmed by Capt. Sunderland who should know because his Assistant Naval Attache was in Santos talking to officers aboard at the time: ". . . newspapermen had an opportunity to interview officers and men aboard" he remarks. Statements were published in the papers Folha da Tarde and O Estado de Sao Paulo on Feb 25. According to Fontes:

"All of them confirmed the passage of the UAO over the Island, watched by all members of the crew on the ship's deck at the time. Several of them had been eye-witnesses of the event."  
(Fontes 1960)

Of course that is second hand. Are you in a position to tell us that these cited articles are inaccurate, fraudulent, nonexistent or irrelevant?

Commander Bacellar's own statement to the press (O Cruzeiro, May 3) stated:

"An unidentified aerial object was really seen by some people on the deck of the NE 'Almirante Saldanha.' I was not a witness of the sighting because, at that moment, I was inside my cabin; however, I was called to the deck immediately after the event. The fact caused some natural excitement and the subsequent racing of people to the ship's deck, attracted by the shouts of those who sighted the object."

Similarly, the ship's Executive Officer told the Assistant US Naval Attache that although he hadn't been on deck to see the



object himself he arrived immediately afterwards and it was his opinion that those on deck had genuinely seen it.

The ship's Captain told the Assistant Attache that his own secretary, a Lt. Commander, had personally seen the object. This officer, when questioned by the Assistant Attache, apparently did not grow indignant or accuse his Captain of lying. He simply "avoided discussing the matter". To me this means what it appears to mean: he was a witness but didn't wish to be quoted as one. This was just three days after the story broke, when the papers were still full of it.

From earlier posts on this List, from John Rimmer, John Harney and yourself, Mori, I'd formed the impression that any information tending to suggest that there were military witnesses could be traced back to Barauna. These sources contradict that impression.

I'd also formed the impression that the corroboration coming from Barauna's acquaintances suggested a tidy story cooked up between them. But when I read what they actually said it turns out to be less than unconditional backing. It's not at all like a carefully coordinated set-piece.

Only one (Viega) was definite that he saw exactly what Barauna photographed. One of them was circumspect about what he did see, declined to say that it was a 'flying saucer', and would say no more than that it did appear similar to the images on Barauna's photographs but moved too rapidly to discern detail. The other said he didn't see anything at all because he wasn't even on deck, but like the XO arrived in time to testify to widespread excitement. It appears to be the case that the press had to track this man down to get even this much. These men, let us not forget, were a retired Air Force captain, a serving federal government employee and a bank executive, respectively.

To me this all adds up to an extremely subtle hoax indeed, subtle not merely technically but psychologically, played on the Navy by persons of ostensibly conservative character for motives that even in later decades remained obscure. This may not be impossible, any more than "a UFO" is impossible, but extraordinary claims require evidence that has at least a prima facie plausibility. I just don't see that plausible evidence of a conspiracy here. I see a patchy record of what sounds like an actual event.

>>Perhaps my point was badly made, Mori, but let me put it this way: Were the Navy men 'pointing guns' doing so because they were themselves in a panic?

>  
>That is what Barauna said: "we could see the expression of panic on the crewmen, pointing guns to the sky".

Since we are so concerned here to get factual minutiae properly squared away, Mori, let us concede that this is not "what Barauna said". It is a translation of what Aurelio Zaluar reported that Barauna said to him, according to what you are quoting from "OVNI Documento" Oct/Dec 1979. Is that not correct?

Now, with that caveat duly applied, I'd point out that the phrase "seeing the expression of panic on the crewmen" applies to a description of the facial features of one or more crew members. I have to say that to turn this into a depiction of generalised chaos (Mon, 22 Dec 2003 ), in which gun-waving sailors are falling over and people are supposedly at risk from stray bullets, is frankly dishonest.

>>Or did some of the civilians get in a panic because the Navy started pointing guns?

>If the "pointing guns" incident happened, it is a reasonable thing to speculate about. But I don't think that happened.

Why not? You must address the counter-arguments I pose to you otherwise this is just pointless. Think about it: Your objection to Barauna's remark was that armed military men would not wave their guns around in a panic. Let me address that yet again in a different way. The sentence quoted does not state that guns were being pointed in panic; it states that the expressions on the faces of two or more armed crewmen conveyed "panic", and that two or more armed crewmen had their weapons unshouldered and

pointed \_not\_ at\_the\_deck\_.

Now let's take this one stage further: How many approximate synonyms might there be in English for the Portuguese word that has been translated here as "panic" - i.e., alarm, disturbance, anxiety? - and what are their different shades of meaning in context? (The English word "panic" has a very particular Greek mythological root related to an overmastering awe felt in the presence of nature.) I think you should be able to see why I'm cautious about placing great emphasis on one word in a translation of a second-hand quotation by a writer who you yourself may not regard as a 100% trustworthy historian and who, for all I know, may have been motivated to emphasise the degree of alarm if that seemed to him proportional to the 'importance' of the incident.

And let's try a slightly different rendering of what Barauna might have said to Zaluvar and see how it sounds to an English-speaking ear (pardon me, but you know what I mean ;-)):

"we could see from the crew's faces that they were alarmed, and some had their rifles trained on it."

Finally, if it should turn out that the quote is absolutely verbatim, and that "panic" is the only possible English translation, well, Barauna himself might have been in the mood to play up the excitement on that day in 1979. Maybe he'd just had a drink, or been insulted in the street by a sailor. Who knows? The point is that there are so many opportunities for uncertain interpretation it's as well to be be circumspect.

>Of course, we are both speculating. What is emphasized is the  
>need for better support on almost any claim related to what  
>happened.

I couldn't have put it better myself.

>>Should  
>>his years-old recollection of an impression of things glimpsed  
>>out of the corner of his eye really be given so much weight?

>But that's \_exactly\_ the point being made!!! Sorry for the  
>exclamations, but the fact that his word alone cannot be taken  
>as a gospel and need always better support to be taken as a  
>fact is exactly the point being made!

But surely you can see, Mori, that it is you who are taking a couple of words in Zaluvar's possibly-ambiguous quote of Barauna's then-20-year-old recollection as gospel, and that is \_my\_ point! From this very slight platform you are launching a rather large payload of speculation in my opinion, trying to turn an understandable excitement - attested to by Navy sources - into a slapstick shambles.

In any case, why should Barauna not be a little terminologically imprecise after 20 years of telling and retelling his story? Why should he not be allowed the same frailties as anyone else - you and I included, Mori - of maybe touching up the highlights on the picture now and then, out of a bit of bravado or just bloody tedium. Does this make us a generically 'unreliable' species!? If our past does not exist in our memories, Mori, then it exists nowhere. You have to be realistic.

I repeat: If there were one or more armed men on deck, and if they unshouldered their weapons, where else should they point them but at the sky? And why should they not look alarmed? Do you believe you would not? Do you believe you would be very calm and disciplined? Well, if this is possible for you in such circumstances, then it is possible for Barauna, who was an experienced marine photographer, and you should perhaps be less caustically sceptical about his degree of composure in getting four good shots (factoring in at the same time the fact that Commander Bacellar personally and officially testified that Barauna was visibly shaken for some time afterwards).

>>And I pointed out that this is exactly how we all deal with  
>>genuine memory. The way witness testimony evolves over the  
>>years is that early guesses and uncertainties freeze into  
>>patterns when witnesses are asked to repeatedly relive  
>>events.

>If we assume that contradictions on testimony are due to the  
>"freezing" of "uncertainties" and "early guesses", then how do  
>we know when they are due to deliberate invention?

When the contradictions are provably in the testimony, not in the reporting; when the claimed contradictions stand up to scrutiny; and when the contradictions that then remain are significant.

>It must certainly be conceded that testimony contradictions are  
>not for themselves proof of invention, lie, etc,

Thankyou for conceding that point with good grace.

>but they are  
>definite proof of one thing: the unreliability of the testimony  
>in question. They are also indicative of distortion, false  
>memories, exaggeration, or even lies, tall tales, etc.

Ah, I fear I spoke too soon!

>the figure that Barauna gave  
>of "almost a hundred crewmen", actually comes from these words  
>of his:

>"On an inquiry made by the captain of the 'Saldanha', almost a  
>hundred crewmen of the ship confirmed seeing the saucer".

Isn't it actually "about one hundred"? (Rio de Janeiro ULTIMA  
HORA, February 21, 1958, trans. Fontes 1960)

>That is even quoted by Fontes work on Trindade, published on  
>the sixties. So, Barauna was not just making guesses, at least one  
>figure other than "48" (which he gave only on 1979 or 73), is  
>supposedly based on an inquiry, and it is of "almost a hundred  
>crewmen" who "confirmed seeing the saucer". Why he would a day  
>later speak of a group of twenty people, and decades later  
>stick with 48, I don't know.

I think I do. I suggested that maybe this figure was arrived at by Barauna's educated guesswork. But looking further at the documents it turns out to be even simpler. The figure of 48 comes (according to Petit), from the number of witnesses that Barauna said were used by Navy Intelligence in their 'photo line up' to assess whether Barauna had photographed the same thing that witnesses described. So whether or not Barauna had good reason to cite this exact figure or not, the fact remains that you are comparing apples and oranges if you contend that this figure 48 (for the number of crewmen shown the pictures by Navy Intelligence according to Barauna) conflicts with the figure of about 100 for the total number of witnesses supposedly estimated by the ship's captain. They have nothing to do with one another.

As for a conflict between 100 and 20, frankly, you do need a little imagination to put yourself in the place of the journalists asking these questions - surely if we agree on one thing it is that we cannot just take everything that is printed at face value? Ask yourself, why indeed would a hoaxer as careful and subtle as Barauna seems to have been shoot himself in the foot like this in the space of 24 hours? He'd had five weeks to prepare the launch of his hoax on the media, and during the first day of the news breaking he forgets a basic thing like how many 'witnesses' he had decided to invent? What on earth was he thinking of? Well, of course there could be a simple explanation.

Consider a reasonable interpretation: On the first occasion Barauna is expressly relaying a figure estimated by someone else, the Captain. In the other interview, might he instead be responding to a differently phrased question? Perhaps the question was about how many people he himself spoke to who had seen it - or was thus interpreted? I suppose several other similar possibilities can be imagined. In a conversation many things are 'understood'. Can you provide context that shows Barauna to have been answering precisely the same question on both days?

>Anyway, he is certainly innocent of a fraud unless the contrary  
>is proven.

Well, well! I confess this is not always the impression I get

from you Mori.

>On the other hand, the reality of the incident in  
>itself is an extraordinary thing that is in doubt unless proved  
>in solid ground.

That seems to me to be a completely unexceptionable statement.

>To this point, it is not [proved]. So, we doubt it. At  
>the same time, there's plenty of indications that this was a  
>hoax. And we are working to expose it.

One thing I would like to see exposed is the famous Barauna hoax flying saucer article that I've already asked you about. I ask again, can you give us chapter and verse on this article? Can you scan the images to your site so that we can see what he got up to? Or failing that, at least translate some of the text so that we can gauge the context?

I understand that you were also setting out a point-by-point comparison of different transcripts of Barauna's own words. Is this available to read?

I also asked whether you'd be kind enough to cite the source for Barauna's contradictory early statement that he took only 3 seconds to locate the object when alerted. Have you been able to find this?

Finally, I know that you have done much work on photoanalysis that has yet to be widely discussed. But it would be a shame to undermine that by giving too strong an impression of closed-mindedness, such as by suggesting that all you are doing is working to further expose a foregone conclusion of hoax, when I think many people will say that the circumstantial evidence offered for that so far is at best very ambiguous.

Regards

Martin Shough

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UPDATE: Materials taken in FBI search returned to man with interest in Area 51

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A Rachel man with an interest in the military installation known as Area 51 has been given back all the materials taken from his home in a June FBI search.

"I got my stuff back about a month ago," said Chuck Clark, who has lived in the tiny Lincoln County community for 10 years.

"I think both the FBI and I came away with a few lessons learned," he said. "I'll be a little more restrictive on some of my activities, and they know now I'm no tremendous threat."

Clark, 57, said all of the material taken from his residence while he was in Denver was returned, and that the FBI acted professionally. But he questioned whether the taxpayer money spent on the search was worth it.

"I said that if they had knocked on my door I would have given them copies of what I had and answered any questions," he said.

Clark got into trouble with the FBI when he began researching motion-detection sensors that are buried on public land along trails miles away from the restricted area around the classified installation near the dry lake bed of Groom Lake, 90 miles north of Las Vegas.

In June, Clark said he dug the sensors up, photographed them and put them back in the ground.

At the time, Clark said: "I resent the fact they put them on public land. All I did is document them ... to make an issue of putting them outside of restricted land."

Clark said the investigation is close to an end, and that he will agree not to further disturb the sensor equipment.

"It's in the final stages of being resolved," he said.

The FBI referred a call to the U.S. attorney's office, which declined comment.

Clark said it was definitely his interest in the motion sensors that led to the search warrant being executed.

"But they took a lot of stuff that had nothing to do with that," he said. "I think it was a fishing expedition."

Clark said the FBI would prefer he curtail his visits near the

base. Still, he said, the agency acknowledged to him that his activities are legal.

Clark said the search brought more publicity than the FBI wanted or was necessary.

"I was pretty much finished with the sensors anyway," he said.

Clark said his primary interest in Area 51 is to get some accounting from the federal government on the amount of money being spent on the classified research going on there.

"I understand the need for secrecy for the projects," he said. "But don't tell us the base isn't there. They could give us some broad number once a year on the amount of money that's going down the tubes out there."

Clark, the author of the "Area 51 & S-4 Handbook," said the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have given federal officials the excuse they need to investigate people like himself.

"They are using terrorism to justify a lot of stepping on our rights," he said. "But they understand now I'm not out to overthrow the government."

An annual presidential directive issued by President Bush and former President Clinton keeps government information about the Groom Lake installation classified. Government officials will not say what activities are conducted there but the Groom Lake facility has been widely reported to be where high-tech U.S. aircraft are tested against foreign radar systems and planes. S-4 is located near the southern edge of Area 51.

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For bio-mathematicians: earthly technologies of extraterrestrial visitors

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This paper resulted from the search of possible earthly technologies of visitors from other planets in case if their visiting the Earth took place.

Professor of music David Huron from the University of Ohio believes that music may be an evolutionary device, similar to straight walking and speech, and which allowed human beings to passed through the whole period of evolution (according to Darwin). He and his adherents stand up for the viewpoint based on music's biological roots and state that music had appeared along with Homo sapiens long before people spread around the entire Earth, and it happened about 40 thousand years ago. According to the professor, this theory has been proved by archeological excavations. At recent congress of the New York Academy of Science researcher from Montreal University Isabel Peretz told about the research that proved the existence of the sphere in the human's brain that is responsible for music. According to her, this proves that the musical ability of the human being was developed throughout the process of evolution, and a "special gene of music" must be present within the genome of the human being. The supporters of this "evolutional theory" of music believe that the musical gene appeared in human brain tens or even hundreds of thousand years ago and it "must have given its possessor big possibilities for the reproduction and dissemination in the course of natural selection". Moreover, David Huron believes that there are many genes that define the musical talent of a man, not the only one. Sandra Tregub from University of Toronto also claims that music is not a human invention and that it appeared as an instinctive form of relations "mother - baby" and has an adjusting meaning in the interaction between the mother and her baby.

She elaborates her idea that the genetic predisposition to music appeared as an instrument of influence on the baby which helped humans to survive: melody helped to calm the baby and avoid the risk of letting its cries out and being heard and found by predators. And there is one more argument her supporters use: sounds of music are used by animals and birds not only for calming their young, but also for attracting partners. But animals have no creative abilities and therefore cannot "invent" music or create melody. This means that music was given to them by their nature and it has genetic origin. In addition, this is also proved by the fact that both animals and birds perceive music as a definite musical pitch and react on it accordingly.

In June 2001 mass media informed about the discovery made by Japanese scientists on genetics who state that DNA code of a human being may be introduced as melody and the genes composing DNA are its notes. This report was illustrated by the demonstration of graphical images of genetic melody codes of



playing them. They proved their statement by demonstrating the record of such a melody (let me call it the "genomusic") in the form of the set of numerical codes, which were composed in music and then played. According to Japanese scientists, genomusic depicts the structure and components of man's DNA.

The concept of the genetic origin of regulated flow of sounds, not necessarily in musical pitch, but bearing genetic information, is closely connected with the intriguing enigma of visiting our planet by extraterrestrial visitors, however fantastic it may sound. Trying to overcome the sluggish stereotypes of our mindset, let us examine this enigmatical problem. In the research of the mechanisms of possible correction of the natural evolution processes performed by extraterrestrial visitors (EV) we came to the conclusion inserting new controlling mechanisms into the structures of controlling systems of organism was possible. In particular, it is the mechanism of preservation as a component of some biological hemostat - an instrument which guarantees multisteadiness of biological processes to outer influences. Such an instrument is designated to play an important role of the internal resource in intra-species selection process. The well-grounded arguments appeared that this resource might be built-in in the distributing biological computer system of the organism as a kind of target program on the gene level which aims at replacing the function of preservation of vitality - homeostasis - to its antagonistic function of preservation of destruction - anti-homeostasis.

However, the results of research, having confirmed such a hypothetical possibility, did not give us any clues how it could be implemented - that is, the mechanism of access to the gene level. This brought in a serious uncertainty. Indeed, we doubted, would it "technically" be possible to influence on the gene level on the scarce populations of the man's forefather scattered all over the vast area of our planet? Just an assertion that the visitors knew "how it could be performed" proves nothing and besides gives rise to uncertainty. Discovering the gene music allows us to elaborate the working hypothesis that partly diminishes such an uncertainty.

Hypothetical influence of the possible evolution process correction must set the target function of evolution to the bearer of the organism gene information, i.e. DNA, a high-polymeric compound contained in the cell nuclei and which forms chromosome along with protein histone. Basing on our research, the possibility of the representation of DNA in the numerical sequences of acoustic signals gives us the reason to suppose the existence of the means of direct access on the genome level and the existence of the mechanism of influencing (with the help of this access) that corrects the dynamics of the process of evolution.

We supposed that the structure of controlling numerical sequence having the nature of the flow of sent packs bearing codified (in the codes of genome) information about the strategy of correcting influence, has the isolated address part - the first sent pack which forms the front part of the pack set. Studying the nature of the inserted informational flows, having no capacities (and feeling no need) of visual representation of the control strategy transmitted by packs of impulses, in an explicit way, we believed that they communicated with their natural operators controlling the process of evolution. And the controlling operators were represented as the equations in abstract form, the relations of interactions of transitional processes in populations were represented in columns - i.e. in lexical form. If the DNA code of the human being, taken as the bearer of genetic information, can be represented in the form of melody, as genetic scientists state, and certain genes are reflected in the note code, then it may mean that the acoustic vibrations obtained as the result of the demodulation of genetic information numeric sequence are its physical bearers. If it is so, then such vibrations realize the bearer of not just information, but the information of direct access to the system of the informational exchange "DNA - the object of the outer habitat". By the "object of the outer habitat" (OOH) it is required to mean any object that is exterior to the DNA molecule, which is able to accept genetic information, irrespective of its own internal genetic basis, because we are able to neither suppose the ideas of the nature of the genetic system of extraterrestrial visitors nor event the fact of its



existence. Relying on the research of Japanese scientists, a human being in the OOH status is able to recognize the genetic information of his own biological species with the help of technical equipment. Within the limits of the hypothesis we may believe that the extraterrestrial visitors possessed the means for recognizing genetic information of the DNA of the forefather of the human being and Homo sapiens was cloned by them as well - either organically or technically.

Unfortunately, modulating did not allow us to solve one more interesting question - if the natural system of accessing genetic information of the cloned forefather existed before the first intervention of extraterrestrial visitors in the process of evolution or it resulted from their creative work. Nevertheless, there are some logical premises created by the properties of the discreet flow of control inserted by extraterrestrial visitors, and reflected in some peculiarities of the models admitting such assumptions. At least, it exists for the first formation of the set of access addresses.

Speaking about the procedure of realization of the direct access within the system of communicational interaction with the DNA, we mean the partner capable not only to accept the genetic information of DNA in the form of "genomusic", as Japanese scientists demonstrated, but also to realize reverse exchange as it could possibly be performed by extraterrestrial visitors. This means that we attribute to such a partner the capability of inserting the genetic information into the genome of the human being from outside in the form of the flow of systematically modulated numerical codes (the same genomusic (namely, the musical pitch corresponding to the inserted information) accepted by the addressee - the genome of DNA that is responsible for its discharge - reception).

Researching the probability of the messages sent by extraterrestrial visitors we based on the reported information about the number of their visits to our planet and believed that the schedule as well as the time strategy of insertion of controlling information during the periods of their visits has the uninterrupted-discreet regular nature. And the calendar and time parameters of intervention in the Newton time system are defined on the intervals of discretion between the packs of controlling discreets for the duration of these packs.

It was accepted that the number of such packs of signals corresponds to the number of visits (it was able to be defined), that certain number of packs form the cycle and that controlling information itself was modulated by the genetic codes inside every pack. It was also believed that there were no unproductive visits and the purposes for each of them were achieved. The intervals of discretion between the cycles was considered to be the intervals of the transitional processes of reception.

Such an idea (one pack of correction signals per one visit and one discreet per one cycle of reception processes) can be elaborated that the controlling schedule could be inserted into the control operator (controlling strategy). This provided the visitors with the capacity, on the one hand, to set the time necessary for the realization of inertia transitional processes of reception in the species populations, on the other hand - to provide the schedule of visiting the Earth for control and correction. Probably such visits took some efforts of Retikulans (the name of extraterrestrial visitors) as well.

Let me make more precise - under "transitional process" I mean the situations taking place in "current" time, as the consequences of the populations reception of control illustrating the overall changes within the system of perception - genome, and as the result, the variety of dynamic relations creating flows of multitudes within the species (from the previous sub-species into the next one) in populations. At the same time, we believed that the changes of the genome as the perception system are realized in quick re-coding (comparing with inertia physiological changes within populations) of its own coding system and the time necessary for this was included in the total time of reception.

This means that modeling demonstrated both the changes of relations on the gene level of controlling and the reception of intervention on the level of multitude of the elements of population undergoing this intervention.

Interestingly, the key mechanism of reception within the species populations multitude could be preserving the variety (this is figured out by the figure analysis of evolutionary changes of Homo sapiens species skull geometry for about 14 million years): the corrected evolution was realized through preserving its functions. From Darwin's viewpoint, this is a paradox: evolution through preserving. This is the object of a separate research, and it confirms the righteousness of Lamarck's statements.

Having no clues for ideas about the nature and levels of the reception controlling system and using the freedom of logical choice, we believed that persons from another planet conducted direct access to gene information during their visits and indirectly estimate the current state of the population on the changes of DNA compound and structure, in comparison with the targets they had set during the previous cycles of intervention. There was a viewpoint that they used such estimates as the indicators of the reception quality to elaborate subsequent controlling under the principle of "outer" feedback. We modeled the relations between this connection and the object of controlling by combing the correction blocks inserted by extraterrestrial visitors, with the key blocks of the natural evolution process model, which made the correction the model of the process controlled from outside. Such a block-scheme adjusted for Homo sapiens species, was inserted into the graph-octave as into the model of the third level of modeling. In lexical terms, this model demonstrated the hypothetical system of the relations of reception on populations which was set by the controlling block-scheme: our research was conducted as having the multitude of models.

We use the Past Tenses in this paper. However, the analysis demonstrates: to complete the transitional processes of the full spiral of the last stage of evolution process correcting, there will be the need of one more cycle of this spiral having 5 spires as the previous ones, which will request extraterrestrial visitors to come to the Earth 5 more times. They could conduct their 65th visit (if it took place) for controlling the achieved quality of reception in the 13th correction cycle and fixing its result in the final, 14th cycle, as the fixation of the starting conditions for the next evolution spiral.

In attempts to analyze the calendar information about extraterrestrial visitors arrivals, presentation of evolutionary process with inverse ties within the chain of control, reflected the existence of scale relations between the "real" time of Newton model depicting evolutionary spires and the biological time depicting its correction spires as the reception result. It turns out that correction spires are depicted in three-dimensional Newton time space of evolution as a spiral exterior to its spires as if "twisted" on it.

This spiral is characterized by uneven and random pitches of its twisting in perception time. The plane of this twisting is constantly changing its angle position in the space and moving simultaneously along the axis of evolution spire with random speed of its twisting pitch. The spiral radius-vector of random size is rotating too in portable moving of twist plane in the direction of evolutionary process developing. The "twisted" spiral of correction vividly reflects its origin "exterior" to the evolution spiral, and having the same nature "productive intervention" in its natural process.

It is logical to suppose that the random nature of many elements of the atomic parts forming the correction spiral geometry, reflects the "operating" of the universal method of accidental search in the process of controlling reception on populations. At the same time, the ratio of the changes relations of angle position of "twisting" plane, its moving pitch and speed reflecting the reception nature, are in the time relations of the both processes: pitch and speed of twisting plane moving are characterized by evolution time, and the angle position - by correction time. The nature of the relations in time between the spirals of evolution and its correction turned out to be similar (but no more!) with the scale, fractal relations of physical space. It turned out to be possible to evaluate numerically its analog - the calendar "genetic fractal" being within the relation between the biological "own" time of correction and the "real", Newton time of evolution. This quantity turned out to be

constant and tallied with the base of decimal numbering system. But it is still unknown if this "genetic fractality" of corrected process is the result of the extraterrestrial intervention in the evolution or the organism's own property, or it is time synchronization relation display directed to the coordination of obtaining the variety of objectives of correction by multitude of executive genomes. We are inclined to suppose the last idea because appearing the "productive," but unable to be regulated correction spiral is connected with continuous time synchronization of many reception processes on its spires. This synchronization results in depicting a space picture of superposition of final conditions of every realized correction spire with the start conditions of its every subsequent spire. That depicts the perception continuity on populations.

"Calendar" date of the first arrival extraterrestrial visitors to our planet has a peculiar reflection in the model - as cyclic with the least common multiple equal to the fractal grade, and having approximation of multiplicity coefficient 1, 2,.6 (1x10, 102x10, .106x10 years) connecting with a date announced by visitors. The restriction of the multiplicity coefficient by figure 6 is objectively determined by the model architecture, as about the reception object it reflects as calendar restriction making a possible date of the first visit out of logic limits: the fractal multiplicity equal to 7 denies reception realization before the cloned forefather came to being. The physical possibility relations reflected through the model relations.

This result means that modeled visits dates are cyclic and determined by the multiplicity of constant size fractal grade and no one of multiplicity meanings has any preference. Therefore, with the equal probability grade it is possible to speak about earth first visit which took place, for example, 10,000 years ago, as Reticulans announced or 10,000,000 years ago, dating it by the time when Kenyapithecus species came into being or the existence of Ramapithecus - human forefather as Darwinists believe. What is important that the calendar visits information was not set as the first model figures and was obtained as graph-model reflecting its own relations but needing interpretation.

The reason of the vague model result related to time fractal multiplicity has not been discovered. It is possible to suppose it is connected with the peculiarities of the calendar for planet Reticuly - 4, according to which visitors calculated their visit time. Their visits turned out as "putting into" direct information of reception. However, scientists state that they have discovered new main characteristics of our "time" and they can interpret this phenomenon or probably explain it.

For example, scientists J.Gibbs and physicist H.Harmuth state that the use of Newton regular time model is not necessary in physical phenomena description because time is "caused" by events and it is secondary in the relation with them. In our model the multiplicity fractal relation as some time substance characteristic (and of fractal too) reflected as the secondary of the primary reception events. Reception events, after the hypothetical change of the perception system - DNA genome, resulted in its universe constant change realizing the direction given by the intervention subject. Newton time system in the controlled evolution phenomenon reflected as the secondary in the independent -cyclic, in the evolution spiral, time calculating system.

Fractal is the relation not between evolution and its correction, but between their calculation systems, reflecting the nature of cyclic relations on the populations of their own time calculating systems. But relations on time calculating systems reflected through the fractal multiplicity and through the interval time systems relation calculated from start of every correction spire. This connects well with the picture of calendar duration of evolution cycles and its correction spires, and confirmed by the number characteristics of their flows.

It is necessary to say that this reflection still does not give grounds to prove the hypothesis of the cyclic character of time, of its physical "failures" or "compressions", as the fantastists-writers like to write. Here we have encountered different systems of indication and calculation, and the time calculation system is the time itself. Nevertheless, it is co-coordinating

Harmuth version with our idea about extraterrestrial visitors" use of the system of calculation of the "independent", primary time to indicate the first moment of their visiting Earth. Visitors came to the Earth calculating their first visit date - 10,000 years ago - in their own calculation system. If this system was really used by visitors, we can not rule out that they use it in their everyday activity.

Turning back to the issue of correcting the overall evolution, one should be aware of that for realizing it extraterrestrial visitors would think about the strategies of controlling and its correction - namely, the structure of the controlled information being inserting in DNA (we can suppose their knowledge of it), and also the addresses of genomes realizing this strategy, or they would have some means for their search. It is quite possible that random search as the most natural was an attribute for all reception stages.

In this way it is possible to present in general a possible mechanism of communication in the system DNA - extraterrestrial visitors and its realization with the purpose of controlling evolution in case if genomusic really exists and if fantastic incredible 65 regular visits of persons from another planet realizing the similar incredible 70-multiple evolution correction took place indeed. But it is possible to repeat one reasonable and puzzling question: if such visits did not take place, what made a coincidence of the modeling result and the information announced by extraterrestrial visitors, if their information was not really inserted into the model, and the modeling led to a result tallying with the control result and revealing the entire system of the relations that made it? Was these relations system able to become known without a model experiment, that is a priori? We already remarked that the answer to such doubts is only one: our modeling could be advanced either with the purpose of making a sensation and giving it plausible verified attributes, or disseminating plausible disinformation of the same sort about visiting Earth by persons from other planets. Science knows many ways to confirm (and refute) such statements, because of our exceptional approach to analyzing the extraterrestrial information, we have to question this version.

We drew the line between the influence resulted from controlling evolution and the influence resulted from the evolution correction. We believed that during their arrivals the visitors conducted their correcting intervention under the principle of feedback from the achieved changes of the species in comparison with the target function inserted by the pack of controlling impulses on the first visit. This means that within our model the "visitors" strategies of correction modeled controlling the stabilization in comparison with the set target function. We also distinguished the operators of natural evolution from the strategy of outer interference and considered the first to be the operators for natural technological processes due to be corrected, and the second - as artificial technologies of "production process", taking into account the interaction of technologies within the models structure. The term differentiation uniting these technologies, was introduced in the 80s by Academician Ugolev. It had its disputable reflection in the modeled structures: the difference between living and artificial is the nature of the ties establishing the operation within the living system. The unique feature of the cloning phenomenon (independently on its purpose and the nature of the executor) is the artificial regulation of the living organism development processes by natural mechanisms. This very phenomenon was reflected in the models under our scrutiny. Similar models, with related explanations and interpretations, can be adjusted for direct illustrating possible results of artificial interference into the human genome. The obtained results, according to the latest scientific information, confirm that transferring the signals setting the regulation of the living system from outside, could be conducted by extraterrestrial visitors by inserting information into DNA. This information has the form of the chain of controlling operators represented by the sequence of packs of DNA numerical codes being in accord with genomusic. It is possible that their hypothetical insertion of controlling strategies by means of genomusic was the simplest or maybe the only way of solving this issue for them. Currently we see this way as the practical opportunity to arrange transmission the controlling genetic information from outside to the genome localized in a certain

DNA chromosome and being able to realize its reception. Here we approached the final and key purpose of our paper: it is aimed neither at proving no at disproving the visitors" message.

We will interpret the term "controlling genetic information" as the message directed at the perception of control by the addressee-genome whose reception will result in irreversible stable state of preserving the function of the genome system to operate the target function of homeostasis - the system of supporting life functions, in the first place connected with preventing its switching to the program system of anti-homeostasis - start and development of malignant tumors. This means that we speak about the interference into the process of tumors development on the level of the programs controlling initialization and development. We believe that knowing the system of DNA coding, probably the one Japanese scientists discovered, it is possible to reproduce the "productive" influence of the reception like Retukulyans could do during their visits. Such viewpoint is based on the knowledge of the structure, compound, attributes and parameters for distributing the cell computer system of becoming malignant - anti-homeostasis and its elementary, network parameters and dynamisms extracted by the methods of general systems system. The knowledge sets the program and apparatus capacities for authentic and relatively simple monitoring for the process of becoming malignant of all the multitude of the cells composing this biological system and participating in this process.

Numerical indicating estimates of the moment about turning off the program having formed by the start of the anti-homeostasis system and its reverse switching to the system of homeostasis, and interruption of its function stops the process of initiating and, in some clinical cases, early intensification of tumor growth. There are instruments for conducting such estimates. To realize the mechanism of switching within anti-homeostasis system the switching function of phenilenetinelolenoligomers molecules can be of use. The parameters of the cells bearing tumor figured out with the instrumental methods make easier addressing the control genetic information which realizes the switching process.

All the parameters of the biological computer system of anti-homeostasis were determined with the high degree of authenticity on the verified clinical data, and this creates real opportunities for direct healing tumors, including preventing their arising. One more discovery of scientists on genetic makes this possible.

In August 2000, mass media reported about finding the experimental proof of existing the two genes whose mutations provoke arising malignant tumors, in particular within the lactic glands. These genes were called BRCA1 and BRCA2. Scientists decided to continue the search of other cells bearing tumor because the two discovered genes causing defects of DNA cause not more than 50 per cent of breast tumor forms. Specialists from the USA, Island, Germany, Finland and Sweden confirmed this conclusion and reported that there must be the third similar cell bearing tumor and it must be localized in the 13th out of the 24 human chromosomes. This determines the concrete addresses for controlling signals under the regime of direct access by means of "DNA-OOH" communicative system. This access is able to make intervention both in inter-cells and group information exchange to suppress the cells bearing tumor. This leads to the following questions: - if the man learned to recognize the DNA code and single genes out of it, reflecting them by note codes, can this mean obtaining real capacity for recognizing the target program of becoming malignant - anti-homeostasis reflected in gene or other codes and in particular in the genes localized in the ill-fated 13th chromosome?

The key parameters of the networks of inter-cells and group interactions within the malignant tumor - capacities, parameters and markers for the full multitude of the full scope of its elements, groups of sub-multitudes and the parameters of their flows realized by the system of anti-homeostasis, and the parameters of localizing tumor in the multitude of its elements and all its state stages, have been determined and described.

The order of many entries and outlets for tumor in space and its time of development have been determined, described, marked and estimated along with the groups of active cells connected

through the networks of group interactions on the target function they realize and transmitting the signals of aggressive controlling growth. If the previous statement about the direct access to the DNA genome is true, it means that currently we possess not only the means of the direct address access to the programs of the target function of the anti-homeostasis system which sets the realization of the process of becoming malignant and influencing this process.

There are all the grounds for the statement that the access to the multitude of the aggressive cells operating the network of anti-homeostasis, can be realized within the system of coding gene information through the channels of the multitude of elements of distributed computer biological system localizing tumor.

This sets the effective means of intervention into the functioning of both the systems of preserving - homeostasis and anti-homeostasis, and in this way planned control for operating the key life functions of the living organism.

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## Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

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Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty-First Century

For a modern planetarium show, an astronomer/program producer created a variety of fake UFO images as a way of showing audiences how easily such photos can be done.

Tom Callen

As the producer responsible for bringing Cosmonova's\* latest public planetarium show, "UFO-The Truth is Here," to reality, I knew that one aspect of the UFO phenomenon that would be important to cover would be that of fake photographs. Ever since so-called flying saucers were first spotted in the 1940s, a variety of people around the world have created fake images that they claimed were authentic. The vast majority of these images have been exposed as the frauds they are. And yet even today there are those who continue this peculiar hobby. Rather than feature such photos as part of the program, I thought that the best example for our audiences would be to provide examples that were made specifically for the show.

The first step was coming up with UFOs that would serve as my examples in these photos. Since it would not be visually interesting to show the same vehicle in every picture, I needed a variety of different models. Time constraints did not allow me to salvage together parts of different existing plastic kits, so I had to find another alternative. I located a small model company in California, Lunar Models, that makes unusual kits with a science fiction theme. They offer a series of resin-cast models based on "famous" UFO sightings.

Because the most appealing way to show these images was as 35mm slides projected in a montage, I bought seven kits from Lunar Models. Working with resin models was a challenging experience, like working with a model cast out of hard white soap. Each had surface imperfections treated with a hobby knife, sanded where needed, and then finished off with two coats of flat white primer spray paint. Any gluing had to be done with super glue-type adhesives and due to the variety of their compositions the model manufacturer couldn't guarantee results.

The final color schemes for the models were based on information about "actual" UFOs found on a Web site by a well-known UFO photographer, "Billy" Meier of Switzerland. To achieve a metallic luster for the models I used a special finishing compound over the white primer coats known as Rub 'n' Buff. I had used it nearly thirty years ago when I made models of military aircraft, and much to my surprise the company that made it was still in existence.

While working on the seven UFO models, I also took photographs that would become the background plates for the UFOs to appear

against. In order to make the scenes more interesting I chose several well-known sites around the Stockholm area that would be easily recognizable. I also included scenes that showed everyday locations appropriate to the models and the concept.

Often fake UFO photos look too composed and without foreground objects in the images that would help to make identification possible. Both of these considerations were taken into account. For the background photos I tried to act as if I had been somewhere, looked up, saw something strange in the sky, and took a quick photo before the object disappeared. Foreground objects were also included in every image. This is most evident in the fake photo "taken" at Skansen, Stockholm's historic open-air park. More about that later on.

Just as important was how the background photographs themselves were taken. As each shot was made-with the same camera, lens, and film type-I also noted the date and time and used a compass to find the direction in azimuth that the camera was pointing at the time the photo was taken. All of this would be useful later in putting together the final fakes.

Once the background plate photos came back from the lab, they were scanned at high resolution and saved as JPEG- format files. Imperfections, such as dust and small pieces of hair on the photographic prints, were digitally removed from the scanned images using a software program called Paint Shop Pro (PSP). Similar to Adobe Photo Shop, PSP would also be used to composite the final images together.

Before the completed UFO models could be photographed, I had to locate the Sun's position for each of the background plates. Since I already had the date and time that these photos were taken, it was a simple matter to use an astronomy program called Starry Night Pro to calculate both the altitude above the horizon and azimuth around the horizon for the Sun. This would allow the UFOs to have the same lighting and shadows as the real objects photographed in the background plates, thereby avoiding another common fake UFO attribute: mismatched shadows and lighting.

The UFO models were now ready for the "star treatment." We photographed them against a very large piece of solid green cloth that was lit from behind with photoflood lights so that the green would be an even color. One of our technicians at Cosmonova who helped me with the model shoot, Olle Linder, had once worked at Swedish Television as a lighting technician, so he was aware of this little detail to make the background as good as possible to make the final digital composition easier. This green acted in exactly the same way as the Chroma Key process (used in films and television) in order to separate foreground objects from their backgrounds and add in different backgrounds at a later time. In this case I was going to use this green color to "cut out" the UFO models and superimpose them in front of the background plate images. To aid in the background removal, the bracket and tripod head used to hold the models was also wrapped in a piece of the same green cloth.

Each UFO model was positioned after looking at a copy of the background plate that it was to be placed in so that it would have the most interesting attitude as far as the lighting in the scene was concerned.

The same camera, lens, and film type used to photograph the original background plate photos was also used to photograph the UFO models. This is a trick that Hollywood has used with much success in special effects-intensive films such as Woody Allen's Zelig and Forrest Gump. Hollywood cinematographers keep such good records of their shoots that it is often possible to go to these records and find out which type of lens was used to make a particular scene in a film. By using the same type of lens-and in some cases the very same lens-to shoot a modern actor against a Chroma Key screen, it is possible to digitally add an actor into another, older film. One famous example from Forrest Gump is the titular character receiving the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon Johnson in the White House. Since the UFOs were supposed to have been photographed flying over a particular landscape or location, it made sense to use this same Hollywood special effects trick.

To match up the relative positions of the Sun and the camera



with respect to where the model was to go in the background plates, I made two very simple tools for measuring angles. The first was an enlarged copy of a 360-degree protractor to serve as an azimuth reference for placing the camera and light source in the correct position relative to the model sitting on the tripod before the green cloth background. The second tool was a variation of the enlarged protractor, but this one had only to be 180 degrees since I needed it only to determine the altitude above the horizon for our "sun," a bright photo lamp on an adjustable height light stand mounted on wheels. This enabled us to wheel the "sun" around to the correct azimuth and then raise it to the proper height above the horizon to duplicate the date and time of day that the background plate photo was taken. When the photographic prints of all the UFO models came back from the lab, they too were scanned in at high resolution and cleaned up with PSP just as the background plates were earlier. The UFOs were then carefully "cut out" from the green background color by using a special selection tool in PSP that could be told what color to select and delete. One of the simplest ways for investigators to determine if a UFO photo has been faked is to look for the wire, string, or thread that suspended the model. Unless the picture has been purposely copied many times to blur out fine details, photo investigative techniques can usually pick out the line running to the model. To avoid this give-away I decided that the final images would be digitally composited together in PSP by using its layering feature.

Another clue that a UFO may have been faked is that the UFO itself may be too sharp and well defined in the photograph when compared to other distant objects. Things at a distance appear to be a little fuzzy due to properties in the atmosphere (such as dust and moisture) so this too was taken into account.

I made a new copy of each background plate shot and then, one at a time, added in a particular copy of a cut-out UFO on another layer in the most realistic looking position. The size of each UFO was an important consideration since they also had to look believable; too large and the UFOs would look like models, too small and they would not look like anything interesting. But at the same time they also had to be far enough "away" from the camera to make the UFOs believable.

One image that received some special treatment was the so-called "grab shot" from Skansen. To make the final image seem more realistic, I made a copy of the part of the background plate that had some tree branches. I pasted this copy onto a separate layer in PSP, cleaned up the sky from all around the leaves and then sandwiched the UFO in front of the background plate, but behind the layer with the branches, which was aligned over their original position on the background. This made it appear that the UFO was physically passing behind the trees as it came around the Skansen tower. A little horizontal motion blur on the UFO made it look as if it was travelling at a fast speed, a little faster than the camera's shutter speed could record.

One of the hardest images to get right was the "Gulf Breeze" UFO that was seen passing so close over a large body of water (the bay in front of my house) that it reflected on its surface. This required making up multiple layers for the UFO that included a version that was mirrored, rippled, and faded in brightness to look as if it were the reflected image. To get this right I looked at a variety of photographs of water with real reflected objects, then achieved the result through trial and error.

The UFO planetary show's main character "Karl S. Andersson" (played by actor Fredrik Dolk) says, "With a camera, some models, a computer, and a painting software program anyone-with a little time and a little patience-can create impressive UFO photos that would fool just about anyone." Anyone, that is, except for those who investigate such seemingly incredible images and understand how easy it is to make them.

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Trio Of UFOs Spend Xmas In Cumbria

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By Emma McGordon and Fiona MacRae

THREE UFOs have been spotted over West Cumbria during the festive season.

Revellers in Workington and Whitehaven have reported seeing shining balls and spooky triangles in the night sky.

Daley Rogers, of Hensingham, was left spellbound by a red object hovering overhead as he returned from Workington last week.

He said: "We were coming home and we could see something in the sky. It just seemed to stay there and when we got to the Hill Crest area there was a group of kids watching it. It seemed to drop something that was white and bright and exploded. Then, it took off. I don't know where it went."

Daley, 23, admits that although he wasn't frightened by the ball-shaped object, he's found it hard to get it out of his mind. "I have been thinking about it a lot," he said.

The 23-year-old is in good company, with at least six other people witnessing strange goings-on in the West Cumbrian skies over Christmas.

UFO expert Sharon Larkin, of Broughton Cross, near Cockermouth, said: "We have had sightings of a triangular-shaped craft and an orange ball over the Workington area.

"The triangle was going over the Stainburn bypass at around 10.30pm on a Sunday at the end of December. Before that it was sitting over Clifton. Then it headed off towards the Lake District.

"The orange ball was spotted over Broughton Moor last week."

Sharon, who logs UFO sightings in Cumbria and South West Scotland, says the area has a higher than average number of unexplained sightings. These include a "flying light" over Whitehaven Golf Club in September.

Sharon believes that around 20 per cent of the reported sightings are the real deal, with the rest being aircraft, satellites, cloud formations or hoaxes. Extra-terrestrial visitors are attracted to Cumbria because of the volume of water the county's lakes, the peace and tranquility of the area and the nuclear activity at Sellafield, she says.

"Different areas in the country have different numbers of sightings," she said. "The night sky in Cumbria is particularly alive.

"You do get some sightings in the summer but from September onwards, the skies are full of lights. With it getting darker earlier, people are more aware of what is going on over their heads."

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## We Visit Mars, But Who's Visiting Us?

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 15:41:19 -0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:02:51 -0500  
Subject: We Visit Mars, But Who's Visiting Us?

Source: Huddersfield Daily Examiner, UK

[http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content\\_objectid=13787088\\_method=full\\_s:We-visit-Mars--but-who-s-visiting-us--name\\_page.html](http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content_objectid=13787088_method=full_s:We-visit-Mars--but-who-s-visiting-us--name_page.html)

Jan 6 2004

By The Huddersfield Daily Examiner

We may not be alone.

Mars is in the news, as Britain's space probe Beagle, which landed on the Red Planet last week, still fails to respond to signals, and NASA's Spirit Mars landed on Sunday to start its exploration for signs of life.

Meanwhile, we may be getting visits from elsewhere in exchange.

More people have rung the Examiner to say they have seen UFOs over Huddersfield last week.

Mrs Christine Beech, 62, of Cherry Tree Close, Golcar, saw two unidentified flying objects flying overhead, at 00.35am on Wednesday morning after she stayed up to watch a late-night film.

"I was looking towards Longwood Edge when I saw a circular yellow thing come over the horizon followed by another one," she said.

"It started moving towards where I live.

"The first one came and turned round and went back over the horizon then the other one came over the house and I do not know where it went."

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## Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 23:07:30 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:04:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: [eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)  
>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 09:05:00 -0500  
>Subject: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone

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>Case after case after case where the federal Secret Service  
>ordered local police to set up "free speech zones", which are  
>usually a third to half a mile from the nearest presidential  
>motorcade route, often have fences or barricades allowing police  
>to contain all who have protest signs against government policy.

>One person faces a 6 month jail sentence and \$5,000 fine for  
>simply carrying a sign. This individual asked and was told by  
>the arresting officer that the content of the picket sign was  
>the reason for the charges.

>Two elderly ladies with small handwritten signs were arrested  
>because they were on a motorcade route and not in the designated  
>"free speech zone".

>Free Speech Zone? Duh ... I thought the entire United States was  
>a free speech zone by virtue of the Constitution!

>Apparently, it is now rock solid federal policy that no one  
>carrying a sign critical of government policy will be allowed in  
>sight of a presidential motorcade.

>This is \_policy\_, not \_law\_. When asked why protesters are no  
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>enthusiastic and enter the motorcade route and get injured."

>Am I the only one who sees no essential difference from this new  
>policy and similar policy in the Soviet Union?

>Eleanor White

Eleanor,

There are very real problems with the Bush Administration and  
its attitude toward people who disagree with them, but what you  
are propagating here is utter (euphemism alert) male bovine  
excrement.

I live in the close-in Washington, D.C., suburbs, and if I  
wanted to go out on the streets and protest (which I happen to  
think is a futile exercise), I would feel entirely safe and  
comfortable in doing so. Please try to separate out paranoia  
from reality. There are no Fascist police here, though some need  
retraining in human relations.

- Dick (a.k.a., Richard Hall)

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### Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 18:10:56 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:05:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: [eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)  
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>policy and similar policy in the Soviet Union?

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Thanks Eleanor White!

What's the URL for that show?

What you've outlined is nothing short of a national disgrace.  
It's far past the time to stand up. If this sort of thing  
continues it'll be the 1960's all over again but this time  
instead of minorities in the streets fighting for their rights,  
it'll be every Jack and Jane in the streets fighting for their  
rights.

Something's gonna break soon, something that'll turn this  
country on it's ear and then we're going to ferret out the  
gangsters once and for all.

Best,

Greg

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**Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -**

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 15:11:23 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:07:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>To: [eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)  
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>motorcade route, often have fences or barricades allowing police  
>to contain all who have protest signs against government policy.

This is incredibly ominous. And it's actually happening; I  
checked in with a friend in the media whose colleague was  
harrassed by the SS simply for \_filming\_ protesters.

The SS (scary initials, aren't they?) apparently now feels it  
necessary to protect not only the president's safety, but his  
approval ratings. This is accomplished by systematically  
abolishing protest, thus "sanitizing" media releases.

Whatever your political inclinations, the emergence of  
designated "free-speech zones" deserves your whole-hearted  
disgust.

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Mac Tonnies ([macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com))

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/atma.html>

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## Re: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 23:21:01 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:09:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET - Hall

>From: John Harney <[maagonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk](mailto:maagonia@harneyj.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2004 21:15:53 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET

>>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2004 16:18:40 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics On ET

>>From: Exopolitics <[exopolitics@yahoo.com](mailto:exopolitics@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: [exopolitics-media@exopolitics.org](mailto:exopolitics-media@exopolitics.org)  
>>Date: Sat, January 3, 2004 12:07 pm  
>>Subject: Kissinger's Power Politics Drives Government Policy on Extraterrestrials

>>Press Release - University Researcher Argues Kissinger's Power Politics  
>>Drives Government Policy on Extraterrestrials

>>Dr Michael E. Salla, author of Exopolitics: Political  
>>Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence (Dandelion Books,  
>>2004), argues that Henry Kissinger developed the strategic  
>>philosophy used by political elites in responding to  
>>extraterrestrials. Dr Salla, a researcher based at American  
>>University, Washington DC., has been studying the political  
>>implications of an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence since  
>>May, 2001. In a recently released research paper he argues that  
>>the secret defense system that has emerged as a result of  
>>Kissinger's 'power politics' or realpolitik, has led to the  
>>complete exclusion of the general public from extraterrestrial  
>>affairs and from playing any significant role in planetary  
>>defense.

>There is quite enough nonsense on this List, without the crazy  
>speculations of Dr Salla. He has already been discussed on this  
>List last year. See, for example, the comments by Ray Stanford  
>at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jun/m04-019.shtml>

>and by Richard Hall at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jan/m22-018.shtml>

>John Harney

Gosh, Larry Bryant is an old friend of mine with whom I agree on many issues (and to whom I apply "tough love" on other issues).

John Harney I wouldn't recognize if he passed me on the street, but he and I have strong philosophical disagreements when it comes to UFOs. Yet, on the Bassett/Greer/Salia question, I totally agree with John Harney.

Maybe this should be a cautionary note to anyone of any persuasion who thinks they have all "truth" on their side.

- Dick (Mellowing oin my old age).

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 1 - McGonagle

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Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 23:57:58 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 19:11:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 1 - McGonagle

>From: John Hayes <[webmaster@ufoinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@ufoinfo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 15:48:05 +0000  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 1

<snip>

>UFO ROUNDUP  
>Volume 9, Number 1  
>January 7, 2004  
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>E-mail: [Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com)  
>Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

<snip>

>FIRST PANTHERS, NOW UFOs:  
>THE HUDDERSFIELD MYSTERY

<snip>

>(Editor's Note: Huddersfield has been the site of  
>numerous sightings of phantom panthers during the past  
>month. For more, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 48,  
>for December 17, 2003, "Moors panther sighted all around  
>Huddersfield," page 5.)

<snip>

I don't understand the relevance of panther sightings to the  
topic of UFOs - does anyone else on the list?

>GIANT SNAKE CAPTURED  
>ON ISLAND IN INDONESIA

<snip>

I don't understand the relevance of snake sightings to the topic  
of UFOs - does anyone else on the list?

>(Editor's Note: In 1911, Colonel Percy H. Fawcett shot  
>and killed an anaconda 60 feet (18 meters) long on the  
>banks of the Rio Xingu in Brazil.)

>"MOTHMAN CURSE" STRIKES TWICE LAST WEEK

<snip>

>The actor was the latest in a long list of people  
>associated with the production of The Mothman Prophecies  
>who have died under sudden or mysterious circumstances.  
<snip>

I don't understand the relevance of 'curses' to the topic of  
UFOs - does anyone else on the list?

>NEW BOOK CLAIMS HITLER  
>HID OUT IN ARGENTINA

<snip>

I don't understand the relevance of Hitler's fate to the topic of UFOs - does anyone else on the list?

Joseph, don't you think that 'UFO ROUNDUP' is a misnomer?

Regards,

Joe

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## Martian 'Mud' In Science's Eye?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 06:49:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 06:49:51 -0500  
Subject: Martian 'Mud' In Science's Eye?

Source: The Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A60464-2004Jan6.html>

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Most Detailed Image of Mars Shows Mysterious Substance  
Rover's 3-D Camera Offers a Preview of Pictures to Come

By Kathy Sawyer  
Washington Post Staff Writer

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 6 -- The rock-strewn floor of Mars's Gusev Crater blossomed into sharp view Tuesday with the release of the most detailed image ever obtained from the planet, taken by the rover Spirit's panoramic camera in a tantalizing foretaste of things to come.

The composite image revealed a mysterious substance right at the rover's feet, which scientists described as a "strangely cohesive" clay-like material with alien textures. Spirit exposed the material when it dragged its collapsed air bags across the Martian surface to retract them after its Saturday night bounce-down.

"The way the surface has responded is bizarre," said lead rover scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), which is managing the mission. "I don't understand it. I don't know anybody on my team who understands it..... It looks like mud, but it can't be mud."

The material was mashed and clumped, like something moist and viscous, and was broken away in pieces at some spots. Squyres said one of the Viking landers of the 1970s might have seen something like it elsewhere on Mars. One explanation, he speculated, might be that moisture had percolated from below the surface, leaving a residue of salt that acted as cement.

A primary goal of the mission is to find out whether the dry, frigid and almost airless planet might once have had surface water and possibly supported life.

Spirit, a robotic field geologist, will be able to dig into the crust by locking five of its wheels and spinning the sixth, scientists noted. "Trenching into this stuff is going to be an absolute blast" once the rover has rolled off its landing platform, said Jim Bell of Cornell, lead scientist for the panoramic camera, or Pancam.

NASA announced yesterday that it had named the landing site Columbia Memorial Station in honor of the seven astronauts who died aboard the space shuttle almost a year ago. Among the images transmitted from Mars is one of a plaque mounted on the back of Spirit's high-gain antenna in memory of the fallen astronauts.

Bell said the Pancam color "postcard" provides three or four times the detail of any images previously beamed from Mars. "These are the highest resolution pictures of Mars ever obtained. . . . My reaction has been one of shock and awe." The grayness of the rocks and the dominant rusty peach of the dust are approximately the colors that a human eye would see from the same spot, he said.

In another image, a mirror mounted on a sundial aboard the lander shows "a beautiful pink-reddish sky." The high-resolution Pancam color postcard reveals a much denser profusion of rocks in considerably sharper detail than do the black-and-white photos taken by Spirit's navigation camera the day before -- but it is still not the best the rover is expected to produce, Bell said.

The Pancam image, looking south during the Martian midday when the summer sun is high over the equatorial landing site, shows just "one little wedge" of rock-strewn terrain, Bell said. The image consists of 12 of 75 frames that will be combined into a 3-D color mosaic of the neighborhood over the next few days, as they are relayed through the orbiting U.S. Mars Odyssey spacecraft during multiple overhead passes.

Looking at the images "leaves me a little bit speechless," said surface operations manager Jennifer Trosper.

She said the rover should have no trouble driving on the flat racetrack-like terrain, but noted that the rocks' presence means it will be "a bumpy racetrack."

The area seems to hold no rocks higher than about eight inches, which the rover's sophisticated six-wheel driving system can easily negotiate, she said. The rover is designed to cover almost 50 feet a day, but on this ground it might go even farther, Trosper said.

Squyres said the site has far fewer big rocks than were seen at the landing zones of the two Viking craft of the 1970s and the 1997 Pathfinder. The new image shows one rock in the distance that might be as big as a Volkswagen "Bug."

Scientists said they will reserve judgment about the geological processes at work in the crater -- and whether it is, as suspected, the site of an ancient lake bed -- until the rover's instruments go to work. "What we're seeing tells us nothing about the composition of these rocks," Squyres said.

The image also shows dark "tails" of debris in the lee of some rocks. Squyres said these wind-shadow patterns tend to form under very strong winds.

The camera caught a view of a distant mesa about 16 miles to the south, but it is too far away for the rover to visit, the scientists said. The team was still locked in vigorous debate on the location of the lander. Thus, the elevation of the hills and the distance of the horizon remain uncertain.

Mars was not the only action at JPL Tuesday. Scientists working one floor below the Mars team reported the latest from the Stardust mission, which flew through the storm of dust flowing off the Comet Wild 2 last week to pick up samples for the spacecraft's return to Earth in two years.

The Stardust team released images and data gathered as the craft flew within 150 miles of the comet, where it measured three bursts of intense bombardment by particles streaming off the comet's core. The bombardment peaked at more than 1,000 impacts per second, with some projectiles as big as a .22-caliber bullet but traveling at much higher velocities.

The armored spacecraft survived the barrage -- during which about 10 million particles struck its shields -- and managed to keep its camera focused on the rotating three-mile-diameter nucleus, capturing an image of an unexpectedly tortured surface pocked with sinkholes and impact craters, steep cliffs and jutting peaks, and multiple spurting jets of gases.

Lead scientist Don Brownlee of the University of Washington at Seattle gleefully described the comet surface as "ungodly complicated" and "the most feature-rich body in the solar



system. "

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 21:55:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 06:56:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 07:01:47 -0800  
>Subject: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

><http://www.csicop.org/si/2003-09/faking-ufo-photos.html>

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>Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty-First Century

This is a favorite endeavor of CSICOP, demonstrating how things like UFO photos "might" or "could" be done. They count on the uncritical thinkers (who they supposedly want to enlighten) not to see the mothership-sized flaw in the implied logical argument that just because something could be accomplished by trickery is no proof that any particular paranormal event was accomplished by trickery. There's a pretty big difference between 'could' and 'did'.

I don't know why the good folks at CSICOP folks often just don't seem to have a good grasp of the notion of causation. If I step out of a movie theater after seeing "Invasion Of The Saucer People" and see a flying saucer overhead, then somehow (I've never been given a clear explanation of the process) the movie caused me to see the saucer. Illogical nonsense, of course, but typical of that kind of thinking.

I would have been much more impressed if Mr. Callen had explained how a particular "authentic" UFO photo had really been faked. That would have actually accomplished something positive, by reducing the amount of bunk and misrepresentation, rather than adding to it.

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 08:40:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:07:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Kaeser

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
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>Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 21:55:29 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 07:01:47 -0800  
>>Subject: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>><http://www.csicop.org/si/2003-09/faking-ufo-photos.html>

>>January 6, 2004

>>Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty-First Century

>This is a favorite endeavor of CSICOP, demonstrating how things  
>like UFO photos "might" or "could" be done. They count on the  
>uncritical thinkers (who they supposedly want to enlighten) not  
>to see the mothership-sized flaw in the implied logical argument  
>that just because something could be accomplished by trickery is  
>no proof that any particular paranormal event was accomplished  
>by trickery. There's a pretty big difference between 'could' and  
>'did'.

>I don't know why the good folks at CSICOP folks often just don't  
>seem to have a good grasp of the notion of causation. If I step  
>out of a movie theater after seeing "Invasion Of The Saucer  
>People" and see a flying saucer overhead, then somehow (I've  
>never been given a clear explanation of the process) the movie  
>caused me to see the saucer. Illogical nonsense, of course, but  
>typical of that kind of thinking.

>I would have been much more impressed if Mr. Callen had  
>explained how a particular "authentic" UFO photo had really been  
>faked. That would have actually accomplished something positive,  
>by reducing the amount of bunk and misrepresentation, rather  
>than adding to it.

A good point is raised here. It is often overlooked that a hoax  
must be proven with as much evidence as an anomolous event, and  
not merely dismissed as potentially hoaxed. That being said,  
photographic and image technology has advanced over the past 50  
years, and the value of a photograph as evidence has been  
diminished. A photograph today is only as good as its provenance  
and supportive evidence.

I think it's also fair to say that mankind views objects in the  
sky differently today than was the case 50 years ago. Our view  
of objects in the sky has been impacted by both the media and  
advances in technology. Does this cause some to see UFOs where  
none exist? Perhaps it does, but that has to be proven and not  
assumed as a cause. Theories can be promoted, and some are as  
assumed fact by CSICOP (and others), but that's a problem for  
those on both sides of this argument.

Steve

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## Re: Hundreds See Fireballs In Spain - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos@yahoo.es](mailto:ballesterolmos@yahoo.es)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 16:20:47 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:14:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hundreds See Fireballs In Spain - Olmos

>From: William Wise <[w.wise@mac.com](mailto:w.wise@mac.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2004 11:45:28 -0500  
>Subject: Hundreds See Fireballs In Spain

Regarding the above news, I can confirm a bright meteor (bolide) was sighted over Spain on Sunday January 4, 2004 at 16,48 hours GMT. NASA and European experts coincided to discard any spacecraft debris decay. Because the meteoric radiant source of the Quadrantids has its maximum shower peak in January 3-4 it has been suggested it is the origin of the natural meteor. Investigation is in progress.

V-J

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Some additional details in Spanish follows:

De: Dr. Josep M. Trigo-Rodriguez <[jtrigor@ucla.edu](mailto:jtrigor@ucla.edu)>  
Asunto: [SPMN] El bolido del 4 de enero

>Apreciados miembros de la lista,

>Un impresionante trazo luminoso con fulguraciones mucho m=Els  
>intensas que la Luna Llena fue observado en torno a las  
>16h48m25s (+-10s) T.U. (GMT) del pasado domingo 4 de enero de  
>2004. A pesar de aparecer en pleno d=EDa fue visto por miles de  
>personas que acud=EDan a diversos actos festivos en la mitad norte  
>peninsular. Algunas de ellas fueron capaces de obtener un  
>documento de gran valor cient=EDfico, filmando el bolido desde  
>puntos concretos de la peninsula. T Nuestra red de investigacion  
>pretende aclarar la naturaleza de este fenomeno producido por la  
>entrada de un fragmento de un cometa o asteroide en la atmosfera  
>terrestre.

>Para ampliar esta noticia vean la nota de prensa (en renovacion  
>constante) en nuestra web, concretamente:

><http://www.spmn.uji.es/ESP/noveda38.html>

>El equipo cientifico encargado de esta investigacion esta  
>integrado por:el Dr. Josep Maria Trigo (Institute of Geophysics  
>& Planetary Physics, Univ.California Los Angeles), el Dr. Jose  
>Luis Ortiz (Instituto Astrofisica Andalucia, IAA-CSIC), el Dr.  
>Jes=FAs Mart=EDnez Fr=EDas (Centro Astrobiolog=EDa, CSIC-INTA), el Dr.  
>Jose A. Docobo (Observatorio Astronomico Ramon Maria Aller) y el  
>Dr. Jordi Llorca Pique (Depto. Qu=EDmica Inorg=Elnica, UB). Todos  
>ellos llevan dias trabajando para conseguir informacion de  
>primera linea sobre el origen y naturaleza de este bolido  
>historico. Agradecemos a todos los miembros de esta lista de la  
>Red de Investigacion sobre Bolidos y Meteoritos la valiosa  
>colaboracion brindada.

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## Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:14:21 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:20:01 -0500  
Subject: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

Source: WRTV CHannel 6 - Indiana

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/2745727/detail.html>

01-06-04

NE Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

Men: Thing Spun, Changed Shapes

HUNTINGTON, Ind. - Three police officers who say a strange object drifted through the skies over this northeastern Indiana city are trying to find someone else who saw it - whatever it was.

Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car Dec. 26 when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it.

All three say they watched as the object moved out of the northwest, drifted toward a church steeple, then shot straight back north without a sound in an encounter that lasted less than a minute about 2:30 p.m.

The trio describe the object as about the size of a hot air balloon or a backyard trampoline. They said it was low enough in the sky that Olinger thought it might crash into the steeple.

They say it stopped a few times and spun slowly, changing shapes and at one point turned orange, possibly from reflected sunlight.

"It wasn't any kind of flying machine that I can think of," Olinger told The Herald-Press. "And it's not like a '50s flying saucer. It was that big, but it didn't have a hump in the middle."

As unusual as their sighting was, the three officers may have been only the witnesses. No one called city, county or state police to report it.

And for a few days, the officers themselves didn't say anything about it.

"We thought people would think we were crazy," Hoover said.

But now, the officers wonder if anyone else saw it and are hoping they come forward with their own accounts.

Diane Redlich, a manager at Huntington Municipal Airport, said several aircraft took off from the airport that afternoon, but there's no record of any out-of-the-ordinary craft making either a takeoff or landing at Huntington.

Bob Scott at Fort Wayne's Smith Field doesn't have any clues, either. "Other than Santa Claus heading home, I don't know what it could have been," he said.

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## A Martian Invasion (We Wish)

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Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:20:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:21:20 -0500  
Subject: A Martian Invasion (We Wish)

Source: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

<http://www.ajc.com/living/content/living/0104/07mars.html>

A Martian invasion (we wish)

Rocks, rocks and, oh, look -- rocks!

As NASA's Spirit rover sends back photos from the planet Mars, those earthlings with a less geological bent are left wondering: Wouldn't finding some Martians be a little cooler? Bug eyes, antennae, maybe a death ray or something?

After all, pop culture has been filling our heads with Martians for more than a century, with a peak in the '50s and '60s during the Cold War and UFO craze. Here's a few of the many images of Mars and Martians we've conjured up:

=95 "War of the Worlds" -- H.G. Wells' novel (1898), famous panic-inducing radio broadcast (1938) and mediocre movie (1953) in which the jellyfish-y Martians attack Earth.

=95 "My Favorite Martian" -- Classically silly mid-'60s TV sitcom, with Ray Walston as Uncle Martin. Talked to dogs, sprouted antennae, kept dodging that snooping landlady.

=95 "Mars Needs Women" -- So they come to get ours in this 1967 film.

=95 "Rocket Man" (1972) -- "Mars ain't the kind of place to raise your kids" gets the "Duh" lyric award, but it's still a cool Elton John song.

=95 "Mars Attacks!" -- 1996 Tim Burton film, in which Martians are vicious big-headed critters with killer ray guns, vulnerable only to the high-pitched yodeling of Slim Whitman records.

=95 Marvin the Martian -- Looney Tunes cartoon character from 1948 out to blow up the Earth.

=95 "The Martian Chronicles" -- Classic Ray Bradbury 1950 sci-fi story anthology, in which we colonize them and get a lot of surprises.

=95 "Total Recall" (1990) -- Arnold Schwarzenegger discovers that the bad guys aren't Martians, they're earthlings who run a mining colony on Mars.

=95 "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" -- Planetary origin as overworked metaphor.

-- Phil Kloer

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## Premier Of DARK MATTERS!

From: Don Ecker <[decker0726@comcast.net](mailto:decker0726@comcast.net)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 08:27:09 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:24:23 -0500  
Subject: Premier Of DARK MATTERS!

Premiering January 10, 2004 - - DARK MATTERS! on the Reality Radio Network. Heard at <http://www.realityradionetwork.com> and on Satellite Telstar KU 5

Hosted by Don Ecker and Dwight Schultz, DARK MATTERS! will examine all up to the minute news and especially those stories that run under the radar of more traditional media outlets. Examples of the stories to be covered include UFOs, conspiracies, stories involving the 'hidden NASA' and missions to the planets and the Moon, current science, future science, avionics and more. Just what is the cutting edge of military and secret technology? TWA 800, terrorism, assassinations - "under the radar" topics that are taboo to mainstream media - will be scrutinized by hosts Ecker and Schultz. DARK MATTERS! will look at those subjects NEVER covered by the mainstream.

DARK MATTERS! broadcasts from 8:00 PM PST to 11:00 PM PST each Saturday evening on the Reality Radio Network. Look forward to live guest interviews and audience participation in exciting, groundbreaking shows.

### About The Hosts

Don Ecker is the Director of Research for UFO Magazine. For 15 years Ecker has served as Research Director, and for six years hosted both the critically acclaimed UFOs Tonite! and Strange Daze radio programs.

Dwight Schultz is known world wide for his portrayal as Lt. Reg. Barclay on "Star Trek" and Capt. Howlin' Mad Murdock on "The A-Team." Ecker and Schultz met and became friends, and in the last two years of UFOs Tonite! Schultz brought his acerbic wit and co-hosted with Ecker. Love them or hate them, they will never fail to spark intense interest in the listening audience.

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## Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter? -

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:28:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter? -

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2004 21:58:48 -0000  
>Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter?

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2004 16:50:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: 'Disclosure' Witness Daniel M. Salter?

<snip>

>>Is there any indication that he did any original research  
>>himself?

>No, there isn't. The book is simply his account of working for  
>the government. What I will say about him, although this could  
>be a side bar to the way the book was written up by Nancy Red  
>Star, his co-author, is that he could hardly be accused of being  
>possessed of his own ego. It doesn't come over as "Me, me me".

>He makes the following claims:

>Date unspecified, he worked in the cryptographic centre at  
>Langley.

>There are "about" 38 levels of classified clearance above Top  
>Secret.

>Working at Cosmos clearance gave him access to info on UFOs,  
>Extraterrestrials and particlization.

>In 1969, he was transferred to the NRO. He worked in the  
>counterintelligence unit of the Interplanetary Phenomenon  
>Scientific and Technical Intelligence Unit.

>Date unspecified, he worked for the ACIO - Advanced Contact  
>Intelligence Organisation - a worldwide group.

>He was a Chief Conrad Courier.

>When he first entered the Air Force (radar), he worked under  
>Benoit Mandelbrot - "a great mathematical genius".

>He claims Forrestal's fall did not actually kill him, but he  
>never got up off the ground. He wanted to go public after  
>interviewing an EBE at a secure facility.

>He worked on Blue Book. He was part of the first team to go and  
>investigate sightings. His job was to debunk and shake the  
>witness. If he failed the number two team went in and  
>threatened. If they failed, the "OO Boys" would go in "and that  
>would be the end of that".

>By 1947 "we" knew "our" radar (one to five million watts  
>radiated energy) was interfering with extraterrestrial craft.  
>The most powerful radar was at White Sands and was responsible  
>for downing the two Roswell craft. Three survivors. Dr.  
>Guillermo Mendoza, a botanist worked with them. One question

>here which hooks up with other comments later in the book. He  
>spends a lot of time saying how pointless the SDI is as aliens  
>can dismantle/disable nuclear weapons at the touch of a button.  
>But their craft were susceptible to radar interference?

>  
>"Around" 1962 the Americans launched a missile with an attached  
>nuclear warhead aimed at the moon, "to see what would happen."  
>Shot down by a UFO.

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>Extraterrestrial above ground facility on dark side of moon.  
>Three glass biospheres. Claims to have seen film of roads and  
>bridges inside domes. Astronauts have filmed these sites without  
>NASA's permission. Domes have collapsed. US advised to leave  
>them as belonged to another civilisation that would be coming  
>back to use it. This occurred in the 80's. ET rendered moon  
>lander inoperable. US sent two more mission to moon in early  
>90's, also destroyed. After third 90's launch was destroyed in  
>transit, US gave up. Russians "suffered" similarly. Debate on  
>whether US really went to moon is spin to deflect from news of  
>ET contact.

>  
>Believes (but doesn't claim as fact) that there is a programme  
>to educate the public through films etc. and that there are  
>deals with certain individuals. Folks like Spielberg allowed  
>access to classified material. Government guarantees to make up  
>financial shortfall on any of these films. So far never had to  
>pay up.

>Other termination groups like the previously mentioned OO Boys  
>are the Wackenhut assassins, the 1010 and the 54-12 Men.

>May 7th 1989, spacecraft shot down with experimental laser  
>cannon by two Mirages of South African AF. Crashed in Kalahari  
>creating four hundred feet wide, thirty six feet deep crater.  
>Two survivors. C5 Galaxy took craft back to Wright Patterson.  
>Laser cannon given to SA by US. This technology was allegedly  
>passed to Taiwan by Went Ho Lee. Claims this was first craft to  
>be recovered intact. Considering the size of the alleged crater,  
>then that's saying something. Claims SA handed everything over  
>to US in return for US support when SA detonated first nuclear  
>explosion. From this craft the US went on to build a lenticular  
>vehicle (Black Manta FT). Three engines: jet engine to get out  
>of atmosphere, electric atomic engines to get up to warp speed  
>(yes, he uses the word warp). November 2000 edition of Popular  
>Mechanics carries representation of the craft. What is it with  
>that magazine? Faraday cage built to house two survivors from  
>this crash. US has also built biosphere glass dome to allow ETs  
>to live here but neither keeps 'em going for more than a year.  
>As an observation, it is odd that if he is making all this up or  
>imagining it all, that of all the possible retrievals he could  
>have mentioned (and got away with), he chose to comment about  
>this one to the virtual exclusion of all others. He does not  
>mention Van Greunen.

>Cattle mutilations carried out by US government. They are  
>experiments in ET laser and plasma technology regarding blood  
>transfusion. Claims lot of lives saved in Vietnam because of it.  
>Chronological cock up on his part here?

>Involved a lot in pariclization. Philadelphia Experiment -  
> scientists accidentally cut the middle of a wavelength,  
>changing frequencies between dimensions and knocking a hole in  
>space-time. Intent was to make ship radar invisible. When ship  
>reappeared, claims bulkhead had been interpenetrated by bodies  
>of crew men.

>Claims Foo Fighters were balls of fire and electromagnetic - the  
>idea being to kill the engines and gauges of allied planes. Well  
>that was a waste of time then.

>The stratum within US Space Counterintelligence is as follows;  
>The NRO reports to the President, on certain subjects only. Also  
>to MAJI. MAJI briefs the President on some matters too. Next  
>level down is the NSC. Then DCI. Star Wars City (Cheyenne) are  
>responsible for intelligence within the first six hundred miles  
>of space. The Guardians of the High Frontier are responsible for  
>above six hundred miles. Star Wars City has own airforce - black  
>helicopters, spy planes etc. 1010 Special Security Squadron  
>reports to SWC and is responsible for recoveries under Project  
>Pounce. Pounce does not exist as specific unit - members have  
>other jobs and meet up on retrievals. Consolidated Space

>Operations Centre issues orders that come out of NORAD. Centre  
>linked to Rockefeller Corp and in turn MAJI. Rockefeller reports  
>to Fujika Corp in Japan. IBM, Lockheed, and Boeing connected to  
>Kaman Industries, Aerojet Electro and Teledyne Ryan  
>Aeronautical. All of this and more illustrated on chart.

>There is a Cosmic Q, level 33 which is MAJI. Majestic 12 is  
>level 32. In black aircraft projects there are directors at  
>level 31. Level 30 are the Wackenhut Group and the OO Boys. A  
>little further down are the "Snatch or Snuff" who take orders  
>from the Secret Service.

>Writes about underground bases but relies on testimony of Phil  
>Schneider.

>Belgian 90's sightings - Black Mantas.

>Claims NATO has deep underground base that extends from  
>Bentwaters out to under the North Sea. Says that the US back  
>engineers there and that some Black Mantas built there too.

>Very taken with Larry Warren's account of Rendlesham.

>Phoenix Lights and Gulf Breeze was a demo to our allies that we  
>have nothing to fear with a war against Iraq or North Korea.

>The NRO has a campaign to weaponise space called the Development  
>of Conscious Contact Citizenry Department (DCCCD).

>There's a bit more but this is the essence of the book.

>If you got this far, waja think Stan?

Thanks so much Stuart. Sounds like there is an awful lot of BS  
gleaned from many sources. I am even concerned about the "Cosmos  
Clearance". NATO did have a Cosmic Clearance. I have never heard  
of Cosmos Clearance.

One item on the internet said Salter "Taught courses on  
electromagnetic anti-gravitational propulsion systems as a  
Professor Emeritus at Mountain View College." MVC is a 2 year  
college. I can't find anybody there who knows anything about him  
though he was on a list of possible teachers. I can't imagine  
such a course being taught there.

Furthermore it is hard to believe that he lists "the Development  
of Conscious Contact Citizenry Department (DCCCD) with the  
United States Military". Mountain View College is part of the  
Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD). Coincidence?

Stan

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
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>Source: CSICOP

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>Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty-First Century

>For a modern planetarium show, an astronomer/program producer  
>created a variety of fake UFO images as a way of showing  
>audiences how easily such photos can be done.

Although it is quite possible photographs of alleged UFOs can be created using various paint shop programs available today, this does not account for photographs of alleged UFO's presented before these programs became widely available.

This explanation also does not adequately explain UFO sightings and photographs involving multiple witnesses (including the Gulf Breeze sightings).

I do not think the 'Billy' Meier or Gulf Breeze UFOs were created using computer programs.

In order to demonstrate that these images were faked, it would be necessary to recreate these images using only the equipment available in those time periods. Comparisons between computer generated images and images created before these programs (and skills) were more widely available to the public cannot be considered valid.

A. Hebert

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## Experts Map Possible Alien Hotbeds

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Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:32:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:41:56 -0500  
Subject: Experts Map Possible Alien Hotbeds

Source: National Geographic News

[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/01/0106\\_040106\\_galaxyife.html#main](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/01/0106_040106_galaxyife.html#main)

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Aliens in Our Galaxy? Experts Map Possible Hotbeds

Stefan Lovgren  
for National Geographic News

Scientists say a ring-shaped region in the disc of the Milky Way shows the highest potential for life in our galaxy.

But don't expect them to find extraterrestrial life anytime soon: In this region, there are some 20 billion star systems that offer the prerequisites of life.

The team of astronomers has identified stars that contain enough heavy elements to form terrestrial planets; are sufficiently distant from disastrous supernova explosions; and have existed for at least four billion years—the time it took for complex life to evolve on Earth.

Using a sophisticated computer evolution model, they found that ten percent of the stars in our galaxy, located in a ring around the center of the Milky Way, meet those criteria.

"This is a crude first map of where life could be in our galaxy," said Charles Lineweaver, an astrophysicist at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, who led the study.

The research also shows that 75 percent of the stars in this habitable zone are older than our sun; so if there is actually life there, it's probably more evolved than life on Earth.

"Metallicity"

Our galaxy, the Milky Way, contains more than 200 billion stars and countless other objects. It is one of billions of other galaxies in the universe.

The Milky Way was formed some 12 billion years ago out of a large cloud of gas, mainly hydrogen and helium, that collapsed on itself and began forming stars. Since the cloud was rotating, its spherical shape flattened into a disc.

As the formation of the new stars continued, the most massive stars exploded and enriched the gas in the cloud with new, heavier elements. The new stars that were created in these disc regions contain the heavier elements required to form terrestrial planets, which may be spinning around them.

In their search for possible life, scientists look for favorable zones of "metallicity." A star with no heavy metals can't form



terrestrial planets or life.

"Anytime you can identify regions that have higher concentrations of metallicity, that's where you may find life," said Lineweaver. "In our model of the galaxy, we keep track of where and when these metals were produced. We can do that because we know how many massive stars went 'boom' as a function of time and place."

Planets in regions that are too rich in metals, meanwhile, are vulnerable to so-called Earth-killers, preferentially found in such regions. If a gas-filled, Jupiter-like planet migrates through an area that is too rich in metals, it will kill any "Earths" that are there.

#### Exploding Supernovae

But the right level of metallicity isn't the only prerequisite for life. The astronomers also had to look for regions that have experienced relative calm for at least four billion years, the time it took for life to evolve on Earth.

"In a high-density stellar environment, you will not have four billion years of clement, let's-sit-back-and-evolve life," said Lineweaver. "For complex life to evolve, you may need about four billion years without too many supernovae going off."

The computer model used for the study is based on local observations. Scientists can look at stars all over the galaxy and determine the metallicity at the time they were formed.

The region the researchers have concluded is the most favorable to host life is a ring that measures 21,000 to 27,000 light-years from the center of the galaxy. Created between four and eight billion years ago, this region is where 10 percent of the stars of the Milky Way were formed.

"We're not saying anything about the probability of extraterrestrial or complex life," said Lineweaver. "But if it does exist, and we're right about our prerequisites for it, this is the distribution it will have. This is where life will be."

#### Humans vs. Aliens

The astronomers were also able for the first time to determine the age of the stars in the habitable zone. They found that 75 percent of them are older than our sun.

"If people think that intelligent life will happen on these planets, then 75 percent of this intelligent life will have had a longer time to evolve than people or the entities that are circulating around our sun," said Lineweaver.

"We're all trying to figure out how we compare to any life-forms that may exist in the universe," he added. "This study is the closest thing I can think of to answer that question. If there are aliens, 75 percent of them will have had longer time to evolve than we have. That may be the most fundamental take-home message of this study."

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## Filer's Files #02 - 2004

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### UFO Sightings Pickup 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. Mars Lander Has Landed in the Mud, Georgia - Finely Polished Silver Disc, Massachusetts - Something Touched Me While I Slept, Georgia - Finely Polished Silver Disc, Florida - Black Triangle Over Highway, Ohio - Strange Happenings in Haunted House, California - Beings of Light and Unusual lights, Four Plus Dimensions and a Parallel Universe, Arizona - Millennium New Years Eve UFO, Washington - Flying Triangle, Canada - Police See Diamond UFO With Hundreds of Lights, Argentina - Luminous Object Seen as Cattle Mutilations Increase, Northern England- Flying Triangles and Shining Balls, England - UFOs Were Globular With Lots of Twinkling Lights, Netherlands - Fifty UFO Sighting Reports Last Month, Japan - UFO Shaped Like Three Diamonds, and Australia - Orange Lights

### Mars - Lander Spirit Has Landed in the Mud

Mars Controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory celebrated Saturday night with the successful landing of the Exploration Rover Spirit on Mars. Spirit landed right side up and the first photos showed a very flat area in the Gusev Crater. The Rover scans the land with a pair of panoramic cameras that detect visible light. The mission is to search for evidence of water on the planet. Where there is water there is life. Buried at the base of the Rover's mast lies a third eye that is sensitive to heat, or thermal-infrared radiation. Every Martian rock, radiating heat absorbed from the sun, broadcasts its mineral composition.

Mineral molecules vibrate at a distinctive frequency, emitting a particular wavelength of infrared light. "In these thermal infrared wavelengths," Ruff says, "all minerals have a distinctive infrared signature that's really like a fingerprint." A computer program on Earth will scan each spectrum sent back for telltale signs of rocks that signal the past presence of water on Mars.

A close up of Gusev Crater is shown in the new detailed images that reveal a mysterious substance right at the rover's feet, which scientists described as a "strangely cohesive" clay-like material with alien textures. The material was mashed and clumped, like something moist and viscous, and was broken away in pieces at some spots. "The way the surface has responded is bizarre," said lead rover scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), which is managing the mission. "I don't understand it. I don't know anybody on my team who understands it. It looks like mud, but it can't be mud."

<http://marsrovers.nasa.gov/gallery/press/spirit/20040106a/PIA04995.jpg>

Editor's Note: "Water mixed with dirt equals mud!" As the photos start coming in watch to see if all white parts of the lander are tinted red/orange. NASA and JPL apparently want Mars to appear red/orange. If the sky is blue like Earth's you are seeing the real colors.

Massachusetts - They Touched Me While I Slept

Kenny writes, "After going to sleep and feeling something touch my forehead above my nose, then a head explosion with both a sound and the big flash of light." Then I awake and wonder what was that and how did it happen? Thanks To Kenny

Editor's Note - We have put video cameras in people's rooms with a motion sensor on it, and picked up electrical plasma like objects floating around the room. The cat watches and verifies what the camera sees. These plasmas can apparently cause many types of reactions. I wonder if a similar phenomenon is floating around your room causing these problems?

Georgia - Finely Polished Silver Disc

FLOWERY BRANCH - On January 1, 2004, around 3:30 PM a family was driving home and had turned off of I985 onto Spout Springs Road (heading east) when the wife said "what is that?". The husband states, "It appeared to be several hundred feet up and my first thought was that it was a reflective foil-like balloon but the sun's reflection from the object was very bright and the object's surface was like finely polished silver. My wife, daughter age 5, and son almost 3 got real curious. We got the impression that the object was 4 to 6 feet in diameter. We passed the object by and turned around and came back and parked. From this vantage point we could clearly see the object was moving slowing away from us flip and roll sort of like it was tumbling but not consistently in any given direction.

From this movement we could make out that the object was an almost flat disc. When it would roll to its thin side it looked black and there was no reflection. When it would roll and reveal its flat side it would appear to be silver and the sun's reflection was strong. It looked like polished silver and in the middle of the object was a red circle. My wife said it looked like a big silver button in the sky with a red dot in the middle that did not reflect the sun. The object looked solid and tumbled on its axis and changed direction from west to the northeast. My daughter thought it was a floating CD (compact disc). We tried to follow and my wife was looking at it as we were driving, she turned away and when she turned back, "It's gone" she said. I looked all over the sky and it was just gone. This was the most baffling part to us how quickly it disappeared. Our eyes were off it only for a few seconds. Thanks to Brian Vike,

Florida - Black Triangle Over Highway

MARATHON (FIESTA KEY) - The witnesses were driving toward Key West from Miami on US1 at about 12:30 AM January 4, 2003, and as they drove over a bridge and in the they saw something with a green and red light. I noticed it and told my friend I thought it was the balloon that transmits Radio Marti to Cuba. (Many people may not know-the US government has a large balloon located at Cudjoe Key, FL that transmits Radio Marti to Cuba), but they were too far away to see this balloon.

When we got closer to the lights the driver lost them but the passenger saw an object moving over the road. He saw a red and white light 100 to 250 feet hovering directly over the highway. He also saw a black mass between the lights in what looked like a triangle but didn't totally point at the top. From his account the white light was on the top and he saw a red light on the corner of one of the bottom of the points. There was never any sound it made. We opened the windows of the truck when we were close to it, and it was just quiet.

I had to go about 1000 feet before I saw a driveway to turn around. When we went back, there was nothing there. Thanks to Peter Davenport UF0center

Ohio - Strange Happenings in a Haunted House

FOSTORIA - Susan H. lives with her family in a 160 year old Victorian house that seems to be haunted. Strange balls of light are seen outside the home about the size of basketballs. Orange orbs are often seen hovering above the barn. The children reported dancing lights in the sky, lights shining in the windows, and faces looking in the second story windows. Many electrical anomalies and weird noises are heard throughout the house. The daughter reports there is a little man in the backroom and a moon face at the windows. The occupants report dreams of aliens and small creatures in the backroom. The mother had a very real dream, where she awoke and saw a small alien near her pillow, and a tall one at the bottom of the bed touched her with a 30 inches long glowing blue rod about the diameter of a pencil. The children when younger would awake with tremendous nose bleeds.

A few days before Christmas Susan saw bright lights outside her home and beams of lights came down from the sky. She later dreamed she was holding their seven year old grandson with an alien holding his hand to help her. She could see a huge craft about the size of their quarter acre pond parked across the road. She thought these were strange dreams until a friend came to tell her that he saw her aboard a UFO. The investigation will continue. This Victorian Home is a few miles from George Ritter's home where UFOs are frequently videotaped. Susan indicated several neighbors have confided they have also seen UFOs in the area.

Editor's Note: George Ritter predicts UFO flap in 2004, and so do I.

#### California - Beings of Light

R. David Anderson writes, "I read your messages these past two weeks regarding white cloud like UFO's and a relationship to angelic beings." The UFO's which I have seen and photographed were of an intense white radiant nature. I also have had the impression of messages given to me and an encounter with certain beings of light who refer to themselves as the "Adonai ." I am aware now that the term Adonai is one name for God in the Old Testament. Adonai is used to refer to the merciful aspect of God, and it also means the energy that transforms. I have been given the distinct impression that the "Adonai" are here to transform the Earth and to confront those dark forces that oppose God's plan. I noticed while videotaping that unusual objects precede the UFO by seconds. Objects begin in vertical position and rotate counterclockwise. See:

<http://groups.aol.com/cgr/ufopics?mmch=3D0>

Thanks to R. David Anderson

#### Four Plus Dimensions and Parallel Universe

We live in three dimensions: You can go north-south, east-west or up-down. Simple enough. If you add one more dimension for time - as Albert Einstein suggested - that's four altogether. That's plenty for most of us. And, until recently, it would have been enough for most physicists as well. But the past few years have brought a flurry of new ideas about the structure of the universe, and physicists are now contemplating multidimensional worlds that put our seemingly three-dimensional surroundings to shame. It all starts with string theory, which attempts to unify gravity with the other forces of nature. In the string picture, the most fundamental "bits" of matter are not point-like particles but rather one-dimensional loops of string. But to make the theory consistent - to make the math work out -- string theory relies on a framework involving extra dimensions.

"String theory is the only theory we know about that consistently puts in quantum mechanics and gravity, and it necessarily has other dimensions," says Lisa Randall of Harvard University. "It just doesn't work if the theory is fundamentally 3-plus-1 dimensional," that is, if the theory contains only three dimensions for space plus one for time. "So if string theory really is the right theory, there are these extra dimensions. And the question isn't, 'Why are they there?' The question is, 'What happened to them?' What are their

consequences? Do they do anything useful?" The answer to that first question - what happened to the extra dimensions - seems to be straightforward: They're all around us, but hidden from view. That is, they're thought to be "curled up" on scales far too small to see.

The original version of string theory was weird enough, but, in the 1990s, physicists came up with a refined version known as M-theory. In the new picture, one-dimensional strings give way to higher-dimensional membranes, or "branes" for short.

As theorists investigated the properties of these branes, they found that not all of the extra dimensions needed to be curled up. Some of them, in fact, could be infinite. These new "brane world" models offer a startling new description of the cosmos. In some of the scenarios, the entire visible universe is merely a "3-brane" - a three-dimensional membrane - embedded in a larger structure, called the "bulk," which has at least four space dimensions (and, as usual, one more for time).

The remarkable part of the theory is that there's no reason to presume that our universe - our 3-brane - is unique. There could be any number of "parallel" branes nestled alongside ours in the four-dimensional bulk. Think of a series of parallel sheets of paper suspended alongside one another. Why don't we notice these other branes? Theorists believe that most of the known physical forces operate only within a particular brane. For example, we can't see these parallel branes because light is governed by electromagnetism; photons of light are trapped, stuck on the surface of our brane. The case is obviously still speculative, Professor Steinhardt says, "but it seems like a natural possibility." "Imagine a force between these two three-dimensional worlds that would tend to draw them together, as if they were two rubber sheets being drawn together by a spring," he says. "At regular intervals, they would come together, smash together, creating a certain amount of heat - which we would think of as radiation and matter - and then bounce apart."

Of course, the idea of extra dimensions would merely philosophy (with a heavy dose of mathematics thrown in) if there were no way to test it. But, theorists believe that there may be at least three ways of indirectly detecting these extra dimensions.

Editor's Note: It is quite possible that UFOs operate in another dimension or a parallel brane and periodically leak out into our world due to gravity. Any light it emits will remain trapped in its own world, but its gravity reaches across to ours. Perhaps even the reverse is true that gravity remains trapped in the parallel world, but light from the UFO is seen in ours. I suggest to Professor Paul Steinhardt of Princeton University, a pioneer in developing brane-world cosmologies that I can help prove or disprove his theories by the study of UFOs.

#### Arizona - Millennium New Years Eve UFO

PHOENIX - On December 31, 1999, at 11:55 PM, my boyfriend and I were outside his home preparing to celebrate the millennium. Many neighbors were, also, outdoors, as we stood there waiting for the New Year we had a lovely view of the night sky. It was perfectly clear and noticed a very bright and large light traveling from south to north about as fast as a helicopter flies appear high up in the sky. We both watched it approach, as did some of the neighbors, as it was bigger and brighter than any we had seen. As it got closer, we realized it was extremely high but very big. I kid you not...exactly at 12 AM on the turn of the century...this object stopped dead in the sky over Sky Harbor Airport and remained motionless for 15 seconds while we all stared and discussed what it could be. Then, right before our eyes it split into two separate parts which zoomed away faster than anything I've ever seen! At that point, all thoughts of celebrating the New Year were forgotten, and while we had been discussing the object moments before, now there was only a stunned silence. Some people turned and went into their homes without a word. We all went inside a little shaken.

#### Washington - Flying Triangle

WOODINVILLE - The eye-witness was at his computer on January 5, 2004, at 5:10 PM,, when he was distracted by flashing lights outside. The object had a row or two of flashing white lights that were reminiscent of emergency lights - the kind that police

vehicles use. These were white and seemed to be all over the craft that was moving south. It slowed to a stop and started going in reverse, northward. That was when I pointed it out to my girlfriend. It then tilted one of its points towards us and started a lazy circle, revealing a triangular shape. At two apexes were alternating red lights, with the flashing white lights on the bottom. In the center of the triangle was one slowly flashing larger red light. I could not discern a light at the third corner, but sometimes thought I saw a bright white light flashing there as well. It seemed that the pattern of flashing white and red lights changed as the craft moved in different ways. The craft had completed its circle and was hovering four blocks away. It was about the size of a silver dollar at arm's length and hovering at about 300 feet altitude. It then rotated on its tail and rotated so that the "front" point was now level and facing north. It then picked up a lot of speed and flew out of sight.

It accelerated very fast and was out of sight within four seconds. At 5:13, I picked up my camera and immediately it came back into view, and hovered over the same area as before. I could hear the faint sound of a propeller plane, but it seemed very faint. After a minute, it began to move slowly back to the north. My camera's batteries were too low, so I could not get a picture. Some neighbors were walking up the path from the parking lot as I tried to take a photograph. The man immediately commented that it looked like a UFO to him. Soon it picked up speed at an alarming rate and was gone again within seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### Canada - Police See UFO With Hundreds of Lights

SICAMOUS, BRITISH COLUMBIA - On December 26, 2003, the dispatcher for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police took a call from an excited woman who saw unusual sights over a period of time. She felt she wasn't being taken seriously but at 11:30 PM, an officer arrived and saw an object and stood in amazement. He then drove towards the mountain where the object was sitting to get a closer look.

(HBCC UFO Note: So far Brian Vike left two messages with the Sicamous RCMP detachment to have the constable call me back. Excellent video footage has been shot by the family where you can hear the children in the background commenting on how quickly the object was moving all over the sky. It moves rather quickly, zigzagging, etc.. In the footage it shows the object moving erratically around the sky. The other members of her family who stood watching this event unfold saw the very same thing with the naked eye. There are more than one on different days and they are as big as a house and covered in lights only a mile away. Though binoculars it was the shape of an acorn or a diamond. It shot out a large red fireball, then six bright orange lights appeared in the sky around it. Each of the orange lights had another two white lights on them. These white lights shot a beam of light towards the ground. A half an hour later four more of the large acorn/diamond shaped objects showed up and sat either stationary or moved around the sky with hundreds of lights on each of them. This story proved interesting enough that the television station (CHBC TV out of Kelowna, British Columbia) sent a news crew to interview the family and to get a copy of the footage. An RCMP officer who was out in his patrol car ... noticed an object in the sky and was instantly hit with a beam of light from it. After his shift was over and upon his return to his detachment he informed his co-workers of what he had seen. They thought he was seeing things. Now perhaps they have a different interpretation of the event.

Comox Valley, B.C. - On December 29, 2003, at 6:50 PM, the witness reports seeing a glowing almost round shaped object coming from the southwest, then just stopping, and then moving slowly to the north. It flew slowly southwest, hovered, then zoomed off towards east at an amazing speed. Later, I went outside and saw what could be the same object that had returned to almost the same spot but much higher. I am 100% sure of what I saw unless its some kind of manmade experimental object. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director CANADA HBCC

ABBOTSFORD, BC - A formation of two Crop Circles was found on December 15, by Laurel Leaman-Konrad and Jo Slingerland, near a previous "trident" formation. One circle in cattle corn and the other partly in cattle corn and partly in grass, about 30 - 46



meters (100 - 150 feet) apart. Circle in both cattle corn and grass slightly was larger and 55 feet in diameter. This was the seventeenth known report for 2003.

#### Argentina - Luminous UFO and Cattle Mutilations

ROSARIO - The UFO was seen last Saturday, December 27, 2003, between 1 and 1:30 a.m. in the "El Patio de la Madera" sector of the city. The luminous object traveled from west to east at a speed similar to that of an airliner. Upon seeing the object, the eyewitness ran for his camcorder but couldn't find a free tape, so he chose not to waste any more time and used his digital camera. Rosario is less than 60 km from Victoria in the province of Entre Rios, which is famous for sightings that involve lights. The person who sent these images to the list states that a fisherman recognized the object and said that it was identical to others that he had seen in the past over the same area. Reports of animal mutilations continue to increase from Argentina. Thanks to Scott Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Christian Quintero, Planeta UFO.

#### Northern England- Flying Triangles

WEST CUMBRIA - Three UFOs were spotted during the festive season over Workington and Whitehaven. Shining balls and spooky triangles were seen in the night sky. Daley Rogers, of Hensingham, was left spellbound by a red object hovering overhead. He said: "We were coming home and we could see something in the sky that dropped something white and bright that exploded. Then, it took off. Daley, 23, admits that although he wasn't frightened by the ball-shaped object, he's found it hard to get it out of his mind.

At least six other people witnessed strange goings-on in the West Cumbrian skies over Christmas. UFO expert Sharon Larkin, of Broughton Cross, near Cockermouth, said: "We have had sightings of a triangular-shaped craft and an orange ball over the Workington area." The triangle was going over the Stainburn bypass at around 10.30 PM on a Sunday at the end of December. Before that it was sitting over Clifton. "The orange ball was spotted over Broughton Moor last week." The area has a higher than average of unexplained sightings. "The night sky in Cumbria is particularly alive. From September onwards, the skies are full of lights. With it getting darker earlier, people are more aware of what is going on over their heads." Thanks to Emma McGordon and Fiona MacRae The News and Star 05/01/2004

#### England - UFOs Were Globular Twinkling Lights

HUDDERSFIELD - The Daily Examiner reports - Twinkling Christmas stars may have been replaced by UFOs over Huddersfield. Shocked pensioner Malcolm Stapp is adamant he saw a couple of flying saucers in the night sky. Mr. Stapp, 74, of Salendine Nook, said: "It sounds incredible I know, but I couldn't believe what I was seeing." He was going to bed at 12.30 AM, on Monday when he saw a bright light in the sky. He said: "It was stationary for at least 15 minutes and another one appeared traveling north and going very fast - a lot faster than the jets that fly over here. It was certainly not a helicopter or a plane." He added: "Both UFOs were globular with lots of lights on them. I tried to look at the stationary one through binoculars, it was just a blur of intense lights." I watched it for 15 minutes and it was still there when I went to bed. "I've never seen anything like it before."

[http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content\\_objectid=3D13775671\\_method=3Dfufos-spotted-over-town-name\\_page.html](http://ichuddersfield.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100localnews/content_objectid=3D13775671_method=3Dfufos-spotted-over-town-name_page.html)

#### Netherlands - Fifty UFO Sightings Last Month

STEENWIJK - On December 10, 2003, a 20 year old student and his family spotted some strange objects in the dark sky at around 6.10 PM. They spotted six strange objects in the dark clear sky with freezing temperatures: I was driving across my block while I saw this bright light up in the sky that moved a couple of kilometres in less than a second. It actually scared me so I stopped my car, opened my window and stared at the sky?

Suddenly I spotted more of these very same objects surrounded by a blue-white glow and softly but rapidly pulsating to red. One object became very, very bright. Within every five seconds or so

the objects moved a couple of kilometres, however, these maneuvers were very unpredictable. I quickly drove home and shouted to my family to come out of the house to be able to see what I was seeing. They saw the same objects. But when my mother saw one craft shoot a couple of kilometres from it's position within less than a second, she screamed and asked, "What it could be?" One craft actually flew from a distant position right over us to a position behind us. At one time two were pulsating extremely bright, and one flew off. I would like to make it clear that these objects were not F3t planes. They moved far too quickly for that.

WERVERSHOOF - A 27-year old and some friends witnessed a bright ball of light on a cold clear New Year's Eve at twenty minutes after midnight. "I and a couple of friends saw the ball of light arriving from the IJsselmeer (IJssel-lake is a shallow lake of approx. 1250 km<sup>2</sup>). It moved horizontally and extremely fast. This definitely couldn't be fireworks, since they can't travel that far. The very bright ball of light was initially blue-violet colored and changed to red. I followed the object until I couldn't see it anymore. It disappeared out of my sight after some houses and trees, but I didn't have the impression that it decreased in speed or height. What it exactly was, is a mystery for me, it was a great experience." Thanks to Toine Trust, Home of the Dutch UFO Community site:

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#### Japan - UFO Shaped Like Three Diamonds

TOKYO - Director Jun-ichi Kato, Organization of UFO Research Japan (OUR-J) reports, "A very unusual flying object was seen over the suburban area on December 14, 2003. Mrs. Miyayama dedicated OUR-J member and spotter on Sunday, around 12:20 PM, she was checking out the clear sky as usual from the balcony of her apartment. She saw an orangish translucent object suddenly appear in the sky and looked at it through her binoculars to verify its shape. Interestingly, found it was very unique that it looked like a fragment of abacus or three diamond shaped structures that connected in line.

One of three diamonds was shining metallic. The direction of appearance is east and the altitude is between 65 - 70 degrees. To share this exciting moment with her family, Mrs. Miyayama called out to her husband and her sons who were in the living room at the time. They all eye-witnessed this amazing object as well, said Mrs. Miyayama. The UFO hovered for about 10 minutes or so, and slowly descended and finally disappeared. Drawing by the witness Thanks to: Organization of UFO Research Japan (OUR-J) website is:

<http://www.our-j.com/> Toshie Nakagawa

#### South Australia - Orange Lights

ADELAIDE SA - A former soldier Anthony age 45, was outside having a smoke when he called his wife outside to observe a moving orange light that was very large, coming from the north., on Sunday December 29, 2003, about 10:30 PM. The bright orange light was almost as big as the moon and traveling northeast to southwest. They couldn't make out the shape or hear any noise. It was not on a regular flight path but flew near the Royal Australian Air Force Base. He thought it could be relatively close, and thought for a moment it could have been a helicopter but for the color of the light. It traveled steadily then made a turn at constant speed until after 5 minutes it disappeared over the hills to the southwest. Thanks to Diane Harrison

NSW NEWCASTLE - Trish reports, "I was standing out the front of my home here in New Lambton with my 15 and 12 year old children on New Years Eve. With us were my neighbor couple with their 3 kids (7yrs, 14yrs and 16yrs). It was around 11:45 PM when we all saw two bright orange lights, a little larger than a star, that were traveling southwest in a straight line, one behind the other about one hand width apart. Then, the one behind swung down under the front one and passed to go in front. They hovered for about 10 seconds, then started to fade and disappeared. Then, about ten minutes later they re-appeared in the same flight pattern and maneuvers to bring in the New Year for 2004, then, hovering and fading. This happened 6 times. On the third



time my daughter and the man next door saw another orange light same size to the north along the coastline. My son saw two other orange lights the same size under the other lights but they disappeared behind a tree. Comment: There have been more sightings of the orange UFOs reported that same night. Thanks to Diane Harrison, National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network, Australian Skywatch:

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn>

International UFO Congress Feb. 8-14, 2004

We are rapidly approaching our 13th Annual Winter Convention on Feb 8 to 14th. Our steady growth over the years prompted our move last year to a larger facility at the Flamingo Resort in Laughlin, Nevada. The Flamingo has a new 20,000 square foot convention center, which will easily seat 1200+ attendees on the banks of the Colorado River! The event is one week long, and will host 25 speakers from around the world. Best of all, it is one of the most affordable conferences in the world!

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:11:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 20:49:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

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>Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 21:55:29 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 07:01:47 -0800  
>Subject: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

><http://www.csicop.org/si/2003-09/faking-ufo-photos.html>

>January 6, 2004

>Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty-First Century

>This is a favorite endeavor of CSICOP, demonstrating how things  
>like UFO photos "might" or "could" be done. They count on the  
>uncritical thinkers (who they supposedly want to enlighten) not  
>to see the mothership-sized flaw in the implied logical argument  
>that just because something could be accomplished by trickery is  
>no proof that any particular paranormal event was accomplished  
>by trickery. There's a pretty big difference between 'could' and  
>'did'.

>I don't know why the good folks at CSICOP folks often just don't  
>seem to have a good grasp of the notion of causation. If I step  
>out of a movie theater after seeing "Invasion Of The Saucer  
>People" and see a flying saucer overhead, then somehow (I've  
>never been given a clear explanation of the process) the movie  
>caused me to see the saucer. Illogical nonsense, of course, but  
>typical of that kind of thinking.

>I would have been much more impressed if Mr. Callen had  
>explained how a particular "authentic" UFO photo had really been  
>faked. That would have actually accomplished something positive,  
>by reducing the amount of bunk and misrepresentation, rather  
>than adding to it.

Tim -

Right on target.

Cyclops should do an issue devoted to photos of fake  
scientists. No need for plastic models, no glue, and no  
computer image modification needed. Just stand next to the  
door of the Cyclops building, camera in hand, and wait for  
some bipedal, carbon units to walk through it.

Voila! Fake scientists. Or, did they merely think they saw  
them because they were motivated to see something by their  
fake article, per their theory?

I can hardly wait for their next issue of "tabloid"  
pseudo-science. It's so much easier to understand than  
"real" science...

Dave Morton

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 21:42:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Stanford

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>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:08:41 EST  
>Subject: Filer's Files #02 -- 2004

Hello George A. Filer,

I am concerned about your silly pronouncement in Filer's Files # 02, Wednesday, January 7, 2004, where, in an Editor's Note, you declare, "...NASA and JPL apparently want Mars to appear red/orange. If the sky is blue like Earth's you are seeing the real colors."

Frankly, considering the paranoid delusion abroad in some parts of Ufology, I don't know if you are implying that the landing on Mars is fake and that they are deliberately discoloring earth's sky to deceive us in a fake scene, or whether you are just deluded in imagining that NASA doesn't (for unimaginable reasons) want us to know the real color of the sky on Mars. Either way, you should dispense with the "...utter (euphemism alert) male bovine excrement", to lift an appropriate descriptive term from a recent post by fellow member Richard Hall.

Have you not any even basic knowledge of atmospheric physics? Our world's sky is blue because of the abundance of water in our atmosphere. The sky on Mars is not blue because of the lack of water in it. The red you see in the atmosphere varies depending on the amount of red dust carried aloft by sometimes extreme winds, not by deceptions of NASA or JPL, as you imply. Yes, George, there is a lot of iron oxide on Mars. Haven't you ever spotted and recognized 'the red planet' in the night sky? If so, didn't it ever dawn on you that the planet's color is a 'rust red', just as we see in the released color image(s) from Mars? :)

If you want to look at planetary science objectively, please dispense with unfounded, quasi-paranoid suggestions that NASA wants to deceive us about Mars' atmosphere or else about a landing there. Such silly declarations (I would have preferred a stronger word!) give UFology a bad name.

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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## CI: What Color Is The Sky on Mars?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:16:00 -0500  
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What Color is the Sky on Mars?  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

[image]

The first color panorama returned by the Spirit Mars Exploration Rover

The debate over the true color of the Martian sky has raged since the Viking landers touched down in the 1970s. Some images seem to show an Earth-like sky while others depict a monochrome wasteland overlooked by a dome of violent pink.

Various researchers have speculated that NASA's prevailing depiction of Mars - excessively red and rather hellish-looking - might be the deliberate result of over-contrasting surface imagery to "remove" suggestions of blue (and even hints of green that might indicate chlorophyll). After all, Mars is the "Red Planet," and images showing a red sky conform nicely with preconceived notions (though not all; in predictive illustrations of the Viking landers, space artists tended to show a blue sky with a foreground of reddish soil).

Depending on wind conditions, suspended dust in the Martian atmosphere can result in a pinkish hue. But persistent complaints, both from within NASA and from independent commentators, hold that JPL's consistently pink depiction of Mars' sky is in error.

But why would JPL manipulate the contrast of Mars surface photos?

I've maintained that JPL's Martian "search for life" is largely a charade, in the sense that JPL Mars project scientists have vested intellectual and financial interests in the study of Martian geology. If Mars is in fact more Earth-like than it appears in the various images from the Viking, Pathfinder and Spirit missions, then it's possible that primitive life is surprisingly abundant - and perhaps even detectable by cameras on the planet's surface.

The discovery of Martian biology could likely inflict severe damage on JPL's "monopoly" of Mars surface research. Notably, neither of NASA/JPL's Mars Exploration Rovers are remotely equipped to detect life. Many hoped that Britain's erstwhile Beagle 2 lander, specially equipped to test Martian soil for microbes, would challenge NASA's contention that Mars, while possibly once hospitable, is now lifeless.

[image]

A speculative "Earth-tone" view of the Spirit landing site. Could this depiction be more accurate than NASA's?

There is intriguing evidence that Spirit's images, while stunning and informative, might not be wholly accurate renditions of the Martian surface. For example, the Spirit rover is topped with bright yellow cables for on-board electronics. These were photographed on Earth prior to the probe's departure under known lighting conditions. The same cables, photographed by Spirit at its landing site, look decidedly orange. Unless they have already been covered with a layer of red dust, which seems unlikely, one must logically question whether their current appearance is due to inaccurate color calibration by the JPL Mars Exploration Rover Team - and, if so, whether the flawed calibration is an honest scientific mistake, a well-meaning but disingenuous attempt to make Mars look how it's "supposed" to look like, or deliberate subterfuge.

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## Police Baffled After Sighting UFO

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Source: WorldNetDaily

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01-07-04

Circular object changes shapes, colors while hovering over church

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Three police officers in Huntington, Ind., claim to have seen an Unidentified Flying Object the day after Christmas hovering over a Catholic church, and UFO investigators now are looking into the incident.

Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car Dec. 26 about 2:30 p.m. when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed fellow officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it, reported the Huntington Herald-Press.

The trio then watched the object move over a Catholic church and toward its steeple. The object reportedly was the size of a hot air balloon or trampoline. The cops say it stopped a few times, spun slowly, changed shapes and at one point turned orange.

"It wasn't any kind of flying machine that I can think of," Olinger told the Herald-Press. "And it's not like a '50s flying saucer. It was that big, but it didn't have a hump in the middle."

The officer said he thought the object turned orange when it reflected the sunlight, "like a compact mirror would if you twirled it."

Hoover, the report states, commented, "I can't imagine how it could possibly be anything I could relate to." The object would stop and then spin slowly, he claimed, a maneuver no known aircraft can accomplish.

Three investigators from the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, are looking into the sighting, compiling details of the incident, the paper reported.

While boys in the neighborhood were playing with an inflatable balloon-type toy they received for Christmas Dec. 26, the UFO investigators aren't convinced that's what the officers saw.

"It's not a balloon of any kind," MUFON member Roger Sugden told the Herald-Press. "Whichever way the wind was blowing, it wouldn't have stopped, tumbled and moved off."

The MUFON trio interviewed one of the officers who saw the object and took measurements to try to determine the size of the object. They hope to talk to the other witnesses.

"It's pretty common that an object comes over and hovers," Sugden said. "This is not the first time that's happened the tumbling motion, it stops, and moves off."

According to the report, for a few days, the policemen didn't say anything about the sighting.

"We thought people would think we were crazy," Hoover said.

A UFO sighting "doesn't mean it's a flying saucer. It doesn't mean it's aliens," Sugden is quoted as saying. "It means it's unidentified.

"It could be anything. The world is a little more complicated than we can perceive. We see in a tiny little spectrum."

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## [forteana] Thoughts On Beagle 2

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1@mindspring.com](mailto:fortean1@mindspring.com)>

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Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:23:18 -0500

Subject: [forteana] Thoughts On Beagle 2

These comments were posted today on the Forteana List. I thought they deserve a wider audience.

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Mars Express has failed to make contact with Beagle 2, in all probability the probe is dead, but they will continue to make more attempts to listen to telemetry from the surface.

Naturally this being Britain, the press has turned on Beagle 2 as a waste of money and that we shouldn't have tried to compete with NASA. If you believe the columnists in the papers had we not spent money on Beagle 2 we could have solved third world poverty, cured cancer or given our troops better boots.

Let's put this into perspective, we spent less than =A375 million on Beagle 2, a few percent of what we poured into the Millennium Dome or that we plan to throw away on an Olympic bid. Beagle 2 would have paid for a few hundred metres of motorway or perhaps tidied up a short stretch of the West Coast Main Line. You could send a fleet of Beagle 2 clones more than 200 million kilometres for the same price as the new Scottish Assembly; we could have carpeted the Martian surface with landers for the price of one illegal war in Iraq.

Alex Ferguson fields more money every Saturday than Britain has ever spent on space exploration, Richard Desmond, owner of the ever-critical Express group has made a greater fortune from pornography than Beagle 2 cost the taxpayer, and Rupert Murdoch has evaded far greater amounts of tax but contributed much less to humanity.

Scrapping Beagle 2 would not have solved third world poverty - the money would have either never been pledged or poured into 'restructuring programmes' that benefited our own companies. It wouldn't have solved the problems of cancer - we spend hundreds of millions already, the problems of medical research don't lie in cash-flow - they lie in the lack of people trained in science. And could one fewer space probe have cured the endemic problems of the MoD - - an organisation that gobbles up in excess of =A320 billion every year and still fails to provide its men with equipment necessary for their survival?

So if Beagle did nothing, did we waste our money?

Not for a moment - we have shown that we can build a spacecraft and send it to Mars. If we can do it once, we can do it a second, a third, a fiftieth time. We have a new generation of scientists and engineers who have developed radically new technologies that \*will\* transform this world and perhaps others. We have employed people in this country to build things, beautiful, extraordinary pieces of technology - we can still make objects and not merely sell houses and pizzas to one another.

And perhaps the real benefit of Beagle 2 is yet to appear - hundreds, perhaps thousands of people have looked towards a pale red dot in the sky and asked the question 'are we alone?'

Is there a bigger question in the history of mankind? Ever since we stood on two legs and looked over the grasslands of Africa we have been asking that question, every few generations our horizons have

expanded and we have seen new wonders, both natural and those made by our species.

Now we can look at the greatest horizon of all - the Universe. And we still ask the same question 'are we alone?'

We were within touching distance of answering that question.

A tiny machine built by a squabbling race of primates teetering on the edge of self-inflicted immolation was going to sift the soil of another World searching for the evidence that the miracle of creation on Earth was not a solitary wonder; that life had appeared elsewhere in the Universe. Can any of us imagine how we would feel when that message was whispered back to Earth?

If that message had not trickled back home, we would know only that life on Earth was even more precious and that it is our responsibility to care for it.

Perhaps what makes Beagle 2's failure all the more terrible is that we see it in the reflected light of American success. We should all be saluting the triumphant arrival of Spirit on the Martian surface, NASA has completed a momentous task, not merely in the name of the American people, but of all of us.

But the great question remains unanswered.

Spirit and Opportunity cannot and will not hunt for life on Mars; they are searching for water and probing the hidden chemistry of Martian geology. These two almost miraculous machines will show us breathtaking new landscapes of rust red rock against a salmon pink sky, we will see vistas undreamt by Man and we will explore new horizons - both geographic and historic. But neither robot will tell us if Mars was ever a living world.

The great question must be answered.

And it can only be solved by a new mission.

Beagle 2 failed.

It is only one mission of many to do so.

The first probe aimed at the Moon failed.  
The first probe designed to land on the Moon failed.  
The first lunar rover failed.  
The first fly-by mission of Mars failed.  
The first Martian orbiter failed.  
The first Martian lander failed.  
The first fly-by of Venus failed.  
The first Venusian lander failed.

Success is reserved only for those who bother to compete.

Did the Soviet Union give up when Luna 1 missed the Moon and spiraled into an eternal orbit around the Sun? No, they gave it the name Mechta - - 'The Dream', built a second machine and scored a glorious, majestic victory becoming the first nation to reach another World.

No one can ever take that away from Luna 2's designers, their success is eternal.

When Mariner 8 crashed into the North Atlantic did the Americans say that Mars was too hard, sit on their hands and moan at the Soviets? No, they saw a tiny bug in the computer programs of the original mission, fired Mariner 9 and saw miracles - volcanoes soaring beyond the Martian atmosphere, canyons that could span a continent and a world reshaped by the delicate sculpting of long-lost water.

The people who designed and flew Mariner 9 saw new horizons; they named the landscapes of an entire World.

So why should we be different? We failed. Life is tough. Space is brutal. Mars is even harder. We must learn our lessons, could any part of Beagle been better made? were too many corners cut? was it just too small, too light, too fragile? Would more money have ensured success, or was it nothing more than bad luck that doomed the mission?

We feel pain because it was \*our\* mission. We all wanted to pull off a coup; for Britain's first eccentric, faltering step towards the planets to triumph where everyone else failed.

It was not to be, but has any piece of scientific machinery been thought of so affectionately as Beagle 2? Has NASA had as enthusiastic an ambassador for science as Colin Pillinger? Which other spacecraft had useful contributions from artists and musicians?

Every 26 months we are in a position to fly to Mars. Every couple of years the same rockets that threatened to bring global destruction can fill the sky with light and thunder and hurl a small machine from this world to the next. 2007 is the next opportunity for Europe to send a probe to Mars.

We could sit back and leave it to the Americans to represent humanity's search for companionship in the Universe, or we might realise that the cost of a few hundred metres of rail track is a worthy investment for eternity.

Beagle 2 was a good ship.

Let's build a better one."

Eyethangyew.

Rob

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress."  
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### Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official

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Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 02:08:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:32:21 -0500  
Subject: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official

Hello All,

Well it looks like a 'UFO' case is going to be decided by an official government aviation agency! Below is a copy of a note I received from Jaime Maussan. It reveals some startling new developments in the Mexico City aircraft/UFO collision case that has lifted it out of the public arena and plunked it squarely in the Mexican Aviation 'hearing' system. Jaime's note is self-explanatory.

Jaime does make one remark that I'd like to comment on.

Quote:

"But what about the UFO issue? If they are backed up, the Air Industry is going to be admitting that officially the case is real. Will they do that? I certainly don't know."

I agree, Jaime. There is no way to know the outcome in advance. But, I have to admit that it tickles me to no end that Franz will now have to prove to an official hearing that both, air traffic controller Kolbeck and commercial pilot Capt. Ruano intentionally lied/falsified their testimony.

In the process of proving their case in court Kolbeck and Ruano will indeed put the Mexican version of the FAA on the spot and force them to officially acknowledge the UFO component of the case. It can only work against Kolbeck and Ruano. I don't hold out much hope that any official agency is going to put their credibility with the public on the line by confirming any UFO case. If anything, the UFO component of this case will be like an albatross around the necks of Kolbeck and Ruano.

Kolbeck and Ruano have my support. As much as I hate to say it, they both would have been much better off if the plane had struck a helicopter!

Maussan's note follows.

John Velez

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John:

FYI - after Alejandro Franz Navarrete posted to the List, he is now filing charges with officials in the Air Industry against Raymundo Cervantes Ruano, [Capt. of the DC9 that allegedly collided with a UFO --JV] and Enrique Kolbeck, air traffic controller, for attacking him (Franz) and discrediting him. He is now trying to end the career of Raymundo and Enrique.

Tomorrow (Thursday), I am going to provide them with all the information published in the UFO UpDates List about the case of Flight 129, to Raymundo. He now wants Franz's head on a platter. Raymundo is angry, but very sure. He said that this is going to be the end of Franz Navarrete.

Navarrete is claiming that Enrique called him "poco hombre" [not much of a man --JV] on my show, and that is not truth. Kolbeck and Ruano were very respectful in their comments about Franz Navarrete.

This scandal is not over, something is going to happen for good or bad.

I believe Franz is 'going to be over' not just as a UFO investigator, but as a pilot. He is willing to put at risk everything he has accomplished - and he is going to lose.

It is very probable that a full investigation is going to be made around this whole case, and probably - just probably - we could have an official answer to this whole issue.

This is Watergate for the Air Industry in Mexico. Either they will support the case (Ruano/Kolbeck) or they will support this man. (?) Cervantes Ruano and Kolbeck are so respected, it will be very difficult for them to lose. But what about the UFO issue, if they are backed up, the Air Industry is going to be admitting that 'officially' the case is real? Will they do that? I certainly don't know.

If you want to publish this personal mail to you on the UFO UpDates List, you decide. It would probably help to establish what is going on in advance. If you decide not to publish it, I will respect your decision.

I don't know.....

I will keep you informed.

Jaime Maussan

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The involvement of an official government agency is a major development. I will watch and see how this case unfolds over time. It is a case that has important and even historic ramifications for all of us. Regardless of which country we live in. Bottom line is, we are 'One People' living on One World. What happens to one of us, happens to all of us.

Send my best wishes to Enrique and Capt. Ruano. Tell them that if there is any way I can be of assistance to them, they have only to ask.

John Velez

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## Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

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Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 03:55:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:38:56 -0500  
Subject: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

Source: News.Scotsman.com

<http://www.news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=23092004>

01-08-04

From Simon Pia's Diary

Is Michael Howard the Tories' unidentified flying objective?

WHAT Michael Howard seems to have omitted in his New Year declaration was "I believe in UFOs".

But the Tory leader has been outed in this month's UFO Magazine after a six-year cover-up by Central Office worthy of The X Files.

Sarah Hall, a reporter with the Folkestone Herald, was travelling along Donkey Lane in Lympe on 8 March, 1997, when she heard a weird humming sound coming from Howard's Kent home. Nothing strange about that you may think, but above it was hovering a UFO. Hall wrote a story for her paper only for Howard's agent, Michael Buxton, to complain and stop publication of further details. Tory HQ at Smith Square were worried also, as it was only a week before John Major announced the general election. They did not want Howard to be further associated with aliens since, as home secretary, he was supposed to be busy keeping them out of the country.

All this may explain the telescope Howard keeps in his study which he laughed off when appointed Tory leader as so "he can keep an eye on France" across the Channel.

But in Kent many are convinced there has been an invasion of the bodysnatchers. One need only look up the road to the Dover constituency, home to the Vulcan, John Redwood.

Meanwhile look out for a new Tory slogan: "The Truth is out there".

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 07:10:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:45:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Lehmborg

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates \_ Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 21:55:29 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank\\_warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank_warren@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates \_ Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 07:01:47 -0800  
>>Subject: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>[http://www.csicop.org/si/2003\\_09/faking\\_ufo\\_photos.html](http://www.csicop.org/si/2003_09/faking_ufo_photos.html)

>>January 6, 2004

>>Faking UFO Photos for the Twenty\_First Century

>This is a favorite endeavor of CSICOP, demonstrating how things  
>like UFO photos "might" or "could" be done. They count on the  
>uncritical thinkers (who they supposedly want to enlighten) not  
>to see the mothership\_sized flaw in the implied logical argument  
>that just because something could be accomplished by trickery is  
>no proof that any particular paranormal event \_was\_ accomplished  
>by trickery. There's a pretty big difference between 'could' and  
>'did'.

That down\_dumbing process works especially well for persons who  
desperately \_want\_ it to work... \_need\_ it to work... or for  
persons otherwise involved with the panoply of distraction that  
society uses to keep it's people (worker drones) from thinking  
too much!

>I don't know why the good folks at CSICOP folks often just don't  
>seem to have a good grasp of the notion of causation.

That's just it! They have a \_perfect\_ grasp of how it works!  
They wrote the freaking books! At the flip of the canted switch  
their cognition becomes \_very\_ impressive, it \_must\_...  
considering the education, talent, and brain power over there!  
What remains is agenda, spin to facilitate that agenda... the  
axes ground in the support of that agenda: keeping the status  
quo afloat!

>If I step  
>out of a movie theater after seeing "Invasion Of The Saucer  
>People" and see a flying saucer overhead, then somehow (I've  
>never been given a clear explanation of the process) the movie  
>caused me to see the saucer. Illogical nonsense, of course, but  
>typical of that kind of thinking.

...Works well for Joe Six-pack and Jane Wine-cooler, too  
distracted with jobs, kids, medical insurance, organized  
religion, and filling their bellies to have time for anything  
but a half-way plausible reassurance (from someone in  
'authority'!) that their mainstream wouldn't lie to them or that  
their realities are not \_complete\_ BS! And there's punishment  
enough if any of these Janes and Joes persevere to, even  
ethically, push the line.

I'm a ready example of that punishment, by damn! There's a

competently written and well executed web\_based effort to smear and discredit me since I started pushing a little harder these last few months, forgetting that I'm (forever!) barred from a teaching position in my State! Oh, those CSICOPian bastards! Those scurrilous \_pimps\_ of an unethical status quo!

>I would have been much more impressed if Mr. Callen had  
>explained how a particular "authentic" UFO photo had really been  
>faked. That would have actually accomplished something positive,  
>by reducing the amount of bunk and misrepresentation, rather  
>than adding to it.

They are not remotely interested in reducing the "amount of bunk and misrepresentation", Mr. Shell! The stuff to which you refer is fodder they use to help them discredit the truth they are so passionately invested in keeping out of sight, if not out of sight, then thoroughly discredited, if not thoroughly discredited, then discredited enough to provide for a plausible deniability (until the can provide another distraction, like 911 or "dirty\_bomb\_slingsing Moslem fundamentalists)!

They know exactly what they're doing. They're not ignorant or stupid, just corrupt! If they were stupid they'd be a lot easier to discredit and supplant. No, they know exactly what they're doing. The scurrilous bastards! I'm moved to use words you can't use on network television!

[Lehmberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmberg@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.  
\$450.00 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: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 07:50:56 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:50:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

>From: Frank Warren <[frank\\_warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank_warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates \_ Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:14:21 -0800  
>Subject: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

>Source: WRTV CHannel 6 \_ Indiana

><http://www.theindychannel.com/news/2745727/detail.html>

>01\_06\_04

>NE Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

>Men: Thing Spun, Changed Shapes

This story is showing some \_uncharacteristic\_ legs! Usually, you'll only hear about it the one time, and be encouraged to think, by its disappearance, it was a story that proved to be 'not true'... I mean, if it was 'true' then it would be all over the news, right? Uh\_huh...

...It's stunning actually, to come to the realization that that, verily, what remains all over the news has the \_least\_ truth! The truth you hear once or not at all.

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 09:02:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:51:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:11:25 EST  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>Cyclops should do an issue devoted to photos of fake scientists. [...]

They might want to jazz those scientists up a little bit by dressing them in white lab coats and having them stare seriously at clipboards. Maybe have some colorful bubbling beakers or something in the background. I'll believe anything someone like that says.

I suppose the thing that irritates me most is the undercurrent of intellectual superiority, summed up best in the last sentence of the article. To paraphrase: "Well, if you were as smart as I am, and knew how easily UFO photos could be faked, then you wouldn't be so quick to foolishly believe every one of them (or for that matter, any of them), you ignoramus."

The underlying assumptions are that most people are gullible idiots, that most UFO photos are accepted with little or no criticism, that nobody with a high level of technical knowledge has ever studied UFO photos, that no UFO photos have ever been taken when there were multiple witnesses, that people are generally unsophisticated and unaware of how easily photos can be manipulated these days, and so on. I mean, that's rather insulting, don't you think? If someone is going to build a straw man, the least they could do is build one that's not so flimsy.

Hey, I don't even need to do any fancy digital manipulation. I could build a 30 ft. diameter silver mylar saucer balloon with flashing lights and float it in the air and take pictures of it with a 3-D camera or video or a Polaroid, and it would be impossible to debunk because it would be an actual picture of an actual flying saucer.

So what does that prove? Not a whole lot. Can I then assume that every single other UFO photo ever taken was done this way? Not by a long shot.

And even with an "authentic" photo, so many other questions remain unanswered: Is it government? Is it E.T.? Is it a time machine? Is it Tim floating a stupid balloon? Here's a picture; what is it? Who can say?

I'm all for less bunk. But showing me how you faked your own UFO photos doesn't really impress me. And please don't insult my intelligence with poor logic and faulty assumptions.

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 09:34:28 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:55:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>If you want to look at planetary science objectively, please  
>dispense with unfounded, quasi-paranoid suggestions that NASA  
>wants to deceive us about Mars' atmosphere or else about a  
>landing there. Such silly declarations (I would have preferred a  
>stronger word!) give UFOlogy a bad name.

I don't think there's a conspiracy or anything, and I think that  
the atmosphere is a light pink, but I do think the JPL people  
push the color saturation and red gain up a bit higher than  
necessary, making it way too orange. Re-adjusting it slightly  
makes the landscape a little less "alien" looking.

Here's a color-corrected version:

<http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/colormars.jpg>

Compared with NASA's version:

<http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/colormars2.jpg>

(Both of these versions are way too bright, BTW. They should be  
darkened to more of an Earth twilight.)

Anyway, to me, my color-corrected version gives me more of a  
feel as to what it might look like if I was actually there, and  
my eyes were compensating for all the red and orange. But I  
guess until I make it to Mars, I won't know for sure.

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## Friedman & McGaha To Debate

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 11:27:40 -0500  
Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

Listers may be interested in knowing that there will be a full-fledged formal debate between myself and James McGaha, a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

James was apparently a USAF pilot with a TS compartmentalized clearance who has spent some time at Area 51. He also has an MS degree in Astronomy from the U. of Arizona and has discovered many asteroids and comets and Near Earth Objects.

He says there is no evidence Earth is being visited.

Claims he has been investigating UFOs for 35 years. I have never met him and would appreciate any comments people care to make. He is apparently very active in the Tucson, Arizona, Skeptics Society.

The debate will be open to the public.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Police Baffled After Sighting UFO - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 15:54:47 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 11:36:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Police Baffled After Sighting UFO - Hale

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex@terra.com.br](mailto:socex@terra.com.br)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 22:05:36 -0200  
>Subject: Police Baffled After Sighting UFO

<snip>

>A UFO sighting "doesn't mean it's a flying saucer. It doesn't  
>mean it's aliens," Sugden is quoted as saying. "It means it's  
>unidentified.

Yes, it could also mean that it may be of unknown ET origin, is  
this also one of the possible causes of some UFO sightings, or  
not?

>"It could be anything. The world is a little more complicated  
>than we can perceive. We see in a tiny little spectrum."

As above, a contradiction? Or does MUFON rule out an ET theory  
of the investigation from the start?

Having read the latest issue of the MUFON journal, I am sorry to  
read Jenny Randles very poor article on Crop Circle research, I  
feel that if one has not been acquainted with such research,  
then publishing articles portraying the death of such phenomena  
is unjustified, perhaps MUFON should allow other, UK researchers  
to put another perspective on the UK UFO front, rather than keep  
reading these depressing articles on the death of UK Ufology,  
from prominent UK Authors and Researchers, what must MUFON  
subscribers think of us UK ufologists!

Roy

Science is great, and scientists are too, but hey, they have  
prejudices too!

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1904 15:57:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 11:44:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Ledger

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 08:40:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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<snip>

Frank, Steve and Tim,

The faking of photos to attempt to prove that many/all UFO photos are fakes, is a double-edged sword. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. It has already led to the row over the faking of the Apollo Moon landing photos - some of which might have been for publicity purposes not, as some claim, to fake the actual Moon landings - and could then lead to claims of faking Mars photos. This was seen recently, for example, in Filer's Files where George claims lens filters were employed to enhance the Martian reds in the sky.

At any rate, this fixation on hoaxing UFOs, as an experiment, seems to be on the increase and costly.

One British TV channel invested over 50,000 pounds to hoax a UFO with the blessing of the Civil Aviation Authority. I checked with the CAA and they sanctioned the flying of the craft and the event in the UK, just to try and fool some UFO researchers doing a night time sky watch, however the attempt failed to achieve the desired results.

As for Photoshop - or the like - generated pictures of UFOs being good enough to fake UFO photos - at least at first blush - has been a given for a few years now and is old news.

More needs to be known about the photographer. How skilled is said photog who posted a UFO shot? Are they adept at manipulating or faking these pics, or are they the less-talented type who can't figure out how to stop the 12:00 from flashing on their VCR? How quickly were the shots posted? What formats?

Proof itself is a double-edged sword.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 08:20:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 11:48:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Hamilton

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:08:41 EST  
>>Subject: Filer's Files #02 -- 2004

>I am concerned about your silly pronouncement in Filer's Files #  
>02, Wednesday, January 7, 2004, where, in an Editor's Note, you  
>declare, "...NASA and JPL apparently want Mars to appear  
>red/orange. If the sky is blue like Earth's you are seeing the  
>real colors."

>Frankly, considering the paranoid delusion abroad in some parts  
>of Ufology, I don't know if you are implying that the landing on  
>Mars is fake and that they are deliberately discoloring earth's  
>sky to deceive us in a fake scene, or whether you are just  
>deluded in imagining that NASA doesn't (for unimaginable  
>reasons) want us to know the real color of the sky on Mars.

>Either way, you should dispense with the "...utter (euphemism  
>alert) male bovine excrement", to lift an appropriate  
>descriptive term from a recent post by fellow member Richard  
>Hall.

Ray, there has been some controversy on the color of the Martian  
sky in the past.

See: <http://www.rense.com/general9/color.htm>

I don't think George made it clear, but I am sure he was  
referring to articles like this one.

>Have you not any even basic knowledge of atmospheric physics?  
>Our world's sky is blue because of the abundance of water in  
>our atmosphere. The sky on Mars is not blue because of the lack  
>of water in it. The red you see in the atmosphere varies  
>depending on the amount of red dust carried aloft by sometimes  
>extreme winds, not by deceptions of NASA or JPL, as you imply.  
>Yes, George, there is a lot of iron oxide on Mars. Haven't you  
>ever spotted and recognized 'the red planet' in the night sky?  
>If so, didn't it ever dawn on you that the planet's color is a  
>'rust red', just as we see in the released color image(s) from  
>Mars? :)

Your explanation, here, is not complete.

Lord Rayleigh also calculated that even without smoke and dust  
in the atmosphere of earth, the oxygen and nitrogen molecules  
would still cause the sky to appear blue because of scattering.

When blue light waves try to go straight through an oxygen and  
nitrogen molecule, its light is scattered in all directions  
because of this collision.

The Martian atmosphere is about 95% Co2 with some Nitrogen,

Argon, and Oxygen. Even though there is no water vapor, there is some carbon dioxide ice in the Martian atmosphere. Since it is the Martian dust storms that tend to redden the sky or yellow it as some say, then I think it is possible that clear sky under direct sunlight may appear blue.

There are Hubble images that show blue in the Martian atmosphere, perhaps due to refraction from the ice particles.

See:

[http://imgsrc.hubblesite.org/hu/db/2003/22/images/g/formats/full\\_jpg.jpg](http://imgsrc.hubblesite.org/hu/db/2003/22/images/g/formats/full_jpg.jpg)

Bill

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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 17:39:48 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:15:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 03:55:48 -0500  
>Subject: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>Source: News.Scotsman.com

><http://www.news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=23092004>

>01-08-04

>>From Simon Pia's Diary

>Is Michael Howard the Tories' unidentified flying objective?

>WHAT Michael Howard seems to have omitted in his New Year  
>declaration was "I believe in UFOs".

>But the Tory leader has been outed in this month's UFO Magazine  
>after a six-year cover-up by Central Office worthy of The X  
>Files.

>Sarah Hall, a reporter with the Folkestone Herald, was  
>travelling along Donkey Lane in Lympe on 8 March, 1997, when  
>she heard a weird humming sound coming from Howard's Kent home.  
>Nothing strange about that you may think, but above it was  
>hovering a UFO. Hall wrote a story for her paper only for  
>Howard's agent, Michael Buxton, to complain and stop publication  
>of further details. Tory HQ at Smith Square were worried also,  
>as it was only a week before John Major announced the general  
>election. They did not want Howard to be further associated with  
>aliens since, as home secretary, he was supposed to be busy  
>keeping them out of the country.

>All this may explain the telescope Howard keeps in his study  
>which he laughed off when appointed Tory leader as so "he can  
>keep an eye on France" across the Channel.

>But in Kent many are convinced there has been an invasion of the  
>bodysnatchers. One need only look up the road to the Dover  
>constituency, home to the Vulcan, John Redwood.

>Meanwhile look out for a new Tory slogan: "The Truth is out  
>there".

Kenny,

Thanks for posting that. I actually wrote the article (on which that news report is based) for the January edition of UFO Magazine in the UK. Russ, the editor, sent it out to the press in the hope it would get picked up and generate a bit of publicity for the mag. I had thought that all the press had ignored it, so it is nice to see that someone gave it a go.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 13:02:07 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:19:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 09:02:20 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:11:25 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>>Cyclops should do an issue devoted to photos of fake  
>>>scientists.

<snip>

>>>I'm all for less bunk. But showing me how you faked your own UFO  
>>>photos doesn't really impress me. And please don't insult my  
>>>intelligence with poor logic and faulty assumptions.

You're right, Tim. I agree with everything you said.

I was just leap-frogging past all your rationality to say something insulting about the Cyclopians. They're actually worse than fake scientists: They're agents of propoganda, pushing the company line, and rolling over anyone they're able to. They are scum.

Forget logic, forget image manipulation by computer, forget multiple witnesses, forget the photographic technology of the 1940s and 1950s, forget photos of silver balloons. It's all irrelevant. And they're not listening anyway.

They're on a mission which has nothing to do with Science, logic, proof, cause and effect, research - or any of the things you would associate with a methodical, reasoned approach to the subject. Stating reasonable objections to their methods is like writing letters to Goebbels, telling him that you saw Brownshirts (or whoever) set fire to the Reichstag - not Communists. He already knows that. He wrote the script which blamed the Commies, and would probably reply, "You must be mistaken..." to cover his story.

It's sickening, actually. But at a minimum, they are still "fake scientists". If anyone wants a picture of one, visit their headquarters and take a picture. You'll then have an authenticated picture of a fake scientist. You can collect them and trade them! "I'll trade you 3 Fake Scientists for 1 of your fake UFO shots. OK, how about 4 - and I'll throw in Donald Menzel?"

You could have a Card Deck printed up with a picture of a different Fake Scientist on each one, and they could all have one eye, altered by PhotoShop, by merging their two eyes into one. Similar to Cyclops. Menzel and Klass could take Uday and Qusay's spots.

I don't take their tabloid of pseudo-science and propoganda seriously. To me, transparent propoganda is more like comedy.



It's a bit like reading the supermarket rag "World Weekly News" which is intentionally filled with humorous stories like, "Twins give birth to identical baby dictators clutching hundred dollar bills! Both look like Saddam Hussein!"... (Although, I've actually seen at least one true story in it, when I occasionally read it, years ago).

The Cyclopiian publication is more sophisticated, and not intended to be comedy. It does anger me, however, that they spread lies, and have nothing but contempt for their readership, those who get wind of their stories, and those they smear. It's appalling, and it's not the least bit funny, as some people around here know. Thus, my sarcastic humor directed at them.

Dave Morton

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Secrecy News -- 01/08/03

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 13:32:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:21:13 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/08/03

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 2  
January 8, 2004

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BMDO VIEWS THE CHINESE MISSILE PROGRAM (1995)

The People's Republic of China has both the incentive and the capability to develop and deploy countermeasures to U.S. missile defense systems, according to a newly disclosed 1995 study performed for the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO).

"Because the development of BMD systems by both Russia and the United States threatens China's ballistic missile strategy of retaliatory deterrence based on small-scale deployment, China has a clear requirement for countermeasures to missile defenses," the study found.

The study was prepared for BMDO by the Defense Intelligence Agency, according to a former intelligence community official. It provides a fairly comprehensive unclassified account of the history and scope of China's ballistic missile programs.

"It gives a true and accurate, though not necessarily complete, snapshot of what DIA thought about PRC missile stuff at the time," the former official said. In other words, "what's in the unclassified document may not be everything DIA knew, but it's neither knowingly wrong nor misleading-by-omission."

A copy of the document, marked "for official use only" (and missing page 19), was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Country Profiles: China," BMDO Countermeasure Integration Program, April 1995 (1.3 MB PDF file), here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/china/bmdo1995.pdf>

PRC MISSILES, TAIWAN ELECTIONS AND FAS

The Federation of American Scientists web site figured briefly in political controversy in Taiwan, after FAS was cited as a source by the Taiwanese government concerning PRC missile inventories.

Last November 30, Taiwan president Chen Shui-bian claimed that there is a growing threat to Taiwan from the PRC, asserting that there are precisely 496 PRC missiles aimed at Taiwan and

identifying six locations where they are based. He called for a March 20 "referendum" on the Chinese missile threat, a move viewed with alarm by some observers as a possible prelude to a unilateral declaration of independence.

The unusual specificity of his description of the PRC missile threat raised eyebrows, and opponents alleged that he had improperly disclosed classified information, placing Taiwanese intelligence sources at risk.

Not so, insisted the President's Office. The information was found on public web sites such as that of the Federation of American Scientists, officials said.

See "Chinese state media reports arrests of Taiwan spy ring," Agence France Presse, December 24:

[http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/afp\\_world/view/63335/1/.html](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/afp_world/view/63335/1/.html)

In fact, the cited figure of 496 missiles does not appear on the FAS web site. It was evidently inferred from satellite photos and relied upon assumptions about the number of missiles per missile launcher detected and the number of launchers per brigade.

But other information on Chinese theater missiles may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/china/facility/theater.htm>

and, with supplemental satellite imagery, on the GlobalSecurity.org web site here:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/china/airbase.htm>

#### CARNEGIE REPORT ON WMD IN IRAQ

"Congress and the public must learn to recognize red flags indicating that sound intelligence practices are not being followed."

That is one of the provocative conclusions of a major new report on the fiasco of U.S. assessments of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction that was released today by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Among other things, the new Carnegie study helps fill the void left by the intelligence oversight committees in Congress, which have shown no signs of intelligent life for months.

See "WMD in Iraq: Evidence and Implications":

<http://www.ceip.org/files/projects/npp/resources/iraqintell/home.htm>

#### NEW FOIA DECISIONS

The latest judicial decisions in Freedom of Information Act lawsuits from the last quarter of 2003 have been compiled by the Department of Justice Office of Information and Privacy and posted here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2004foiapost1.htm>

Similar compilations now extend back 15 years. See:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2003foiapost44.htm>

#### DEFECTORS' LAWSUIT AGAINST CIA MAY PROCEED

Two former Soviet nationals, identified only as John and Jane Doe, who say they spied for the CIA and defected to the US, may continue to pursue their lawsuit alleging that the CIA did not fulfill its financial commitment to them, a federal appeals court panel ruled yesterday, affirming a similar decision from last year.

Six members of the panel dissented, and argued their position at interesting length.

"The judicial branch cannot right such a wrong without disclosure of the engagement's existence, which [...] must remain forever secret. It will not do to have word circulating in whatever former Iron Curtain country the Does come from that the collapse of its totalitarian regime was brought about partly by CIA spies and not wholly by its own people's thirst for freedom. Joshua needed spies, Lincoln needed spies, we needed spies to deal with the Soviet empire, and spies will be needed as long as there are men on earth," the dissenting judges wrote.

See the January 7 ruling in Doe v. Tenet here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/doe010704.pdf>

The previous appeals court decision on the same matter is here:

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

#### REPORTERS ASK RUMSFELD TO REVISE WEB POLICY

The National Press Club (NPC) has written to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to protest a Pentagon policy which would impose sharp limits on web publication policy that go far beyond the normal legal restrictions.

NPC President Tammy Lytle cited a December 5 memorandum from the DoD Inspector General (IG) that would prohibit online publication of any information that has not been specifically approved for public release, or that is deemed to be of questionable value to the general public.

The IG memorandum was first reported by Defense Week (see SN, 12/19/03).

"The classification process and exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act already enable the government to withhold sensitive information when necessary," Ms. Lytle wrote to Secretary Rumsfeld on January 5. "There is no need for individual agencies to add their own restrictions, especially when they are so broadly worded as to likely become susceptible to abuse." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/01/npc010604.html>

While the DoD Inspector General memo is the latest to endorse such far-ranging limits on web publication, they actually originate in a 1998 Defense Department web policy which is available here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wa9r>

#### DOD IG REPORT ON TIMBER WIND

The Department of Defense Inspector General played an important role in the development of the FAS Project on Government Secrecy over a decade ago by acting on concerns we raised about the secret development of a nuclear-powered rocket engine for missile defense applications.

In 1991, an anonymous source provided FAS with a bouquet of classified documents regarding a program code-named Timber Wind. This was a Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) effort to develop a nuclear rocket engine powered by a particle bed reactor. And the program was so highly classified that the mere fact of its existence was a secret.

The seemingly self-evident overclassification of Timber Wind led us to file a complaint with the DoD Office of the Inspector General which, to its credit, launched a full investigation that mostly substantiated our concerns.

"We concluded that the DoD was overly cautious in determining that special access safeguards were necessary for Timber Wind," the IG wrote in a 1992 audit report. "SDIO continued to safeguard its association with the particle bed reactor technology for no reasons related to national security."

The IG's Timber Wind investigation contributed to increased oversight of special access programs and procedural changes in the way they are established and terminated.

The willingness of the DoD IG to receive and to seriously consider our concerns in this case helped both to validate our perceptions of the problem of official secrecy and to confirm that we could actually do something about it.

The final report on "The Timber Wind Special Access Program," dated December 16, 1992, is not available on the DoD IG web site, but a copy may now be found here (75 pages, 2 MB PDF file):

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

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## Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 12:57:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:23:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 02:08:53 -0400  
>Subject: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official Hearing!

>Maussan's note follows.

>John:

>FYI - after Alejandro Franz Navarrete posted to the List, he is  
>now filing charges with officials in the Air Industry against  
>Raymundo Cervantes Ruano, [Capt. of the DC9 that allegedly  
>collided with a UFO --JV] and Enrique Kolbeck, air traffic  
>controller, for attacking him (Franz) and discrediting him. He  
>is now trying to end the career of Raymundo and Enrique.

Dear John, List:

I appreciate you taking the time to translate Maussan's letters to you and posting them to the list. However, between your comments and Maussan's angry comments about Franz, I am left wanting a more unbiased presentation of the information available about this case so I can make up my own mind about what this case represents. I understand that you feel strongly about the case and the situation between these two parties but I'm just trying to understand the facts and examine the evidence presented by both sides before drawing any conclusions. I'm confused about the details and feel like bits and pieces may be missing or left out due to the strong emotions and personal agendas involved.

We hear a lot from Maussan but little from Franz. I'm wondering if Franz is having difficulty translating his side of the story into English and getting it to the list. This List is a valuable research tool and I would like to see the evidence and information made available to current and future researchers via the archives in a more formal and less biased format.

If Franz is 'willing to put at risk everything he has accomplished' by bringing this case to the authorities for an official investigation, then we owe it to him as well as Maussan, Raymundo Cervantes Ruano and Enrique Kolbeck to present all the information available to the public as this case progresses. Hearing mostly one side of this story does little to present the facts of this case, whatever they may be.

Can someone act as an unbiased reporter for both sides?

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 13:06:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:25:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22@fastmail.fm](mailto:skyman22@fastmail.fm)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 08:20:17 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>Since it is the Martian dust storms that tend to redden the sky  
>or yellow it as some say, then I think it is possible that clear  
>sky under direct sunlight may appear blue.

Pinkish near the horizon, maybe a little blue as you go higher.  
Because of the density, would it be almost black straight up?  
Might you be able to see stars in the daytime?

Anyway, it's nowhere near as blue as in this photo:

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

I mean, come on. That's a little ridiculous. If you fiddle with  
the color correction enough, you can even make a basketball look  
blue.

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 13:49:11 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:30:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Fleming

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Stanford

>>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:08:41 EST  
>>Subject: Filer's Files #02 -- 2004

>I am concerned about your silly pronouncement in Filer's Files #  
>02, Wednesday, January 7, 2004, where, in an Editor's Note, you  
>declare, "...NASA and JPL apparently want Mars to appear  
>red/orange. If the sky is blue like Earth's you are seeing the  
>real colors."

>Frankly, considering the paranoid delusion abroad in some parts  
>of Ufology, I don't know if you are implying that the landing on  
>Mars is fake and that they are deliberately discoloring earth's  
>sky to deceive us in a fake scene, or whether you are just  
>deluded in imagining that NASA doesn't (for unimaginable  
>reasons) want us to know the real color of the sky on Mars.

Ray,

By no means are doubts about the authenticity of the color of  
JPL Mars images a conspiracy theory akin to Apollo moon hoax  
theories. The person who first raised allegations about JPL  
tampering with image colors was Ron Levin, now a professor of  
physics at MIT and the son of Gil Levin, the principal  
investigator for the Viking lander labeled-release experiments.

The first color image from one of the landers showed a blue sky,  
an image that made it to the newspapers. Levin was present at  
JPL when that first picture came in, and he says that the image  
color was "adjusted" on orders from one of the project managers  
to make everything more reddish and that it was done without any  
scientific basis.

In an article at:

[http://mars.spherix.com/spie2003/SPIE\\_2003\\_Color\\_Paper.htm](http://mars.spherix.com/spie2003/SPIE_2003_Color_Paper.htm)

Levin has posted a paper published in the SPIE proceedings that  
makes the following objections to the reddish tint that  
everything (including the yellow cables on the Spirit rover Mac  
Tonnies wrote about) has in JPL images of the surface of Mars:

"The weak link in the imaging process for both missions was the  
reliance on imaging color charts reflecting Martian ambient  
light. While the reflectivity of the charts is well known, the  
spectrum of their illumination on Mars is not. 'Calibrated'  
images are usually reddish, attributed to atmospheric dust, but  
hues range widely because of the great uncertainty in the  
illumination spectrum. Solar black body radiation, the same on  
Mars as on Earth, is minimally modified by the atmosphere of  
either planet. For red dust to change the spectrum  
significantly, reflected light must exceed the transmitted  
light. Were this the case, shadows would be virtually

eliminated. Viking images show prominent shadows. Also, Pathfinder=B9s solar cells, activated by blue light, would have failed under the predominately red spectrum generally attributed to Mars."

The motivation that Levin suspects for the alteration has nothing at all to do with NASA preferences for a red sky over blue. It's the color of the rocks, not the sky, that may have been the problem. The image as first presented with the blue sky showed greenish patches on some of the rocks that suggested the possible presence of some form of plant life akin to lichen. The sizes of the greenish patches changed with the season. Increasing the red tint makes these patches less evident. If that were the motivation, then the sky red is only a side effect.

Astronomers who imaged Mars with the Hubble space telescope shortly before the Pathfinder landing said the atmospheric conditions were calm enough that there should have been little dust in the atmosphere and they predicted that the sky should appear blue in Pathfinder images taken from the surface. But all images taken by Pathfinder show a red sky in the versions released to the public.

Would the geologists at JPL be so hostile to the possibility of life on Mars that they'd do something so unprincipled? In my opinion, they are and they might.

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Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 21:08:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:32:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Hall

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>Listeners may be interested in knowing that there will be a  
>full-fledged formal debate between myself and James McGaha,  
>a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in  
>Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of  
>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

>James was apparently a USAF pilot with a TS compartmentalized  
>clearance who has spent some time at Area 51. He also has an MS  
>degree in Astronomy from the U. of Arizona and has discovered  
>many asteroids and comets and Near Earth Objects.

>He says there is no evidence Earth is being visited.

>Claims he has been investigating UFOs for 35 years. I have never  
>met him and would appreciate any comments people care to make.  
>He is apparently very active in the Tucson, Arizona, Skeptics  
>Society.

>The debate will be open to the public.

>Stan Friedman

Stan,

I have heard him being interviewed, and he surely is capable of making ignorant statements that would suggest he has done practically no investigating of UFOs. My advice would be to press him on exactly what investigating and studies he has done in the hardcore UFO case area, as opposed to pop literature and kook activities. Good luck!

- Dick

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 17:41:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:34:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Stanford

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 09:02:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

<snip>

>I'm all for less bunk. But showing me how you faked your own UFO  
>photos doesn't really impress me. And please don't insult my  
>intelligence with poor logic and faulty assumptions.

A thousand, hearty 'Amens', Tim. Thanks for calling intellectual snobbery, narrow-mindedness, and arrogance exactly what it is. The fake UFO images someone concocts in the virtual realm have no relevance to what people actually see and film in the sky. It's not science, it's snobbery.

Ray Stanford

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Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 18:58:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:42:29 -0500  
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>Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:32:49 -0800  
>Subject: Experts Map Possible Alien Hotbeds

>Source: National Geographic News

>[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/01/0106\\_040106\\_galaxyife.html#main](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/01/0106_040106_galaxyife.html#main)

>01-06-04

>Aliens in Our Galaxy? Experts Map Possible Hotbeds

Sounds like the old religious argument about how many angels can fit on the head of a pin.

How about looking at our local neighborhood?

Somewhere between 1000-2000 stars exist within 50 light years of the sun. Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are only 39 light years from the sun and only 1/8th of a light year apart from each other and are about 1 Billion years older than the sun.

It makes more sense to me to think they may have colonized the neighborhood especially in view of Marjorie Fish's work on the Betty Hill star map.

Stan Friedman

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From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 19:01:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 09:47:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Friedman

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>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

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>a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in  
>Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of  
>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

I have no insight concerning McGaha on UFOs or his debate tactics, but the fact that he claims to have been investigating UFOs for 35 years and I have heard nothing of him in a UFO context makes me suspicious that he may exaggerate and 'guild the lilly'.

It is a fact that McGaha has spent a heck of a lot of time searching for comets over the years, which makes me wonder just how much time he would really have had to seriously investigate UFO cases. If he is like most 'skeptics', he probably lacks detailed knowledge of the best cases, so I suggest asking him during the debate for specific details of important cases. My bet would be that he will miserably fail to supply such, and you shall have scored a point about his ignorance of important cases. Sure, there's a slight gamble in that tactic, but 'nothing ventured, nothing gained', and I am confident you are orders of magnitude better-informed about the most important cases than is McGaha.

In dealing with McGaha, I would steer clear of debating Roswell (which he is likely expecting you to bring up) and deal with only multi-witness 'distinct object' cases (with highly credible scientist or military witnesses) with good electronic and/or optical back-up. You might also bring in some case like one I have in mind (from the USA), wherein a boy was burned (right through his thick jacket and sweatshirt) by a columnated, red, laser-like beam from a device sticking out the bottom of 20-foot red UFO, as witnessed by the boy's mother and grandmother who extinguished the burning jacket by rolling the boy in the snow! He was quickly taken to a doctor who verified the round burn on the boy's upper arm.

Stan, you may be familiar with the case to which I am referring, but if not (it dates back several decades), and if you are interested, I will provide you with details, privately, for the asking. I don't see how McGaha or anyone else could put that case down to hoax, misperception, hallucination, an ionized owl, or even to ball lightning. :)

Of course, I realize you don't need my advice, but want you to show that I wish you an overwhelming victory in the debate.

May we know who is sponsoring this sure-to-be-exciting event?

Every good wish,

Ray Stanford

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## Exclusive: A Curious Discrepancy On JPL's Website

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A Curious Discrepancy on JPL's Website  
by Mac Tonnies

See <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

JPL has posted two radically different versions of the same Spirit image on its website. One is a forbidding blood-red; the other is a much more Earth-like sandy-pink. What gives? Is JPL using Spirit's color calibration target or not? See for yourself:

[image]

From:  
[www.jpl.nasa.gov/mer2004/rover-images/jan-08-2004/captions/image-1.html](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/mer2004/rover-images/jan-08-2004/captions/image-1.html).

The image above looks as if it's been liberally dunked in red ink.

[image]

From:  
<http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/catalog/?IDNumber=pia05015>

This image looks looks far more natural and consistent with telescopic images of Mars. Which of the above is accurate -- if either?

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Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 01:00:37 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:00:04 -0500  
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>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2004 16:30:01 -0000  
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Michael Corbin featured the case on his radio show on Saturday evening. Gordon Williams, Georgina Bruni, Charles Halt and James Penniston were on the show. And Jeff Rense recently had Charles Halt, Peter Robbins and Larry Warren on his show. There seems to be a lot of interest in the Rendlesham Forest incident at present.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Pilot's 01-07-04 UFO Report?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com](mailto:joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 03:02:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:03:34 -0500  
Subject: Pilot's 01-07-04 UFO Report?

From the alt.paranet.ufo newsgroup (unverified):

From: "Fred" <[NONE@non.net](mailto:NONE@non.net)>  
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo  
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2004 11:27 PM  
Subject: Pilot's UFO report

At 2050GMT tonight the pilot of Jetmagic523F enroute Paris to Cork reported an object passed by flashing green blue and white. Location northern France.

ATC reported nothing on their scope and no known military traffic nearby. Pilot was asked if it was a meteor. Negative was the reply.

Pilot didn't know what it was.

It didn't show up on TCAS, it should have if it was another aircraft with a transponder fitted and working.

Other pilots confirmed they saw it too.

ATC finally said they didn't know what it could have been, and a report on the occurrence would be filed.

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 02:00:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:06:57 -0500  
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>James was apparently a USAF pilot with a TS compartmentalized  
>clearance who has spent some time at Area 51. He also has an MS  
>degree in Astronomy from the U. of Arizona and has discovered  
>many asteroids and comets and Near Earth Objects.

>He says there is no evidence Earth is being visited.

>Claims he has been investigating UFOs for 35 years. I have never  
>met him and would appreciate any comments people care to make.  
>He is apparently very active in the Tucson, Arizona, Skeptics  
>Society.

Hi Stan,

I'd like to wish you and yours a healthy and prosperous new year.

About this guy McGaha... like his CSICOP (SICK-COP) counter-  
parts, McGaha makes the rounds of the UFO programs acting the  
part of the 'sober, resident expert'. Like his SICK-COP  
counterparts he spouts a stream of dogma, while never actually  
delving into the material. 'Outsider looking in' kind of  
comments are to be expected.

He'll be easy meat for you Stan. He's the kind of debate  
opponent who will hang himself with his own words. Do your  
thing. You'll be just fine and perform a public service all in  
one fell swoop. Keep in there swinging as long as you have the  
strength and where with all. This one will prove easier for  
you than the great radio debate in Roswell back in 97 where you  
ate your opponent for breakfast! <g>

Again, my very best to you and your family for the upcoming  
year. Kick-ass and take names later. McGaha is just another  
pompous SICK-COP robot.

Regards,

John Velez

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>>Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2004 08:14:21 -0800  
>>Subject: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

>>Source: WRTV CHannel 6 \_ Indiana

>><http://www.theindychannel.com/news/2745727/detail.html>

>>01\_06\_04

>>NE Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

>>Men: Thing Spun, Changed Shapes

>This story is showing some \_uncharacteristic\_ legs! Usually,  
>you'll only hear about it the one time, and be encouraged to  
>think, by its disappearance, it was a story that proved to be  
>'not true'... I mean, if it was 'true' then it would be all over  
>the news, right? Uh\_huh...

>...It's stunning actually, to come to the realization that that,  
>verily, what remains all over the news has the \_least\_ truth!  
>The truth you hear once or not at all.

Hi Alfred,

A very real problem is; there are several really good reporting centers now (thanks to the Internet) but still relatively few trained/skilled investigators. The ratio of investigated reports to the number of reported cases has to be one in a thousand -at best! Yes, it's a shame that many good cases such as this one simply come and go without any further examination.

Re: the media and truth... it's a joke man. It's not about 'truth' for them. 'Truth' is the farthest thing from their minds. Putting asses in the seats so that GE can sell them more appliances during the breaks is what it is really all about for them. Truth? Bah, humbug!

We need \_more\_ trained investigators looking into these cases. Then we need centralized data gathering and cataloging. All that data could then exist in a searchable archive that will permit any investigator to gather raw data for special projects or analysis. An information pool based on raw data and the results of independent studies based on that raw data has yet to be created. Maybe 'ufology' as a whole would be taken more seriously if such a foundation of data existed. Then we'd all have the means for finding a little 'truth' for ourselves. Without having to rely on the media or any other \_compromised\_ source.

Re: Indiana Officers Report Mystery Object In Sky

Regards ,

John Velez

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## CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds

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Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 22:46:51 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:23:26 -0500  
Subject: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds

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Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-hounds

[image]

Similar rectangular holes on rocks near Spirit.

Efrain Palermo and other independent researchers are puzzling over odd rectangular openings seen in the vicinity of Spirit. The holes appear surprisingly geometric and might be due to a prior freeze/thaw cycle, indicating the existence of water...

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/atma.html>

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## Bush To Announce Manned-Missions To Moon & Mars

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Source: Newsday

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-usspac093618768jan09,0,591109.story?coll=ny-nationalnews-headlines>

January 9, 2004

Mission: The Moon, Mars  
Bush to set goal of sending astronauts to the red planet

By Earl Lane and Ken Fireman

WASHINGTON BUREAU. This story was supplemented with information from The Associated Press.

Washington - President George W. Bush is expected to announce broad new goals for the United States space program next week, including a return by astronauts to the moon as a first step toward a possible mission to send humans to Mars, a senior administration official said last night.

The official, who is familiar with the months of discussions within the Bush administration on space policy, said a staff meeting to finish a final document for Bush's approval will be held in a matter of days and Bush is likely to make a speech on the matter next week. "Even at this stage, people who are talking about this don't know what he is going to say," said the source, who asked not to be named.

But he said the outline of the proposed policy includes endorsement of a return to the moon. He said Bush also is expected to talk about the desirability of establishing a permanent base on the moon and an eventual manned trip to Mars.

A White House spokesman, Brian Besanceney, confirmed the president plans to deliver a major address on space policy next week. And another White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, noted that Bush had told the nation after last year's space shuttle disaster that America's "journey in space was not over."

The official said Bush had ordered a comprehensive review of U.S. space policy in the wake of the disaster.

That review is now complete, and the president will share the results of it with the American public next week, the official said.

The planned Mars mission that Bush is expected to call for is probably at least a decade away. It would be preceded by construction of a permanent space station on the moon, which was last visited by humans more than three decades ago.

Left unsaid is how much the president will be willing to seek in additional money to make the long-term goals a reality. "I honestly don't know if he will say anything about money," the administration official said. "I don't think we'll see that until the budget submission" for fiscal year 2005 early next month.

A new space policy initiative would come on the heels of the successful landing of a robotic rover on Mars on Saturday and after almost a year of turmoil at NASA in the wake of the Columbia space shuttle disaster last year that killed the crew of seven.

There had been speculation that Bush might address long-term space policy during his speech at last month's centennial commemoration of the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. But NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe has said all along that Bush would speak on the topic only when he is ready.

"It took a long time to decide what the right path should be," the senior administration official said. He cautioned that the picture of where the U.S. will be going in space could be incomplete even after Bush speaks.

Any policy will depend on a congressional willingness to substantially increase the amount of money NASA devotes to research and development of new systems for human spaceflight, analysts have said.

Officials have said that Bush has been looking for large goals to propose in an election year. But any ambitious space policy will inevitably be judged against the record of Bush's father, who proposed a return to the moon and an eventual trip to Mars during a speech in 1989 on the 20th anniversary of the first landing on the moon by Apollo astronauts. There was speculation at the time that a Mars landing would cost as much as \$500 billion, and little came of the initiative.

Asked Wednesday whether the success of the Mars rovers could lead to a human mission to Mars, O'Keefe said, "The rovers are a precursor mission - kind of an advance team - to figuring out what the conditions are on the planet, and once we figure out how to deal with the human effects, we can then send humans to explore in real time." While answering questions on the White House Web site, O'Keefe said interplanetary exploration depends on "what we learn and whether we can develop the power and ... propulsion capabilities necessary to get there faster and stay longer and potentially support humans in doing so."

Based on currently available technology, the moon is just three days away while Mars is at least six months away, and the lunar surface therefore could be a safe place to shake out Martian equipment. Observatories also could be built on the moon, and mining camps could be set up to gather helium-3 for conversion into fuel for use back on Earth.

The United States put 12 men on the moon between July 1969 and December 1972.

This story was supplemented with information from The Associated Press.

#### The Moon

Closest Distance From Earth:

225,755 miles

How Long a Voyage:

Apollo 17, 4 days each way in 1972

#### Mars

Closest Distance From Earth:

34.6 million miles

How Long a Voyage:

Nearly 7 months for rover Spirit, which arrived Saturday

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Nick,

I haven't seen it either but someone who has told me it was a  
complete travesty and a real mess of a hacking/editing job.

And you're on again tonight Nick (Friday)! I'm curious - do you  
ever get stopped in the street and recognised?

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 11:48:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:37:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Stanford

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 09:34:28 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>If you want to look at planetary science objectively, please  
>>dispense with unfounded, quasi-paranoid suggestions that NASA  
>>wants to deceive us about Mars' atmosphere or else about a  
>>landing there. Such silly declarations (I would have preferred a  
>>stronger word!) give UFOlogy a bad name.

>I don't think there's a conspiracy or anything, and I think that  
>the atmosphere is a light pink, but I do think the JPL people  
>push the color saturation and red gain up a bit higher than  
>necessary, making it way too orange. Re-adjusting it slightly  
>makes the landscape a little less "alien" looking.

>Here's a color-corrected version:

><http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/colormars.jpg>

>Compared with NASA's version:

><http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/colormars2.jpg>

Color corrected?!! It is corrected only to your concept of how  
it should look, based on your personal feelings and  
interpretations.

No offense intended, but are we to take your interpretation over  
the release of highly experienced image people at JPL?

As to Mac Tonnie's observation that the yellow (as seen by light  
here on earth) electrical lines appear too orange in the photo  
from Mars he has seen, I answer, "Of course!" The light on Mars  
is much redder than noon light in the USA or than artificial  
lighting under which I suspect the yellow cables were viewed  
when the rover was on earth. Why is Mars light redder? Simply  
because of the absorption spectrum of red dust particles  
suspended in the Martian atmosphere and its effect upon the  
sunlight that reaches the surface (and lander) on Mars. So, we  
do not even have to suppose that red dust has settled on the  
cables (a possibility Mac mentioned).

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: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 10:44:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:39:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Lehmborg

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>Listeners may be interested in knowing that there will be a  
>full-fledged formal debate between myself and James McGaha,  
>a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in  
>Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of  
>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

>James was apparently a USAF pilot with a TS compartmentalized  
>clearance who has spent some time at Area 51. He also has an MS  
>degree in Astronomy from the U. of Arizona and has discovered  
>many asteroids and comets and Near Earth Objects.

>He says there is no evidence Earth is being visited.

>Claims he has been investigating UFOs for 35 years. I have never  
>met him and would appreciate any comments people care to make.  
>He is apparently very active in the Tucson, Arizona, Skeptics  
>Society.

>The debate will be open to the public.

Take no prisoners, Mr. Friedman. I'd pay to hear that. If  
their's a tape or transcript available, please let us know.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto: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.  
\$450.00 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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## Martian News

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com](mailto:joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 15:36:57 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 10:43:59 -0500  
Subject: Martian News

From: Doktor DynaSoar <[targeting@OMCL.mil](mailto:targeting@OMCL.mil)>  
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo  
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 2:53 AM  
Subject: Re: MARTIAN AIR FORCE DENIES STORIES OF UFO CRASH

>On 8 Jan 2004 12:48:09 -0800, [hellpopehuey@subgenius.com](mailto:hellpopehuey@subgenius.com)  
>(HellPopeHuey) wrote:

Gusev Crater (MPI) - A spokes-thing for Mars Air Force denounced as false rumors that an alien space craft crashed in the desert, outside of Ares Vallis on Saturday. Appearing at a press conference today, General Rgrmrmy The Lesser stated that "the object was, in fact, a harmless high-altitude weather balloon, not an alien spacecraft".

The story broke late Saturday night when a major stationed at nearby Ares Vallis Air Force Base contacted the Gusev Crater Daily Record with a story about a strange, balloon-shaped object which allegedly came down in the nearby desert, "bouncing" several times before coming to a stop, and "deflating in a sudden explosion of alien gases."

Minutes later, General Rgrmrmy The Lesser contacted the Daily Record telepathically to contradict the earlier report. General Rgrmrmy The Lesser stated that hysterical stories of a detachable vehicle roaming across the Martian desert were blatant fiction, provoked by incidences involving swamp gas. But the general public has been slow to accept the Air Force's explanation of recent events, preferring to speculate on the "other-worldly" nature of the crash debris. Conspiracy theorists have condemned Rgrmrmy's statements as evidence of "an obvious government cover-up," pointing out that Mars has no swamps. They point to the release of secret government memos detailing attempts to discredit reports of the landings by alien space craft.

The memos discuss strategies to avoid troubles similar to those caused by the War of the Worlds radio program of years ago. The program, which featured a sensational story of gigantic oxygen breathing two-eyed invaders from Earth, sparked planet wide panic.

Local residents like Driv Rhodo, who lives in the area of the alleged landings, are even more sceptical. "I seen it with my own 5 eyes" claimed Rhodo last week. "I've lived here over 300 years, most of my adult life-form. Them things used to be few and far between but lately they come in every few years or so. The government wants to bury the truth but I can tell you what's real. The Earthlings are going to invade and the government is spending our hard earned tax dollars on press releases and denials instead of preparing for the battle to come."

A spokething denied any government involvement in the disappearance of Rhodo, who has not been seen since shortly after the interview, claiming "Any sentient being knows that a planet with the concentrations of water and oxygen found on Earth is a deadly and inhospitable environment for the formation of life, much less intelligent life. The fear and consternation

caused by the unfounded and wild speculations of citizens like Rhodo are a traitorous disservice to the citizens of Mars."

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor@perceptions.couk.com](mailto:editor@perceptions.couk.com)>  
Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 16:28:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:00:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Dickenson

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 11:48:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>No offense intended, but are we to take your interpretation over  
>the release of highly experienced image people at JPL?

Hello,

See some naivety (and bad-mouthing) on subject of NASA/JPL photos.

Unless NASA's gone in for pinks and purples (on gear that safety and clarity calls for white w/primary colors) then this latest release:

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/mer2004/rover-images/jan-08-2004/video.jpg>

- big file - 1.7 Meg - has indeed been doctored.

I would consider judgments of Ian Fleming, George A. Filer & Mac Tonnies rather than blind acceptance of statements from sources that we know to be suspect - see JPL's recent history

"Perceptions" carries links to Tom Van Flandern's Mars photo gallery:

[http://metaresearch.org/solar%20system/cydonia/asom/artifact\\_html/default.htm](http://metaresearch.org/solar%20system/cydonia/asom/artifact_html/default.htm)

and to Joseph P Skipper's Mars Analysis site:

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/evidence.htm>

not necessarily because we credit every detail of their speculation, but because we have every reason to suspect double-dealing from the agency that controls all the photo's we get of Moon/Mars etc.:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/subindex.html#cia>

Regards

Ray D

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## Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 11:49:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:07:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

>From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 12:57:03 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official Hearing!

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 02:08:53 -0400  
>>Subject: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official Hearing!

>>Maussan's note follows.

>>John:

>>FYI - after Alejandro Franz Navarrete posted to the List, he is  
>>now filing charges with officials in the Air Industry against  
>>Raymundo Cervantes Ruano, [Capt. of the DC9 that allegedly  
>>collided with a UFO --JV] and Enrique Kolbeck, air traffic  
>>controller, for attacking him (Franz) and discrediting him. He  
>>is now trying to end the career of Raymundo and Enrique.

>Dear John, List:

>I appreciate you taking the time to translate Maussan's letters  
>to you and posting them to the list. However, between your  
>comments and Maussan's angry comments about Franz, I am left  
>wanting a more unbiased presentation of the information  
>available about this case so I can make up my own mind about  
>what this case represents. I understand that you feel strongly  
>about the case and the situation between these two parties but  
>I'm just trying to understand the facts and examine the evidence  
>presented by both sides before drawing any conclusions. I'm  
>confused about the details and feel like bits and pieces may be  
>missing or left out due to the strong emotions and personal  
>agendas involved.

Hello All,

>We hear a lot from Maussan but little from Franz. I'm wondering  
>if Franz is having difficulty translating his side of the story  
>into English and getting it to the list.

1. I was the one who invited him to post 'his side' of the story.
2. He did post a lengthy treatise in English 'maybe' you missed that one, Amy.
3. Mr. Franz has already posted to the List several times. Why do you 'wonder' if Franz is having difficulty posting to UpDates? Has Errol shown a bias in this or any other case?
4. I wonder what your 'real agenda' is by posting this personal slam about me. You've had a 'thing' about me for a long time, Amy. Maybe it's time you get over it and stop posting what amounts to thinly disguised and backhanded insults to my posts. You jump on every opportunity to insult me in public.

You really need to get a new hobby/pass-time!

>This List is a valuable  
>research tool and I would like to see the evidence and  
>information made available to current and future researchers via  
>the archives in a more formal and less biased format.

What 'biased' format has the case been presented in so far? SDI? This List? Rhetorical questions, Amy. Anything you direct at me or about me on this List is always insulting, contentious and negatively biased. Prejudice is prejudice regardless of your attempts to disguise it under a thin veneer of civility.

>If Franz is 'willing to put at risk everything he has  
>accomplished' by bringing this case to the authorities for an  
>official investigation, then we owe it to him as well as  
>Maussan, Raymundo Cervantes Ruano and Enrique Kolbeck to present  
>all the information available to the public as this case  
>progresses.

It has been! Where have you been? You seem to see only what you wish to see. Not all that is there. Gee, isn't that the very definition of the word 'bias?'

>Hearing mostly one side of this story does little to  
>present the facts of this case, whatever they may be

Spend some time at the archive, Amy. Read Franz's posts to the List. EBK and I interviewed Maussan and Kolbeck on SDI. Franz was given space to post his side of it to the List, which he did - on more than one occasion. Is my offer of translation services to Maussan what you call a 'biased' presentation?

No, me-thinks it's just that ugly personal dislike you have for me that is prompting you to post on this case at all. If it was anybody else presenting it I'm certain we wouldn't be hearing from your section of the Peanut Gallery.

>Can someone act as an unbiased reporter for both sides?

It would be nice to get an 'unbiased' response to this thread! So far, the only one I've heard from is you. And we all know how 'unbiased' you are about me, don't we?

Does anybody else have an unbiased opinion?

John Velez

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Young

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 11:51:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:10:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Young

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

By armchair pronouncement only, McGaha went on national TV to trash the Trumbull County UFO case that I dealt with a few years back and afterward wouldn't respond to my polite letter requesting clarification of his investigative method.

From experience I fully suspect that his efforts are not driven by true inquiry or curiosity. May you plumb the tank of his unscientific agenda and trounce this dude with sanity and reason. Good luck!

Kenny

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Filer

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 13:04:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:31:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Filer

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:27:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 17:08:41 EST  
>>Subject: Filer's Files #02 -- 2004

>I am concerned about your silly pronouncement in Filer's Files #  
>02, Wednesday, January 7, 2004, where, in an Editor's Note, you  
>declare, "...NASA and JPL apparently want Mars to appear  
>red/orange. If the sky is blue like Earth's you are seeing the  
>real colors."

>Frankly, considering the paranoid delusion abroad in some parts  
>of Ufology, I don't know if you are implying that the landing on  
>Mars is fake and that they are deliberately discoloring earth's  
>sky to deceive us in a fake scene, or whether you are just  
>deluded in imagining that NASA doesn't (for unimaginable  
>reasons) want us to know the real color of the sky on Mars.

Dear Ray,

It was a landing on Mars, but they tend to change the colors.  
Why not show the airbags and the terrain? For four years, 1963 to  
1967, I worked at Langley AFB, next to NASA. Many of our Air  
Force personel worked with NASA personel. It was fairly common  
knowledge they were picking up bases on the Moon. Furthermore,  
they were air-brushing out UFOs and anything that would indicate  
alien life.

Disclosure Project personnel also know about this.

Others who have worked with NASA will give you similar answers  
such as the following:

### NEW ANOMALIES FOUND ON STS-102 SHUTTLE FLIGHT

SACRAMENTO - Jeff Challender writes, "Things are changing in  
the way I get my footage during NASA Shuttle missions. There is  
a man in Wanamingo, Minnesota, named Les Wille, who has been  
taping Shuttle missions for the last four years. He is very well  
known in the UK as LL Wille. He has, in the past, shared with  
the world such incredible footage as that of anomalous objects  
near the Russian space station Mir. These seen live during the  
un-docking of STS-84, filmed in zoom mode from 2800 feet, in May  
1997." Les Wille and Jeff Challender are now working together as  
a team to tape and scrutinize Shuttle mission STS-102/Discovery.  
As of this writing, we have captured several anomalies, which  
will require further investigation. This cooperation adds the  
new dimension of having raw tapes, (Source; NASA live feed) from  
two separate locations at the same time. Mr. Wille has his own  
forest of seven satellite dishes, which he uses to intercept  
NASA feed directly from the Tracking Data & Relay Satellite  
System. He gets his signal BEFORE it goes to Houston for

censoring. Les often sees live payload bay camera feed that is not shown through the public NASA channel.

Les taped an unexplained bright, strobing, object seen through the overhead cabin windows of Discovery during ascent to orbit. Both Les and Jeff taped an unusual object on Friday 9 March which described a very convoluted, path off the tail of the Shuttle before disappearing off screen to the left. During the spacewalk on Saturday evening 10 March, an object literally shaped like a saucer was seen in an S-band slide show sequence. Recently, it has been said that NASA uses so much S-Band slide show TV, in lieu of the full motion Ku-Band, because during rendezvous and separation, the Ku antenna is being used for "radar ranging". If so, it was not done in flights of years past. This writer has investigated the allegation, and found it wanting. Multiple sources, including discreet sources inside NASA itself, assure me that this is not, and has never been, so. Add to this the fact that S-Band frequently dominates spacewalks, module installations, fly-arounds, and low priority Earth views, where "radar ranging" is unnecessary. So the question remains why so much more S-Band downlink during missions? One possible explanation is selective editing, and deniability. If nothing is being kept from the taxpaying public, who by the way fund NASA 100 percent, the Ku-Band television should be in use to the fullest extent possible. Thanks to Jeff Challender and Les Willie.

#### SENATOR JOHN GLENN ON "FRASER TV SHOW" SAYS WE SAW THINGS IN SPACE

Astronaut John Glenn appeared on the "Fraser" nationwide television show on March 6, 2001, where Fraser and a female character are arguing, while Glenn faces the camera and delivers the following speech:

"Back in those glory days, I was very uncomfortable when they asked us to say things we didn't want to say and deny other things. Some people asked, you know, were you alone out there? We never gave the real answer, and yet we see things out there, strange things, but we know what we saw out there. And we couldn't really say anything. The bosses were really afraid of this, they were afraid of the War of the Worlds type stuff, and about panic in the streets. So, we had to keep quiet. And now we only see these things in our nightmares or maybe in the movies, and some of them are pretty close to being the truth." After Glenn finished delivering the speech, he returned to the control room where Fraser and the woman were arguing. At this point he realizes that he was being taped and says that he needs to take the tape; he was unaware that he was being recorded and this information "can't get out to the public." Thanks to Ambrovista, David Wilcock, and Joe Stefula.

#### NASA'S OFFICIAL FACT SHEET: NO EVIDENCE OF ALIEN LIFE:

NASA states, "No branch of the United States Government is currently involved with or responsible for investigations into the possibility of advanced alien civilizations on other planets or for investigating Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). The US Air Force (USAF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have had intermittent, independent investigations of the possibility of alien life on other planets; however, none of these has produced factual evidence that life exists on other planets, nor that UFO's are related to aliens. From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated UFO's; then in 1977, NASA was asked to examine the possibility of resuming UFO investigations. After studying all of the facts available, it was determined that nothing would be gained by further investigation, since there was an absence of tangible evidence." See:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/facts/HTML/FS-015-HQ.html>

Editor's Note: I suggest NASA start watching the videos their taking in space. The key Air Force Study to deny UFOs and alien life was conducted at the University of Colorado under the direction of Dr. Edward Condon. By 1968, there was a near mutiny of the scientific staff, when two Ph.D.s were dismissed and the administrative assistant resigned because they strongly felt the evidence pointed to the existence of UFOs. Dr. David R. Sanders

and R. Roger Harkins book "UFOs Yes" tells the story where the Condon Committee went wrong. Dr. Saunders one of the three key principle investigators blasted the project as unscientific, biased and precluded "findings." He cites the evidence, the specific cases, that have led him along with the majority of researching scientists -- to conclude that UFOs are likely to be vehicles from outer space. Although, the Condon Committee concluded UFOs were not worth further study, those scientists who disagreed were fired. The official government policy is based on false conclusions. Virtually every pronouncement by NASA is based on this falsely biased study. Many fine people at NASA have open minds and see the UFO evidence, yet are forced to keep quiet. Some have contacted me and are very frustrated by the narrow minded thinking at NASA. I have learned there are always two answers from NASA, the official government releases and what=D8=F8 the scientists really think off the record. From Daniel Goldin on down there is the private truth and the official denials. Those who stray lose their job. I salute Senator John Glenn for explaining the truth.

#### MARS SKY IS REALLY BLUE AND ROCKS HAVE GREEN PATCHES

We spent millions of dollars sending the Viking Lander I to Mars in 1976. The world waited in great anticipation to see the first color images of Mars. At about 2:00 PM PDT on July 21, 1976, the first color image from the surface of another planet arrived at JPL in wonderful color. Mars showed its beautiful blue sky, brown and reddish soil and rocks with patches of green. You, I and the world never saw the true images. According to the men who worked at the Viking Image Formatting and Processing section of JPL. Mr. Van der Woude says, "Both Ron Wichelman and I were responsible for the color quality control of the Viking Lander photographs, and Dr. Tomas Mutch, the Viking Imaging Team Leader told us he got a call from the NASA Administrator asking that we destroy the Mars blue sky negative created from the digital data." The images were then falsely reddened to make it appear there was no life, no green algae or lichen on the planet. See "Mars the Living Planet" by Barry Digregorio, Dr. Gilbert Levin and Dr. Pat Straat. Page 142.

The book also explains how the tests for existence of life on Mars were rigged to deny life, despite the relatively favorable conditions. Dr. Gilbert V. Levin who was in charge of the Viking Lander experiments revealed that when the Mars soil was examined by on board instruments in a miniature laboratory there was a startling positive response. THE VIKING HAD FOUND EVIDENCE OF LIFE. The tests, and follow on samples showed the evidence everyone had agreed on prior to the mission that would confirm the presence of life. Dr. Levin and his team were proud for they had discovered the first proof of life on another planet. Dr. Levin strongly believes they found life on Mars in 1976, but NASA insisted the instrumentation must be faulty. The official NASA answer was to deny the existence of alien life despite strong scientific evidence. All reasonable arguments against the Viking Mission Labeled Release life detection system had been over come except for the claimed absence of water. Yet many scientists knew the images also showed evidence of water such as the ice cap. Until recently the discovery of water on Mars, that includes waterspouts and geysers was also hidden from both scientists and the public. Some NASA personnel even claim UFOs were air brushed out of photos. Assuming Senator John Glenn's statements are true, a deliberate policy has been in effect to hide t=D8=F8 he possibility of intelligent life in the universe. Billions of taxpayers money have been spent and only recently are the true findings coming out. Do you remember that the first Viking Lander also imaged an infinity symbol or a figure 8 on one of the rocks? On the Pathfinder July 4, 1997, the Sojourner rover buggy sent back images of strange symbols on the ground? Many insiders are discussing many other strange anomalies on Mars. Why are we not told?

If you don't believe me start checking around. At least read the book. Why do they cut out the colors on the lander when they send the shots back? They could easily give a color chart overlay so the actual colors would be imaged.

Regards,

George Filer

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:34:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Shell

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>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 13:02:07 EST  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>Thus, my sarcastic humor directed at them.

I was afraid there might be a misunderstanding. My "you" was directed at all the folks out there who might think their brand of hoax science has more merit than it actually does, not at you, personally.

The catch remains - unless someone can specifically and definitively prove not only that a particular UFO photo is a hoax, but that each and every UFO photo is a hoax, then it still leaves open the possibility, however slight, that the unexplainable photo is exactly what it appears to be. Of course, whether it's aliens, time travelers, Air Force tests, dry cleaning bags filled with marsh gas would remain to be proven.

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:37:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

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>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 11:48:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>No offense intended, but are we to take your interpretation  
>over the release of highly experienced image people at JPL?

It's just a suggestion. Sure JPL's full of experts, but then again they crash 3/4 of the ships they send to Mars ("Hey, hand me that 12mm wrench. Or is that the 1/2" wrench?"

So they're not infallible. And there's always been a debate about how much ambient red there is, whether it comes from the sky or reflected from the dirt. It's not as if we're looking through a thick red filter. The Sun is still putting out white light through a very thin atmosphere. Sure, it will get redder during dust storms, but it does that here on Earth, too.

Hey, even the 'official' pictures they release are all different. Some are more pink, some are wildly orange. So at this point, I think my pictures look about as plausible as any they're putting out.

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:39:24 -0500  
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>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 22:46:51 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds

>Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-hounds

Those are Flintstones Building Blocks!

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## Timewatch UFO Documentary Review

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Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 23:49:49 -0000

Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:59:43 -0500

Subject: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review

List,

I've just watched Timewatch on BBC2, and thought I'd offer a few comments on their UFO documentary.

Overall, I thought the show was pretty good. The BBC team did a great job of presenting a wide range of material, but didn't seem to have the agenda that sometimes spoils UFO documentaries. Michael Wadding, who directed and produced the show for Timewatch, let the various witnesses and commentators have their say, but kept editorial opinions to a minimum, leaving viewers to make up their own minds.

Little of the material will have been new to members of this List. The show covered the setting up of the Flying Saucer Working Party, Winston Churchill's memo on UFOs, and the 1952 sighting involving RAF pilot Michael Swiney and his Royal Navy student David Crofts. The West Malling incident from 1953 was featured (a sighting by RAF aircrew Terry Johnson and Geoffrey Smythe), as was the wave of 'flying cross' sightings from 1967, including the incident involving two police constables, Clifford Waycott and Roger Willey. Interest expressed by the Duke of Edinburgh and Earl Mountbatten was highlighted, and the saga of royal equerry Sir Peter Horsley and his extraordinary meeting with the mysterious 'Mr Janus' was also featured. Much of this material will be familiar to many ufologists, and has been featured previously in books such as Timothy Good's Above Top Secret. I do not say this as a criticism, because I thought it was put together well, and Timewatch will have brought the subject to a new audience. The interview with Mountbatten's daughter, Lady Pamela Hicks, was very interesting.

The Rendlesham Forest incident was covered briefly, but the main focus of the show was sightings in the Fifties and Sixties, and the response to these on the part of the Ministry of Defence. I was interviewed about this, and had previously discussed the official policy with the Timewatch team.

Ufologists were hardly featured; Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts appeared, and there was some decidedly odd footage of somebody who claimed to be speaking Venusian, some material on LSD, and 'alien babies'; but for the most part, this was a show that highlighted the testimony of the witnesses, and allowed them to tell the stories of their respective encounters. Their quiet dignity shone through.

Social and cultural historians appeared too, and it was interesting to hear their views on how the UFO phenomenon tied in with popular culture, such as science fiction, the Cold War and the space program.

What impressed me most about the Timewatch team was their thoroughness. My main contact was the Associate Producer, Lisa Charles, and I remember in particular a conversation we had about the percentage of UFO sightings that remained unexplained. She'd heard ufologists bandy about various figures, but wanted to know whether any of these could be backed up by official statistics and public statements. I sent her copies of various MOD letters and Hansard extracts in which such figures were



given, cross-referenced with US statistics from Project Blue Book. We got into an interesting discussion about the (sometimes difficult) process of deciding whether to categorise a sighting as "unknown" or "insufficient data". Ironically, this was never used; but it's an interesting insight into Timewatch's professionalism.

In conclusion, I think Timewatch put together an interesting show. When taken with the showing of 'UFO Invasion At Rendlesham' and 'A Very British UFO Hoax', it's been quite a week for UFO documentaries in the UK (although I understand that Timewatch wasn't shown in Wales or Scotland). The good news is that there's more to come; Channel Five will be showing a new UFO documentary soon. More about this later.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:06:24 -0500  
Subject: On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase

== Update on the Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase ==

By

Larry W. Bryant

"Determining the exact shape of the object was difficult, but there is absolutely no doubt that the same [Army] truck went up the [Kecksburg, Pa.] hill empty and came back down carrying a covered object." -- Former Kecksburgian Michael D. Slater (in his sworn statement of July 18, 2003)

Were the Guinness Book of World Records to offer a category of achievement titled "The fastest turn-around time for agency fulfillment of a freedom-of-information request," then the folks at the Army headquarters' FOIA office (field-operated at Fort Belvoir, Va.) certainly would qualify.

The FOIA case in question began with my request of Dec. 14, 2003, addressed to the HQDA FOIA office - by which I'd sought a copy of the entire HQDA case file compiled to date on the Army's response to journalist Leslie Kean's FOIA request of Jan. 16, 2003. Her request had sought all Army documentation about the Army's role in the UFO-crash/retrieval operation in Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965.

My request arrived at Belvoir on Dec. 15th. On the very next day, FOIA chief Bruno C. Leuyer wrote me: "Enclosed is a copy of the [Kean] request (with attachments) and our response dated August 12, 2003." (None of the material, by the way, contains any reference to any FOIA appeal that Kean may have filed since Aug. 12th.)

Leuyer's transmitted package of 75 pages includes the following key items of interest:

(1) Attorney Lee E. Helfrich's 4-page, Aug. 11, 2003, follow-up letter (on behalf of her client, Ms. Kean), addressed to HQDA records-management official John W. Matthews. Besides reiterating Kean's Jan. 16, 2003, request, the letter painstakingly expounds upon the now well-publicized facts/events/principals associated with the Kecksburg Incident - in an effort to convince the Army to conduct the requested records-search. The letter's 23 documentary attachments include declarations from several eye witnesses to the Army's role in the retrieval operation. Attachment No. 22 consists of a 21-page transcript of a post-event radio broadcast by the late WHJB reporter John Murphy. In terms far less dramatic than, say, the now-famous on-site news account of the Hindenburg dirigible's fiery crash in New Jersey decades ago (but perhaps even more historically valuable), Murphy's broadcast reveals:

"Yesterday afternoon a woman from the Kecksburg area came to Greensburg and spent more than one hour in our recording studio at WHJB radio sitting behind a WHJB microphone with the tape recorders running and recorded for us what she saw, what she reported and what the State Police and military officers told her the object was. She described for us, on tape, what and how it looked. Late this afternoon she notified this radio station

that she did not want anything she said, in her own voice, used on the radio. She said she was afraid of getting into trouble and she did not want her description of the object used on the air."

(2) Helfrich's letter's conclusion, containing this additional request for records access:

"Hopefully, this more detailed explanation of the nature of Ms. Kean's research and the accompanying documentation will enable you to conduct a search for responsive documents. As you suggest in your letter of January 24, it may well be that the documents responsive to Ms. Kean's request have been transferred for either storage or archival purposes pursuant to federal record management laws and regulations.

"If that is the case, it would assist Ms. Kean's research if you would provide copies of the following: (1) copies of any record schedules or similar documentation reflecting the transferral of the type of category of information responsive to Ms. Kean's request to either the Federal Records Center or NARA [National Archives and Records Administration]; (2) copies of the relevant information management manuals, memoranda, etc., that would have governed the transfer, storage or disposal of documentation dated in the 1960s; (3) copies of instructional, procedural and or operational memoranda, manuals, etc., that relate to the process for the deployment and department of U.S. Army personnel (including the National Guard) in response to any local, domestic incident or event, including but not limited to, events such as occurred in Kecksburg or requests initiated by other local, state and/or federal departments and agencies; (4) copies of any correspondence, memoranda of understanding, instructions, etc., explaining the procedures, including but not limited to, record retention procedures, for interagency cooperation and communication on joint investigations and other efforts, such as Kecksburg; and (5) copies of any confidentiality or security agreements in use by the U.S. Army in or around 1965 and any or all instructional memoranda relating to the need for or use of such agreements."

Interestingly, in his Aug. 12 rush to kiss off Helfrich's letter via his (not unexpected) form-letterese, Leuyer totally ignores her supplemental request for detailed background/policy information on the disposition of such permanently retainable records as those generated by the Kecksburg Incident. His out-of-hand dismissal of that request not only reveals his bad faith in responding to a matter of wide and compelling public interest; it also sets the stage for judicial review of that tantamount denial, while (unintentionally) inviting the emergence of one or more UFO-coverup whistleblowers to expose, once for all, what the U. S. Army knows, and when it knew it, about the Kecksburg saga. Accordingly, Helfrich's prospective paper-chase lawsuit against Leuyer should demand that the secretary of the Army dispatch a teletype message to all Army commands/units/activities, with instructions for them to conduct (and publicize) a comprehensive search for the sought-for records -- on the basis that the records' unaccounted-for loss would irreparably harm our nation's work toward preserving and disseminating such highly valuable "essential evidence."

In the meantime, here's my summation of where we might go from here:

Were litigation to proceed against the Army, the plaintiff probably would lose, because the Army would invoke the defense that even though a memorable event did in fact occur, that's no reason to conclude that any agency has retained any record thereof; in other words, the onus falls, "Catch-22"ishly, upon the requester to prove the existence of the requested records. "Been there, done that," might say one Peter A. Gersten, Esq., who a few years ago unsuccessfully sued the Defense Department over the numerous citizens' accounts of mysterious, menacing black "flying triangles."

In the Court of Public Opinion, the plaintiff (Kean et al.) already has won her case - simply by having planted seeds of doubt as to the veracity of official pronouncements (and responsiveness) on the Kecksburg case. The resultant seedlings can provide the basis for convening a grand jury probe into what officially happened (and why) during and after the Kecksburg Incident. Using its investigatory-and-reporting function, the

grand jury can receive (and evaluate) both direct and indirect evidence (as well as entertain hearsay evidence), wrapping up its work by issuing a written, public report of its findings/conclusions/recommendations. Ideally, since some Kecksburg residents reportedly incurred various abuse of authority at the hands of certain government officials, a STATE, rather than a federal, grand jury should be pursued for their relief. At this point, Ms. Helfrich, should I send a copy of the HQDA FOIA case file to the district attorney of Westmoreland County, Pa., with the request that he institute proceedings for impaneling a special grand jury there?

As we await further FOIA developments from the heroic work of Kean, Helfrich, and Stan Gordon, I have a suggestion for their facilitator, the SciFI Channel: establish a Kecksburg UFO-coverup whistleblower reward fund in the amount of, say, \$1 million. What a "reality show" that initiative could engender when the reward's claimant shows up with one or more (verifiable) smoking guns!

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## Project Blue Book 'Head' William Coleman

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:16:27 -0500  
Subject: Project Blue Book 'Head' William Coleman

Below is the letter I submitted to a TV Q&A column about "Project U.F.O." The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel finally dropped its own columnist (who handled simple questions), so maybe the new syndicated one can tackle this.

I know William Coleman was spokesman for Blue Book (I think I saw dates for 1961-1963 one place, but then another said that he was spokesman the next year at the time of Socorro). But that certainly isn't head of the project, like he and the network claimed. Unfortunately, the format of these columns provides only for questions, not a soapbox.

My info about Coleman is from Raymond E. Fowler's Casebook Of A Ufo Investigator, pp. 68 (includes comments critical of "Project U.F.O."), 182 (he was still involved with UFOs in May 1970 - five months after the close of Blue Book - as "chief USAF information officer on UFOs"), 169-171 (in late 1973, when he was "chief of the Public Information Division for the Air Force at the Pentagon" - Coleman's attempted censorship and intimidation concerning a UFO incident. Also from contemporary issues of NICAP's UFO INVESTIGATOR and I think in one of Don Berliner's writings. At least three contemporary articles in the APRO BULLETIN criticized the accuracy of the program.

Years ago Copley News Service columnist Thom Mead repeated the phony credentials in his "TV Mailbag" column as published in two Wisconsin newspapers on Sep. 20, 1978 (the Burlington Standard Press and the East Troy News).

I sent in a letter of correction via the newspapers (which the Standard Press printed Oct. 4, 1978), but if they forwarded it to Mead, he never ran it in his own column, as far as I know.

TV Guide published Coleman's phony credential in its edition of June 10-16, 1978, p. 37, and similarly refused to run a correction (Executive Editor Roger J. Youman eventually wrote me two rejection letters, Dec. 26, 1978, and Feb. 7, 1979).

Other contemporary publications that swallowed NBC's hype include Jay Sharbutt's article for the AP datelined Hollywood (in the Green Bay [Wis.] Press-Gazette of Feb. 19, 1978), the tabloid Modern People of April 2, 1978, and the Cocoa (Fla.) Today of Jan. 7, 1979 (reprinted by one of the UFO clipping services).

Reference books still don't know any better.

I'll let you know if my letter is published. In the meantime, others may want to send their own letters to other TV columns, after checking for the error in other TV reference books in order to give different examples. Please send me any resulting clippings (address below).

Rich Heiden

P.S. Thanks again for giving me a lift in Roswell on July 6, 1997, to get me back to my motel after the buses had stopped running.

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LETTER TO TV Q&A COLUMN; Heiden to <###.com>  
11/29  
Subject: "Project U.F.O."

The producer of "Project U.F.O.," William T. Coleman, claimed to have headed the USAF's Project Blue Book. At least one source even gave dates, as 1961-1964 (Los Angeles "Times" of April 28, 1978).

However, books on UFO history name only others as directors of the project. See for example, the authoritative books by J. Allen Hynek ("The Hynek UFO Report") and David M. Jacobs ("The UFO Controversy in America"). During Coleman's alleged tenure, Project Blue Book was in fact headed by Robert Friend (1958-1963) and Hector Quintanilla (1963-1969).

It's bad enough that the show's promotions included Coleman's phony credential, but TV references years later continue to repeat it uncritically. E.g., Tim Brooks and Earle Marsh, "The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows 1946-Present" (Ballantine/Random House, 7th (revised) edition, 1999, p. 828): "Colonel William T. Coleman, who had headed the real-life Project Blue Book, was producer of the series" [the 8th revised edition, just out in Oct. 2003, has the same sentence on p. 963 - RWH]; and David Marc and Robert J. Thompson, "Prime Time, Prime Movers" (Little, Brown and Company, 1992, p. 139, in the entry on Jack Webb): "In his customary attempt to lend historical credibility to his work, he included among his production consultants the retired Air Force colonel who had been the officer in charge of the actual Project Blue Book for the Pentagon."

So my question is: Did Coleman have some real, but lesser, connection with Project Blue Book that he and NBC puffed up? Or was his alleged credential made up out of whole cloth?

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P.S. If you have to condense this letter, I hope you'll include the references to the four books, at least by author if nothing else.

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## To The Moon! And Mars

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Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:32:56 -0500  
Subject: To The Moon! And Mars

Hello, all.

I'm rather perplexed by President Bush's upcoming statement about going to the Moon - again, and way too long since.

I'm wondering, are we being prepared for Martian life? Even Lichen would be devastating to fundemantalist Darwinists or CSICOP types.

I can Honestly say, that we may be on the edge of somehting very big.

GT McCoy  
Frustrated Spaceman

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## [forteana] Two Forteanisms: Scientific Vs. Fringe

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Subj: FWD [forteana] Two Forteanisms: Scientific Vs. Fringe

Dear Forteans,

I believe there are two basic types of Forteans, espousing two distinct basic types of Forteanism or paranormalism. They are what I call fringe Forteans versus scientific Forteans.

Scientific Forteans believe that the generally accepted mainstream scientific world-picture is mostly correct and accurate. They would only like to add a few specific classes of phenomena dismissed or ignored by most mainstream scientists. To make it complete, they feel, the scientific world-picture simply needs to take account of a few extra phenomena and the possibly novel entities, creatures, forces, or natural laws required to explain them. Fringe Forteans, on the other hand, believe that the mainstream scientific world-picture (which I will call MSWP for short from now on) is seriously flawed or fundamentally incorrect.

Scientific Forteans see the anomalies they champion - ESP, PK, ghosts, poltergeists, UFO's, abductions, crop circles, Hairy Hominids like Bigfoot, Almas, and Yeti, Lake Monsters like Nessie, Champ, and Ogopogo, sea serpents, merbeings, chupacabras, etc. - as additions or extensions to a MSWP they otherwise accept. Fringe Forteans, on the other hand, believe that such anomalies imply a major basic revision or even overturning of the MSWP. For scientific Forteans, the MSWP is correct but incomplete, only needing the addition and incorporation of a few extra elements that the "Establishment" has too hastily and dogmatically dismissed or ignored. For radical Forteans, on the other hand, the MSWP is fundamentally false in basic, important ways, and needs more than just a few minor "add-ons" here and there at its edges. Fringe Forteans demand major revisions or outright rejections of MSWP views of the Universe, the Earth's structure, the origin and history of life, human origins, or ancient history: hollow-earth and "ancient astronaut" theories, "Scientific Creationism," other-dimensional or demonological theories of UFO aliens, cataclysmically destroyed prehistoric civilizations, etc. - theories rejected just as much by scientific Forteans as by "Establishment" MSWP spokespersons.

Scientific Forteans include parapsychologists focusing on ESP, ghosts, and PK, "nuts and bolts" UFO researchers committed to the extraterrestrial visitor hypothesis, abduction researchers committed to the alien/human genetic hybridization hypothesis, and cryptozoologists who see Bigfoot, Yeti, Almas, chupacabras, lake monsters, sea serpents, Africa's mokele-mbembe, "mystery cats," etc., as "cryptid" flesh-and-blood animals of hitherto unknown species. Such scientific parapsychologists, UFO'logists, abductologists, and cryptozoologists feel that all would be well if only the scientific "Establishment" admitted the reality of certain "damned" and "excluded" phenomena, and stretched the MSWP just a little bit at its edges to accommodate and explain



them.

Scientific parapsychologists, like the late J.B. Rhine and the founders & most members of the (British) and American Societies for Psychical Research, believe that the MSWP is basically correct except for its gratuitous philosophical acceptance of materialism and of a strictly sensationalist theory of knowledge. If mainstream scientists only accepted the possibility of non-material components, aspects, capacities, or causal interactions of the human psyche, including perhaps the possibility of life after death, they feel, all would be well otherwise. All that would need to be changed, they feel, is the Enlightenment materialist and sensationalist view that mind, thought, and consciousness are simply a by-product or epiphenomenon of the structure and functioning of certain very complex physical systems with no possible existence apart from those physical systems, that all knowledge comes through physical objects or stimuli affecting the sense organs which then send electrical or chemical impulses to the brain, and that the mind/brain can only act on the physical world through motor nerves making our muscles contract to move objects outside our bodies. However, Rhine/SPR/ASPR type parapsychologists do not question MSWP views of cosmogony, the Solar System, the Earth, evolution, or human origins and prehistory. They do not try to tie in ESP and PK with hollow-earth, ancient-astronauts, "Space Brothers," or lost-continents speculations, nor with Scientific Creationism.

The "Nuts-and-bolts" extraterrestrialist UFO'logists (Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, the late Donald E. Keyhoe) and hybridization-oriented abductologists (Budd Hopkins, David M. Jacobs) accept the SETI theories and speculations of mainstream scientists like Frank Drake and Carl Sagan about intelligent life and advanced civilizations elsewhere in the Galaxy. They simply add that the extraterrestrials in fact are already here, studying us and perhaps trying to interbreed with us or steal our genetic material. Mainstream scientists are wrong only in dismissing the here-and-now presence of the extraterrestrials. Cryptozoologists (Loren Coleman, Bernard Heuvelmans, Ivan T. Sanderson, Mark A. Hall, Scott Corrales, Roy Mackal) accept the bulk of mainstream orthodox biology, zoology, and evolutionary theory. They merely add that Neandertals, Homo erectus, Gigantopithecus, dinosaurs, plesiosaurs, and zeuglodon (serpent-like prehistoric whales) may in fact still be alive on our planet in our own time as "cryptids" like Bigfoot, Yeti, almas, orang pendek, Lake Monsters, Sea Serpents, and the Brontosaurus-like West African mokele-mbembe. Loren Colema & Patrick Huyghe's Field Guide to Bigfoot, Yeti, and Other Mystery Primates Worldwide (1999), Loren Coleman & Jerome Clark's Cryptozoology A to Z (1999), Loren Coleman's Bigfoot! (2003), and Loren Coleman & Patrick Huyghe's Field Guide to Lake Monsters, Sea Seerpents, and Other Mystery Denizens of the Deep (2003) are four good solid recent examples of this un-mystical feet-on-the-ground no-nonsense yet non-debunking biologically-oriented cryptozoology, whose classic statements are Bernard Heuvelmans' On the Track of Unknown Animals (1958, 1959, 1965, 1995), Willy Ley's Exotic Zoology (1959), and Roy Mackal's Searching for Hidden Animals (1980).

Fringe Forteans champion a wide, wild variety of "far-out" theories that in various ways drastically revise or totally overturn accepted MSWP views of the Universe, our planet, prehistory, or human origins. Many fringe Forteans advocate occult, parapsychical, "ultraterrestrial," "daimonic," "Goblin Universe," other-dimensional, or demonological theories of UFO's, "aliens," and "cryptids." Other "far-out" theories espoused by fringe Forteans include hollow-earth theories (John Cleves Symmes Marshall Gardner, Cyrus Reed Teed, Raymond Bernard, W.G. Emerson, John Uri Lloyd), underground civilizations speculations, allegations that Admiral Byrd discovered a vast warm, fertile "Land Beyond the Poles," "ancient astronaut" theories of human prehistory and ancient history, Christian fundamentalist "Scientific Creationism," and speculations about advanced prehistoric civilizations destroyed by great catastrophes like Atlantis and Lemuria. "New Age" enthusiasts of a benignly "spiritual" interpretation of UFO's and abductions, like Whitley Strieber, John Mack, and Kenneth Ring, also belong in the radical Fortean camp, I feel.

"Daimonic Reality," "Goblin Universe," and demonological theorists (e.g., John A. Keel, Janet & Colin Bord, Jacques

Vallee, Patrick Harpur, F.W. Holiday, Gordon Creighton, etc.) argue that UFO's, their occupants, bedroom-invading "Grays," "Men in Black," Bigfoot, Yeti, other "Hairy Hominids, ." Lake Monsters, "Mothmen," "Owlmens," "Black Dogs," gnomes, dwarfs, fairies, and other assorted weird elusive mystery creatures are all simply different guises adopted by "Elementals," "ultraterrestrials," other-dimensional visitors, "Devas," Christian demons, or Isl=E2mic djinn. Some of these "Goblin Universe" theorists are Christian fundamentalists (Hal Lindsey, John Weldon, Clifford Wilson, Zola Levitt, Ray Boeche, etc.) who simply identify UFO's, "aliens," abductors, MIB, and other weird mystery creatures with Satan and his demonic host. Others (like Gordon Creighton, Patrick Harpur, etc.) prefer an identification of such weird entities rather with the Isl=E2mic djinn, the demonic beings of Hindu mythology, or the daimones and elementals of ancient paganism and modern occultism. Keel and Vallee, on the other hand, take a more secular, irreligious view of the "ultraterrestrials" or "control system." They all take a rather skeptical view, however, both of flesh-and-blood aliens in nuts-and-bolts spaceships and of flesh-and-blood zoological "cryptids" lurking in Pacific Northwest forests or Scottish lakes. To such "Daimonic Reality," "Goblin Universe," and "ultraterrestrial" theorists, I suspect we should also add "New Age" UFO theorists like Whitley Strieber, John Mack, and Kenneth Ring, who claim that the "Visitors" are here to uplift us to a higher spiritual plane, and that the frightening, traumatic, manipulative aspects of abductions are really a form of spiritual "shock therapy" comparable to Zen koans, or to the "Dark Night of the Soul" suffered by Catholic mystics as part of their spiritual journey.

Hollow-earth theories, speculations about underground civilizations, "ancient astronaut" theories of human origins, "Scientific Creationism," and speculations about Atlantis and Lemuria likewise radically question the MSWP and its views of the Solar System, the Earth's structure, evolution, human origins, and ancient history. Richard Shaver's stories of the underground dero living in the cavern-cities of the Lemurians and using abandoned Lemurian machinery to bedevil us combined hollow-earth (or at least underground-civilization), ancient-astronaut, and Atlantis/Lemuria themes while flouting the accepted MSWP of human origins, prehistory, and early history.

Here, I think, we should make a distinction between "hard-core" ancient astronaut theories, like those of Eric von D=E4niken, Zecharia Sitchin, and the Ra=EBlia cultists, versus the more modest speculations of writers like the late Carl Sagan about extraterrestrials visiting the Earth from time to time in prehistoric times. Von D=E4niken, Sitchin, other "ancient astronaut" enthusiasts, and the Ra=EBlia claim that extraterrestrials genetically engineered Homo sapiens, taught our ancestors the rudiments of civilization, and built ancient archaeological marvels like the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, Tiahuanaco, and the Nazca lines. Carl Sagan type writers, however, take an orthodox MSWP view of human evolution and the development of human civilization. They simply hold it possible that extraterrestrials might have occasionally visited our planet in the days of the dinosaurs or the "cave-men," without doing the genetic-engineering, species-creating, and civilization-building feats attributed to them by Von D=E4niken, Sitchin, or the Ra=EBlia. At the very most, Sagan tentatively speculated that amphibious ichthyoid extraterrestrials landing in the Persian Gulf around 4,000 B.C. and giving a few tips on agriculture and metallurgy to the Sumerians might perhaps have possibly inspired the Babylonian myth of the fish-man Oannes coming out of the sea and teaching Humankind the arts and sciences. Aside from that, Sagan was just sort of willing to consider extraterrestrials long ago photographing dinosaurs or collecting trilobites. And, I also suppose, maybe, just maybe, Sagan was also willing to accept the possibility that maybe our Australopithecine or Homo habilis ancestors in the African veldt around Olduvai Gorge were once studied by something like the Black Monolith observing "Moon-Watcher" and his fellow hairy Pliocene hominids in Arthur C. Clarke and Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey! A few somewhat "far-out" parapsychological and Fortean theories admittedly lie on the border between scientific and fringe Forteanism. It may largely be a matter of personal taste which side of that border yo place them on. They include speculations about "group minds," about quasi-material "thought-forms" or "tulpas," and about subterranean cavern-dwelling predatory quasi-humanoids. I see

them as stretching the MSWP very nearly to its breaking point - but not yet QUITE breaking it.

Parapsychologists like Whately Carington, G.N.M. Tyrrell, Nandor Fodor, and D. Scott Rogo have speculated about telepathically-generated, quasi-autonomous "group minds," "collective idea-patterns," or "gestalts" of families, clans, tribes, cultures, political movements, etc. These "group minds" or "gestalts" would be telepathically created from the beliefs, myths, symbols, archetypal images, etc., of those groups, and would have a certain independent active telepathic influence on group members' minds. Such "group minds," "gestalts," or "collective idea-patterns" might explain family warning-spirits like the Irish banshee, Catholic and Eastern Orthodox apparitions of the Virgin and saints, mediaeval appearances of the Devil, ancient Greek and Roman visions of Pan, satyrs, nymphs, dryads, Theseus, and Castor & Pollux, Celtic and Germanic close encounters with fairies, gnomes, leprechauns, dwarfs, trolls, etc. - and UFO close encounters and abductions in our own time. Sometimes, some of these parapsychologists have suggested, these visions and apparitions take a temporarily semi-solid, quasi-material form as "thought-forms," "tulpas," or "telesmic images." UFO's, "aliens," Bigfoot, Lake Monsters, "Black Dogs," "Mothmen," and assorted "cryptids" might be such "tulpas." Such "tulpas" might actually have a temporary physical existence - as collective psychic projections of our own human "group minds," or perhaps of Carl Gustav Jung's "Collective Unconscious." Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman at one time proposed something along such lines in *The Unidentified* (1975), where they drew on Carl Jung's theories to describe the UFO phenomenon as a planetary poltergeist generating apparitions from Humankind's repressed collective unconscious to create UFO manifestations, Men in Black, etc. - some of which ideas former FATE editor Clark reportedly now disavows.

All-out hollow-earth theories like those of John Cleves Symmes, Marshall Gardner, Cyrus Reed Teed, John Uri Lloyd (*Etidorhpa*, 1895), and Willis G. Emerson (*The Smoky God*, 1908) clearly belong to fringe Forteanism, involving QUITE extreme modifications of accepted MSWP views of the Earth's structure. There is a bit less outright conflict with orthodox MSWP geology, however in the suggestion that subterranean cavern-systems in the Earth's crust may be vastly more extensive and complex than mainstream geologists yet believe. These cavern-systems may harbor a vast variety of organisms originally descended from surface-dwelling life-forms, it is suggested. In effect, these vast underground cavern-realms hold a largely unknown and unsuspected subterranean biosphere: a now almost independent biosphere that originated millions of years ago as an aberrant, specialized branch or offshoot of our terrestrial biosphere.

Thus, William Michael Mott argues in *Caverns, Cauldrons, and Concealed Creatures* (2000) that this cavern-dwelling subterrene fauna includes a number of intelligent or semi-intelligent humanoid and reptilian races with a seemingly "magical" advanced technology. These subterrene humanoids and reptoids, Mott believes, have been preying both cannibalistically and reproductively on surface humanity throughout history, abducting us sometimes for food but much more importantly to steal our genetic material and cross-breed with us. They account for the demons, gnomes, fairies, trolls, dwarfs, frog-princes, dragons, serpent-people, mermen, and mermaids of traditional religion, mythology, and folklore, for the so-called "Hairy Hominids," "Bigfoot," "Lake Monsters," "frog-men," "lizard-men," and other "cryptids" and "mystery beasts" studied by cryptozoologists, and for modern UFO's, "aliens," "Grays," "Mothmen," and "deros." All such entities and creatures, Mott argues, have a subterranean origin, though they try to make us believe that they are extraterrestrial, "ultraterrestrial," or other-dimensional. UFO's, Mott believes, come from the cavern realms inside the Earth rather than from outer space. Like the space aliens discussed by extraterrestrial-oriented abductologists like Budd Hopkins and David M. Jacobs, Mott's cavern-dwellers are obsessively, ruthlessly interested in hybridizing with us and stealing our genetic material. Like Hopkins and Jacobs, Mott believes that they wish to improve their own somewhat defective or degenerate genetic stock and to make themselves (or their children and grandchildren) better fitted to survive and thrive in our own environment. Mott, we should note, confines these cavern-realms to the Earth's crust. He does not speculate about

concentric habitable inner-earth spheres like John Cleves Symmes, nor a vast inner cavity with an inner sun or inner energy-center like W.G. Emerson in The Smoky God or John Uri Lloyd in Etidorhpa. As an inner-earth theorist, Mott is far more modest and conservative than Symmes, Emerson, or Lloyd.

In an e-mail discussion of conspiracy theorizing in the UFO field, parapsychologist George P. Hansen, author of The Trickster and the Paranormal (2001), remarked (private communication, August 8, 2002) that his own "observations suggest that conspiracy thinking in the UFO area is far more prevalent among nuts-and-bolts ufologists and others that adopt a 'concrete' reality stance as opposed to New Agers who have a more 'metaphysical' approach." Later that day, Hansen added (private communication, August 8, 2002) his "impression" that "the nuts-and-bolts people put a stronger emphasis" on "government cover-ups of UFO crashes." He felt that "a very, very high percentage of nuts- and-bolts ufologists believe that the government either has a crashed saucer or knows the 'truth' about them," while the "metaphysical types sometimes embrace really wide ranging conspiracies that are much more fluid in their applicability."

My own personal impression is that while nuts-and-bolts UFO'logists do very often allege government cover-ups of UFO crashes and government cover-ups of its "knowledge" of the "truth" about UFO's, scientific Forteans (among whom I include the nuts-and-bolts UFO'logists) are otherwise not much given to conspiracy theorizing. It is the fringe Forteans, I have myself long noticed, who are in fact much more given to conspiracy theorizing about history, society, and politics in general, to Jewish, Illuminati, Bilderbergers, New World Order, or Reptilian world domination conspiracy theories like those of Milton William Cooper and David Icke, to allegations that the United Nations was started as a Communist world domination agency with a charter written or dictated by Joseph Stalin, and to denunciations of so-called "political correctness." You simply never see any such theories, speculations, charges, or denunciations in any of the books or articles, for instance, of Patrick Huyghe, Loren Coleman, Jerome Clark, George P. Hansen, Brenda Denzler, Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, Bernard Heuvelmans, or Ivan T. Sanderson. Some of them at times may espouse much more limited and modest conspiracy hypotheses, as about government UFO cover-ups - but not fantasies of vast Illuminati, Zionist, or Reptilian plots. As historian Richard Hofstadter once noted, there is a big difference between locating conspiracies in history, and seeing history itself as a conspiracy. One principal reason, I believe, is that scientific Forteans are generally much less alienated from or hostile towards the "Establishment" or "cultural 'Elites'" than are fringe Forteans. Of course, this is only a rough generalization, to which I would naturally concede many specific exceptions!

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress."  
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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

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>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 03:55:48 -0500  
>Subject: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>Source: News.Scotsman.com

><http://www.news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=23092004>

Kenny, Listers and EBK

This story did the rounds in the UK around 1998, It was covered in a couple of paranormal magazines. It was a very interesting read.

Well worth a look.

Max

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

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>>>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2004 14:16:20 -0800  
>>>Subject: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

>>Thank you again for your fantastic work on Charles Moore's  
>>speculations. But I suggest again to go one step further: There  
>>was no Mogul 4 at dawn, there was no Mogul 4 at 3:00 a.m., there  
>>was no Mogul 4 at all!

>>To me, it is obvious when reading carefully Albert Crary's  
>>diary. Here are his exact words, as reproduced in the Roswell  
>>Report. To make that clear, let's compare the entries for three  
>>days. (these are the relevants excerpts):

>>"Jun 3 Tues. Up at 0230 am ready to fly balloon but abandoned  
>>due to cloudy skies.

>>"Jun 4 Wed. Out to Tularosa Range and fired charges between 00  
>>and 06 this am.

>>No balloon flights again on account of clouds.

>>Flew regular sono buoy up in a cluster of balloons (etc).

>>Jun. 5 Thurs. Up at 4 to shoot 2 charges for balloon flight.  
>>Whole assembly of constant-altitude balloons set up at 0500.

>>In the third entry, he refers clearly to a Mogul balloon train,  
>>but not for June 4 when he mentions the "cluster of balloons" .

>Gildas, one of the problems here is the imprecision of the  
>language. Balloon clusters could also refer to the entire  
>complement of balloons in a regular flight. Thus we might be  
>dealing with a handful of balloons or 2 dozen.

>>These clusters of balloons are described precisely in the  
>>Roswell Report, with a drawing. They were made up of "three to  
>>five sounding balloons", and "three ML-307 radar targets"  
>>(quoted from the drawing). The legend says:

>If they sent a sonobuoy up in a "cluster of balloons," it would  
>take more than 3-5 meteorological balloons. I think the  
>sonobuoys weighed around 15 pounds (judging from an later  
>engineering schematic and summary sheet). Therefore I would  
>guess in the neighborhood of 15+ balloons would be needed to  
>loft it, neglecting anything else, like radar targets.

David and the List

David,

I have tried to estimate the lifting power of a balloon cluster, from the data available in the Air Force Roswell Report. The diagram in the Roswell Report for balloon clusters shows three to five balloons, of 350 grams size (4 feet in diameter).

The description of the big Mogul 5 balloon train gives:

Total pound load of 24,950 grams (24.95 kg)

There were 28 balloons of 350 grams, so their total weight was of 9,800 grams.

The ratio is  $24.9/9.8 = 2.5$  approximately.

This ratio is confirmed in another document, the NYU report of 1949 on Constant Level Balloons, section 2 - Operations.

In table 4 on balloon data, we find the same ratio for a balloon of 0.6 kg, the "load limit" is 1.5 to 5 Kg.

The lower ratio is  $1.5/0.6 = 2.5$  again, if I understand well.

So, the lifting power of a cluster of five 350 grams balloons would be  $5 \times 350 \times 2.5 = 4.37$  Kg (9 pounds).

So, you are right - it was not enough to lift a 15 pounds sonobuoy, and the rest of the cluster. Crary probably used more balloons. He could also use a larger model, like the 1,000 grams balloons which were on top of the balloon trains. But the main point remains : it was not a full fledged balloon train, there was no Mogul 4, and the Mogul story is dead, for good.

What I have been trying to do is to take into account the problem of the flowered tape, which is still a "major" argument for Mogul. Yes, Brazel mentioned it in his interview, and we have to deal with that. The idea of a smaller cluster, with some NYU targets, is compatible with Brazel's Story, with Bessie's story, and also with the fact, acknowledged by an embarrassed Moore, that no Mogul instrument was found anywhere on the Foster ranch. Not even the sonobuoy, by the way.

The bottom line is, more that ever - there was nothing there to fool the Air Force officers of Roswell.

This does not contradict the suggestion of Bob Durant that the Fort Worth cover up was made with balloon debris brought from somewhere else. Maybe from White Sands, for instance ?

Gildas

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Hatch

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>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

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>>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 11:48:45 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>No offense intended, but are we to take your interpretation over  
>>the release of highly experienced image people at JPL?

>Hello,

>See some naivety (and bad-mouthing) on subject of NASA/JPL  
>photos.

>Unless NASA's gone in for pinks and purples (on gear that safety  
>and clarity calls for white w/primary colors) then this latest  
>release:

><http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/mer2004/rover-images/jan-08-2004/video.jpg>

>- big file - 1.7 Meg - has indeed been doctored.

>I would consider judgments of Ian Fleming, George A. Filer & Mac  
>Tonnies rather than blind acceptance of statements from sources  
>that we know to be suspect - see JPL's recent history

>"Perceptions" carries links to Tom Van Flandern's Mars photo  
>gallery:

[http://metaresearch.org/solar%20system/cydonia/asom/artifact\\_html/default.htm](http://metaresearch.org/solar%20system/cydonia/asom/artifact_html/default.htm)

<snip>

Hello all, and forgive me if I detect a bit of silliness here.

It is my (perhaps naive) impression that the old chew-bones of  
the actual color of the Martian skies could be settled  
completely and simply.

- a) You take a camera, any kind suitable for these purposes, and you shoot pix of very earthly scenes.
- b) A panel of ordinary people, plus some experts, decides if the colors shown agree with their perception of natural colors.
- c) You send the same camera, or exact equivalent to Mars and shoot landscapes which include the sky.
- d) At most you adjust for brightness of the Sun, making no other tweeks to the data sent back.
- e) Show the images as they are. Period.

f) We move to a more productive topic.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
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>Those are Flintstones Building Blocks!

ROFL!!!

From listening to Hoagland's 'Instant Analysis' on C2C you'd expect to find everything from petrified credit cards to leftover 'Commander Cody' secret decoder rings.

Best,

Greg

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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 08:08:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:51:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

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>Those are Flintstones Building Blocks!

Hello Mac, Tim:

The holes are interesting yes, but they don't look really rectangular to me.

Oh, the one on the lower left is vaguely rectangular if you allow artistic license with low-res imagery. The other one on the middle-right looks like a garden variety hole-in-a-rock to me, something unlikely to promote tourism etc.

For me, the issue is how much bang-for-the-buck science can be done.,It comes down to manned vs unmanned missions.,

I have split opinions on that.,An actual human walking on Mars buys us enviable bragging rights, but who are we to boast to?, The Soviets are gone, and everybody on Earth brews better beer.

In the long run, unmanned or robotic probes will yield better scientific data for the dollar., Less fluff, more stuff.

One might use a similar line of reasoning to argue that no natural beings from space have visited here recently, if at all. Budgetary concerns aside, a presumably high level of technology should produce intelligent robots who can perform all the function of live astronauts, and more reliably.

I presume the robots can reset their own tripped circuit breakers of course.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:50:20 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 12:01:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

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>Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 16:28:29 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>not necessarily because we credit every detail of their  
>speculation, but because we have every reason to suspect  
>double-dealing from the agency that controls all the photo's we  
>get of Moon/Mars etc.:

I'm not even suggesting there's duplicity on the part of NASA/JPL, all I'm saying is that they just seem to have a strong preference for overdriving red, orange, and now pink. I don't know why. Maybe it's simply because Mars has always been the "red planet," so they want it to appear as red as possible.

The only reasons I can think of as to why NASA/JPL would want to fudge the color is that if it looks too much like east Texas or New Mexico (which it sort of does), then too many people would be a) wondering why we're spending so much tax money to go look at something so mundane, or b) accusing them of not actually going to Mars but pulling some kind elaborate hoax. But I don't consider either of these reasons very plausible.

Personally, I think the NASA/JPL folks would be tickled pink (so to speak) to discover life somewhere on Mars or the Moon. Imagine what their budget would be the next year.

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## Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:57:10 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 12:02:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Shell

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 19:48:48 -0800  
>Subject: To The Moon! And Mars

>I'm rather perplexed by President Bush's upcoming statement  
>about going to the Moon - again, and way too long since.

The man is trying to get re-elected, and the space program is a huge white-collar welfare program. Bush I did the very same thing, and it amounted to exactly diddly.

>I'm wondering, are we being prepared for Martian life?

Maybe. If there is such a thing. The jury's still out.

>Even lichen would be devastating to fundemantalist  
>Darwinists or CSICOP types.

Not necessarily. There have been plenty of reasonable, scientifically testable mechanisms theorized about how organic material and even dormant life-forms could be transmitted between planets. Space is harsh, but life is surprisingly tough. I'm very curious about what the Wild 2 mission results will be. Complex organic material? Proto-bacteria?

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 07:36:40 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>a) You take a camera, any kind suitable for these purposes, and  
>you shoot pix of very earthly scenes.

>b) A panel of ordinary people, plus some experts, decides if  
>the colors shown agree with their perception of natural colors.

>c) You send the same camera, or exact equivalent to Mars and  
>shoot landscapes which include the sky.

>d) At most you adjust for brightness of the Sun, making no  
>other tweeks to the data sent back.

>e) Show the images as they are. Period.

I'm all for it.

>f) We move to a more productive topic.

Ha! Don't be ridiculous. That'll never happen!

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From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 09:15:36 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 13:49:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
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>ROFL!!!

Hello Greg:

An opera singing pterodactyl, defrosted and resuscitated from Paraguay has greater credibility.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 12:52:40 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 13:51:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century - Morton

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 14:07:57 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>From: Dave Morton <[Marspyrs@aol.com](mailto:Marspyrs@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 13:02:07 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Faking UFO Photos For 21st Century

>>Thus, my sarcastic humor directed at them.

>I was afraid there might be a misunderstanding. My "you" was  
>directed at all the folks out there who might think their brand  
>of hoax science has more merit than it actually does, not at  
>you, personally.

>The catch remains - unless someone can specifically and  
>definitively prove not only that a particular UFO photo is a  
>hoax, but that each and every UFO photo is a hoax, then it  
>still leaves open the possibility, however slight, that the  
>unexplainable photo is exactly what it appears to be. Of course,  
>whether it's aliens, time travelers, Air Force tests, dry  
>cleaning bags filled with marsh gas would remain to be proven.

>I was afraid there might be a misunderstanding.

No problem, Tim... I knew what you meant.

And I probably should not have implied to all, "Don't waste  
your breath." While it's true that Cyclops doesn't have any  
interest in being truthful or scientific, the posts and  
reasoning are interesting to read, help keep the mind sharp, and  
remind us that not everyone falls for Cyclops garbage -  
especially in this group. I read all of them with interest.

At any rate, one of the bottom lines is this: Cyclops knows  
exactly what its doing. They're not stupid - just highly  
unethical. And they're Fakes.

Of course, the article on faking a UFO picture was interesting,  
and the process required skill, thought, and perseverance. I'm  
always impressed with the creative solutions the movie industry  
comes up with to solve its problems. In the movie "Singing in  
the Rain", they didn't use water for the rain, they used milk:  
It showed up better.

In the movie "A Christmas Story", to hold the kid's tongue on  
the "cold flagpole", they rigged up a suction pump, a gray-  
painted cardboard tube, and a small hole in the tube. It worked,  
and it didn't hurt the kid's tongue. The blowing snow in the  
"Airport" movies was made of white soap flakes or corn flakes,  
or something similar: Nature couldn't be counted on to produce  
blowing snow when they needed it for those scenes.

But as presented by Cyclops, the article on faking UFO film or  
photographs was propagandistic, and to me, somewhat humorous for  
that reason. It was clearly an article written by a real movie

guy, presented by real propagandists (also known as Fake Scientists, in Cyclop's case), for a Fake Purpose.

Dave Morton

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## Re: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 18:37:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 13:53:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review - Hale

>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 23:49:49 -0000  
>Subject: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review

>Ufologists were hardly featured; Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts  
>appeared, and there was some decidedly odd footage of somebody  
>who claimed to be speaking Venusian.

Mr Pope.

Do you believe ETs have visited earth?

Roy

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>>ROFL!!!

>Hello Greg:

>An opera singing pterodactyl, defrosted and resuscitated from  
>Paraguay has greater credibility.

ROFLMAO!!!

Really, Hoagland should stop. He should just \_stop\_!

He's got half the country believing this nonsense, he's insulted NASA, JPL technicians, then turns around and praises them.

He's even got George Noory doing this stuff.

Last month Art Bell blabbed on the air about how authentic a pic of a landed saucer was and we all knew it was a hangout in Arizona for a band or a fun-group. Turned out it was a hangout for the Cult of the Subgenius - very funny group of folks out for a good time.

Then 2 nights ago Noory blabs about an authentic looking bigfoot pic. One glance and it's about as authentic as the suits they wore in those old Roger Corman B-grade horror flicks. You can even see the seams!

Here the world is in peril because we've dwindling sources of objective news and science, and these guys are larking it up to the point that even if you do present solid data it gets lost in the sauce.

Mind you, I love Hoagland. He's a real card. He knows his stuff but he's just taking things way overboard with claims and

accusations that raises the bar in the high-jump of absurdity for entertainment.

He could really do the world a great service by making science the fun it really is. He really could! That would be the biggest tribute to the space explorers.

I hope they do find artifacts on Mars. I hope they find dinosaur footprints, ancient McDonald's Happy Meals, I even hope they find a Martian city with a radio show featuring a Martian who broadcasts a program listened to by only Martians that wonder if there's really life on Earth because the Martian satellites sent back images of four giant faces on a mountain.

I can see it now, 'Mart Bell', the martian radio host and his nightly show, where he interviews people about the strange and unusual and the mysterious conspiracy that Martians whisper about 'The Viking Conspiracy', where in the 1970s it was reported a flying thing crashed on Mars.

We may be running out of oil, but there's one oil source we ain't running out of and that's 'Snake Oil'.

Best,

Greg

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>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004

>>No offense intended, but are we to take your interpretation over  
>>the release of highly experienced image people at JPL?

>See some naivety (and bad-mouthing) on subject of NASA/JPL  
>photos.

>Unless NASA's gone in for pinks and purples (on gear that safety  
>and clarity calls for white w/primary colors) then this latest  
>release:

><http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/mer2004/rover-images/jan-08-2004/video.jpg>

>- big file - 1.7 Meg - has indeed been doctored.

>I would consider judgments of Lan Fleming, George A. Filer & Mac  
>Tonnie's rather than blind acceptance of statements from sources  
>that we know to be suspect - see JPL's recent history

Oh yes! We must believe that NASA/JPL photographically lie about  
the real sky color on Mars! Do you allege that NASA and JPL have  
forgotten that the whole world, scientists included, are  
watching. Dare those responsible at NASA/JPL risk such to allay  
the thoughts of a few zealous conspiracy buffs who would like to  
believe that the sky on Mars is pretty much a terrestrial blue?  
I doubt it seriously.

Paranoia is a disease, and some on this list seem infected with  
it. Of course, paranoid components in UFOlogy are nothing new.  
They have been there for the 50+ years I have been involved in  
it, but manifestations of the condition seem to have been  
greatly on the increase in recent decades. Big Brother is always  
out to get them or pull the wool over their eyes! LMAO.

Calibration of the color of photos coming back from Mars is a  
very complex matter. Do we try to calibrate them to how a human  
with 'normal' color vision standing on Mars might see things, or  
do we calibrate them to make a color chart displayed on the  
lander look (as relayed by their camera) just as we would see  
that same chart here by sunlight reaching earth's surface? I'm  
not a physicist or even an expert in human vision, but it seems  
to me that those two approaches might have disparate results.

I assure you that those involved at NASA/JPL have a lot more  
things to worry about than allaying the paranoid suspicions of a  
few conspiracy buffs back on earth. Sure, there were color  
corrections needed at first (possibly even now), but I would be  
greatly surprised if NASA/JPL had the likes of Hoagland in mind  
causing them to tweak color toward the red.

Grant those commendable, hard workers at NASA/JPL the right of a learning curve, for the sake of everyone!

I can also assure List members that many of those rocks shown in the 'postcards' released so far match, in both color and by what we can see of their texture, the very freshest (those with lowest of terrestrial age or terrestrial weathering) of Martian meteorites that have been recovered here in earth. If NASA/JPL had distorted the color of the whole images, that should not be the case. And don't tell me, Ray Dickenson, that I don't know what I'm talking about, because I have right here in front of me nice samples of eight of the Martian meteorites (seven different shergottites and one nakhlite). The color and resolution of the photos from Mars is so good that I can tell you that most of the out-of-context looking rocks near the camera on that surface appear to be basaltic in nature and closely resemble the SNC (shergottite-nakhlite-chassignite) group of Martian meteorites, with those resembling shergottites in the majority, just as with the meteorites from Mars found on earth to date.

Anyone wanting to see what may be the best private collection of Martian meteorite samples, should visit the super website of Norbert Classen of Germany:

<http://www.timewarp.de/martian/snc.htm>

Just click on the weight of each specimen to see an excellent photo of same.

Those wishing to see Norbert's lunar meteorite specimens, please click on:

<http://www.timewarp.de/lunar/lunar.htm>

So, dream on. I suppose it makes some life-on-Mars fans feel important to think that NASA/JPL is distorting the color of released images in order to convince them that Mars is not (or was never) an abode of life.

And for those who keep 'pawing over' every odd-looking gigantic rock that cosmic collisions have ever knocked into out-of-context locations and patterns and claim they either are or may be evidence of an ancient civilization on Mars (or arranged to replicate the belt of Orion! -- LMAO!), I likewise say, "Dream on!" You are dreaming into and reading the 'tea leaves' of cosmic impact debris and erosional features. Look closely at some of those relatively small rocks in front of the Mars lander. Some of them look an awfully lot like the 'pyramids' you imagine you see when looking at larger rock chunks on Mars knocked out-of-context by cosmic impacts.

I would be thrilled if intelligently made structures were found on Mars, but, to date, nothing you have come up with is convincing to me or to the planetary scientists who want to examine things objectively, not even after some persons have done their 'spin' on them in PhotoShop.

Oh yes, I know, there is a gigantic puma image on Mars! :) Get real! You have come very little farther than ancient men who looked at patterns of stars and saw gigantic men, gods, or certain animals in those patterns. You should see the 'pheasant' I found in a certain terrestrial plutonic rock. Shall I suppose a tiny fairy made it to amuse or enlighten us of their existence, just as some of you might allege an ancient Martian (or some other alien) did in making a gigantic 'puma' on Mars?

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: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:48:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 12:43:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Rudiak

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>Listeners may be interested in knowing that there will be a  
>full-fledged formal debate between myself and James McGaha,  
>a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in  
>Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of  
>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

>James was apparently a USAF pilot with a TS compartmentalized  
>clearance who has spent some time at Area 51. He also has an MS  
>degree in Astronomy from the U. of Arizona and has discovered  
>many asteroids and comets and Near Earth Objects.

>He says there is no evidence Earth is being visited.

>Claims he has been investigating UFOs for 35 years. I have never  
>met him and would appreciate any comments people care to make.  
>He is apparently very active in the Tucson, Arizona, Skeptics  
>Society.

More information on McGaha and his UFO debunkery:

<http://www.tucsonweekly.com/tw/07-13-95/cover.htm>

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McGaha is an accomplished stargazer who frequently can be found  
spending his evenings peering into the night sky from his  
backyard telescope, a 12-inch computer-equipped unit. He has a  
master's degree in astronomy and teaches the subject at Pima  
Community College. His interest in UFOs dates back more than two  
decades. He recalls that whenever he told people he was an  
amateur astronomer, they had two questions for him: What's your  
sign? and Have you ever seen a UFO?

"I got tired of saying it was all nonsense, so I started  
researching it," McGaha says. Since then, he's investigated case  
after case, never finding any evidence that UFOs are here. He  
has come across, however, lots of people who believe in them -  
the result, he believes, of the decline of traditional religion  
and the rise of what he calls "pseudo-science."

...He can spend hours at his comfortable foothills homes  
debunking the UFO stories with visitors, perfectly happy to pull  
out a map of Nevada and dismiss the stories of that fabled top-  
secret government site so popular among the UFO crowd, Area 51.

"There is no Area 51!" he thunders, his finger moving up the map  
from Las Vegas to Groom Lake, where the UFO crowd likes to  
pinpoint the alleged installation where alien remains and  
captured saucers are reputed to be hidden away deep beneath the  
ground.

Wrong, says McGaha. On his military map, it's actually  
Restricted Area 4808 North, where various training exercises

take place - electronic warfare, nuke tests and other "classified stuff." McGaha, whose military career includes a stint as an Air Force pilot, says he knows the region because he's been there. He can't talk much about it because he doesn't want to violate his national security oath, but he insists that the U.S. government doesn't have captured saucers: "There is a lot of highly classified activity going on in here, but it has nothing to do with UFOs."

McGaha is full of reasons UFOs can't possibly exist. The g-force from their impossible maneuvers would crush fragile alien bodies. The gamma radiation generated by particle intersection at light-speed space travel - assuming that was even a possibility - would fry them. And the necessary energy to move at that speed - well, if you used every last volt of energy generated in the history of mankind, you might be able to propel a Volkswagen at one-tenth the speed of light.

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Stan and List,

This guy is obviously no physicist and most of his physical assertions are demonstrably false, ludicrous in fact. Consider the last statement, e.g., and the following energy facts.

U.S. yearly energy consumption =  $\sim 10^{20}$  joules  
World yearly energy consumption =  $\sim 4 \times 10^{20}$  joules

Weight of a Volkswagon =  $\sim 1000$  kg (one metric ton)  
1/10th speed of light =  $3 \times 10^7$  m/sec

Energy to accelerate a VW to 1/10 light speed  
=  $\sim 1/2 \times mv^2 = .5 \times 10^3 \times (3 \times 10^7)^2$   
=  $\sim 4.5 \times 10^{17}$  joules

Note that the energy to propel a VW to 1/10th light speed is considerably less than the yearly energy output of the world, only about 1/10th of 1% in fact, or about 10 hours worth. Other ways to look at it -  $4.5 \times 10^{17}$  joules is also:

- 1) About half the energy production of the state of Oklahoma for one year
- 2) About the solar energy striking 4-5 square miles in a year (assumes day and night and some cloudy weather)
- 3) About 100 "small sized" tactical 1 megaton Hydrogen bombs, or about 2 of the largest hydrogen bombs ever exploded (At the height of the Cold War, the joint nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and Soviet Union were several hundred times this)
- 4) The yearly output of 15 one megakilowatt nuclear power plants.

Even if you scaled the VW's speed up to 30% of light, this only increases the energy requirement by about a factor of 10, still far less than the world's current energy production for a year, in fact only about 1% or 4 days worth.

Clearly McGaha's claim that the energy required exceeds the energy production in all human history is pure crap. He's off by a good 5 orders of magnitude. Who's really peddling the "pseudoscience" here?

His gamma ray argument is also false. Again if we assume 30% light speed, photons (ordinary light, X-rays, gamma rays, etc.) would not be significantly Doppler-shifted to produce a hazard beyond what is normally encountered in space. Astronauts/cosmonauts spend months in relatively unshielded space stations exposed to naturally occurring gamma rays and don't get "fried." They won't get much more "fried" by gamma rays when traveling at 30% light speed. Good shielding could protect them against most of it.

The other potentially significant radiation hazard would arise from collisions with massive subatomic particles (i.e., the spaceship running into them at high speed), primarily interstellar hydrogen nuclei or bare protons. At 30% light speed, these would have energies relative to the space ship of about 10 million electron volts, the low end of the cosmic ray

energy spectrum, the equivalent energy of the puniest of particle accelerators from about 70 years ago, and, most importantly, extremely easy to shield against. The only other significant massive subatomic particles would be helium nuclei, or alpha particles, which would be 4 times as energetic, but still presenting no major shielding problem.

Thousands of cosmic rays at least as energetic as this penetrate our bodies every second, and again we don't get "fried." The main difference is that the flux (particles/unit area) would be approximately a million times greater for a 30% light speed space ship than here on Earth. But the important point is that these are relatively low energy particles and protection by shielding is again very practical.

(Also note that if the "aliens" were really robotic representatives and not biological, they would be much more immune to any radiation damage.)

Regarding McGaha's claims that reported UFO's are impossible because reported accelerations are "impossible" and would also crush alien bodies, Stan already recited a number of arguments against these. Here are some of them and more:

1) Accelerations of up 100 g's (about the most I've ever seen reported for UFOs) are far from "impossible," in fact duplicated here on Earth every day by military hardware such as small missiles. Some surface-to-air and air-to-air missiles, e.g., pull 60+ g turns.

2) There is an implicit assumption in McGaha's debunking argument that UFO's are necessarily "manned." High acceleration vehicles could be remotely guided, guided by on-board computer, and/or "manned" by cybernetic crews (robots), therefore able to withstand very high accelerations. Conceivably, even a more biological crew might be genetically engineered to withstand higher accelerations than humans can take (smaller bodies and mass than humans, bigger/stronger hearts, circulatory systems better at preventing pooling in extremities, less brittle skeletal structure, etc.)

3) Even meager, non-optimized humans can survive brief periods of high acceleration from 15-40 g's of a few seconds duration if they are wearing g-suits, are well-conditioned, well-trained, strapped-in tightly, and positioned properly in cushioned, contour seats. (At 40 g's in a rocket sled, however, a few days in the hospital afterwards are usually needed to recover. A few seconds of ~15 g's in a large training centrifuge usually cause no great medical problems other than briefly passing out.)

4) Without even resorting to hypothetical anti-gravity fields, it might actually be possible to provide partial shielding against high-g forces using diamagnetic field repulsion, generated by very high strength super-conducting magnets. The basic principle was demonstrated a few years ago by floating small animals like frogs and goldfish above one of our best small superconducting laboratory magnets (i.e. 1 g of field repulsion was being applied to the animals - they were essentially weightless). Larger superconducting magnets with magnetic fields up to 10 times greater than this could theoretically generate up to 100 g of field repulsion (repulsion goes up as square of magnetic field). Although this can't be done today, it might be possible through nanotechnology in the future to produce much better superconducting materials that could generate the necessary magnetic fields. I know of no physical arguments that say such materials would necessarily be impossible to manufacture.

5) There might be other ways to provide protection against otherwise crushing accelerations and forces, such as being immersed in and breathing oxygenated liquid like fluorocarbons. A similar situation occurs for free divers, who can dive to greater than 600 feet where pressures on their bodies are 20 times greater than at the surface. But they don't get crushed. Instead, their lungs fill with body fluid and prevent their rib cages from collapsing. The incompressible fluid in their lungs produces an internal force that counters the enormous external one. The main point is that enormous forces alone do not necessarily mean being crushed and dying. What kills is not so much large forces but large force differences on different parts of the body. Now imagine accelerating a gold fish in a bowl of

water - it would feel almost no acceleration forces if its density matched that of water. The acceleration presses the goldfish backwards, but the water presses back and neutralizes the force. The same thing could be done in principle with a human - or an alien.

What many of these debunking "impossible" arguments amount to in the end is creating impossibility through poor assumptions (or arguing from ignorance or lack of imagination). Stan loves to give the example of the astronomer in 1943 who calculated that trip to the moon was "impossible" because of the huge energy expenditure, which turned out to be 300 million times greater than what was eventually required. The problem was in his poor assumptions, such as no rocket staging, low accelerations, and powered reentry and landing instead of passive heat shields and parachutes. As engineers say, GIGO (garbage in, garbage out)

Regarding McGaha's claim of no Area 51, there certainly is an actual designated Area 51 at Groom Lake where top-secret planes like the U-2, SR-71, and Stealth have been developed and flight-tested. Atomic testing and electronic air warfare are done elsewhere on the Nellis Complex Range, of which A-51 makes up only a tiny part. For a map:

<http://www.ufomind.com/area51/maps/overview/general.jpg>

McGaha is improperly lumping everything together. Honestly, would we be blowing up A-bombs in the same place that we test our planes? A-bomb testing is done at the Nevada Test Site, generally at Frenchman Flat, about 40 miles to the south of Groom Lake.

As to McGaha's assertion that there are no experimental saucers at A-51, he might know and be right, he might know and be lying, or he might never have been privy to such information one way or the other and is just making it up (like, apparently, most of everything else he says regarding UFOs). Just like claims to the contrary, there is no way to verify what he is saying. Certainly his other alleged UFO debunking "facts" are provably wrong. Why should any of his other assertions, even those allegedly based on personal knowledge, be any more reliable?

McGaha seems to have impressive credentials as a semi-professional observational astronomer, but like nearly all 'scientific' debunkers, when the subject turns to UFOs his scientific brains fall out and he starts arguing pseudoscience. Based on the mostly nonsensical nature of his prior arguments, I don't think Stan will have much trouble with him.

David Rudiak

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## Re: On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase - Speiser

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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 13:11:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase - Speiser

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 20:12:42 -0500  
>Subject: Update On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase

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>when the reward's claimant shows up with one or more  
>(verifiable) smoking guns!  
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Now there's an idea. I should think a network would be willing  
to shell out even more, say \$5 or \$6 million, for the Story of  
the Millennium.

Of course, the pitfalls of such an offer are many. First, who  
determines if something is "smoking" enough to warrant the  
reward? Second, suppose the reward is offered and no one ever  
comes forward...will that quiesce the pro-side? Will that  
"silence" be definitive enough to conclude that by golly, maybe  
there isn't anything to it? Third, and relatedly, I can just  
hear the skeptibunkers crowing...

==JJS==

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## Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 13:13:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Fleming

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 10:50:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2004 - Shell

<snip>

>The only reasons I can think of as to why NASA/JPL would want to  
>fudge the color is that if I looks too much like east Texas or  
>New Mexico (which it sort of does), then too many people would  
>be a) wondering why we're spending so much tax money to go look  
>at something so mundane, or b) accusing them of not actually  
>going to Mars but pulling some kind elaborate hoax. But I don't  
>consider either of these reasons very plausible.

Apparently, you didn't see my last post on the subject. Ron Levin suspects the reason is that some of the rocks appeared to have greenish patches on them without the heavy red tinting that JPL has deemed appropriate for all Mars surface photos.

>Personally, I think the NASA/JPL folks would be tickled pink (so  
>to speak) to discover life somewhere on Mars or the Moon.  
>Imagine what their budget would be the next year.

That may sound plausible to people unfamiliar with the history of NASA's alleged search for life on Mars. But it's just not so. NASA is not monolithic. Certainly many people at NASA would be happy to have life on Mars confirmed, but for some of them, the notion of life on Mars makes them see red (pun intended).

Gil Levin (Ron Levin's father), the principal investigator for the Viking Labeled Release biology experiment, has insisted for the past two decades that his experiment did in fact detect signs of life. For his refusal to bow to the so-called "scientific consensus" favored by NASA, he's received treatment from his scientific colleagues that he has described as follows in Barry DiGregorio's book, *Mars the Living Planet*:

"It just seems to me that there is a rather determined effort, in the words of those in the former Soviet Union, to make me a non-person."

Now, it's reasonable to expect that there could be considerable skepticism, caution, and disagreement with Levin's opinions. But Levin obviously feels the reaction he's received from his peers has been open hostility, not the usual scientific skepticism.

If NASA (or more specifically, JPL) were really so eager to find out whether there's life on Mars, they would have sent follow-up probes to Mars to resolve the questions raised by the results from Levin's experiments and the others on the Viking landers. They never did.

NASA's present Mars rovers are strictly concerned with geology. Colin Pillinger, a leading British scientist behind the Beagle2 project seems to hold the opinion that these rovers have little capacity to search for signs of life. In September, 2000 he said:

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/09/15/mars.race/index.html>

"Unlike (the NASA) robots, Beagle 2 won't be going sightseeing. It is intent on discovering where there is or was life on Mars. It is happy to trade measurements for mobility."

The NASA rovers are robotic geologists, not robotic biologists. They were sent to Mars by human geologists who have little or no interest in biology. Given the weight restrictions on the rovers, adding biology experiments to them would have meant doing without a few of the geological instruments they carry. The geologists, apparently, wouldn't tolerate anything less than 100% geology.

BTW: The loss of Beagle (and let's face it, it's a goner) is a huge setback to the serious search for life on Mars.

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

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Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 14:41:14 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 15:06:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 08:08:04 -0800  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

<snip>

>In the long run, unmanned or robotic probes will yield better  
>scientific data for the dollar., Less fluff, more stuff.

Perhaps at first, yes. But after a certain level of technological proficiency is achieved, an endless convoy of exploratory rovers becomes redundant.

Don't misunderstand: I'm excited about Spirit's success. But the rover's abilities are severely limited. A few weeks' manned presence on Mars could eclipse the scientific findings of Viking, Pathfinder and Spirit combined.

Then there's the larger, existential issue: What good are a bunch of robot carcasses on the Martian surface if Earth gets smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-threatening mishap?

Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to make a "backup file" for humanity?

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/atma.html>

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## Re: On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase - Sanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 16:17:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: On The Kecksburg UFO Paper Chase - Sanford

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
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>(verifiable) smoking guns!

Honestly, Larry! How much credibility do you think any 'witness'  
who might 'come out' to collect \$1,000,000 would have with the  
media, with a judge, an objective jury, or even with the  
intelligent, educated, thinking part (however small) of the  
USA's public?

Ray Stanford

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## Septic Sceptical Take On Charles Berlitz

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Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 16:21:47 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:26:14 -0500  
Subject: Septic Sceptical Take On Charles Berlitz

Hello all,

Here is a Klassical, sceptical, view of Charles Berlitz, while Mr. Fumento might be a very fine attorney, and a scientific one at that, he, attacking Berlitz, who is conveniently dead shows, cowardice. I'd love it if he could debate Stan Friedman - maybe he has:

<http://www.techcentralstation.com/010904E>

GT McCoy

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## Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:31:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 11:49:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official Hearing!

>>From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2004 12:57:03 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Mexican Aircraft/UFO Collision Case Gets Official Hearing!

>>We hear a lot from Maussan but little from Franz. I'm wondering  
>>if Franz is having difficulty translating his side of the story  
>>into English and getting it to the list.

>1. I was the one who invited him to post 'his side' of the  
>story.

>2. He did post a lengthy treatise in English 'maybe' you  
>missed that one, Amy.

>3. Mr. Franz has already posted to the List several times. Why  
>do you 'wonder' if Franz is having difficulty posting to  
>UpDates? Has Errol shown a bias in this or any other case?

John,

Good Lord, John, take a chill pill.

Unlike you, I have not made up my mind about this case and am leaving the door open until I hear the evidence from both sides of the story. With all your comments and input, it has made it very difficult to sort who is saying what.

On January 8, 2004, you posted Maussan's letter to you to the list in which he states, "He is now trying to end the career of Raymundo and Enrique." Further on Maussan states, "He now wants Franz's head on a platter. Raymundo is angry, but very sure. He said that this is going to be the end of Franz Navarrete." And, "I believe Franz is 'going to be over' not just as a UFO investigator, but as a pilot. He is willing to put at risk everything he has accomplished - and he is going to lose."

It was at this point I became tired of hearing all the accusations and chest thumping and decided to at least ask for a little less emotion and bias in the presentation of this case. Maussan's need for Franz' head "on a platter" and "the end of Franz Navarrete" has little to do with the facts in the case.

I have been following the posts related to this case even before Captain Alejandro Franz first posted his information related to the case on December 12, 2003. On 12-21-03, John, you said, "I have a pre-existing relationship to both gentlemen so I will simply excuse myself from the proceedings." And again on 12-24-03, you said, "Note: This is the last time I'm going to say this or respond to anything else regarding Maussan, Franz et al." Yet, you are still posting Maussan's letters to the list.?

Since Maussan was able to personally post to the List on 12-24-

03, why can't he post his comments to the List himself?  
Translate for him as you did in his letter posted 12-24-03, if  
necessary, but Maussan can now speak for himself.

>4. I wonder what your 'real agenda' is by posting this  
>personal slam about me. You've had a 'thing' about me for a long  
>time, Amy. Maybe it's time you get over it and stop posting what  
>amounts to thinly disguised and backhanded insults to my posts.  
>You jump on very opportunity to insult me in public.

Please point out exactly where I posted a "personal slam" about  
you in my last post, John.

I was actually trying not to insult you because I knew you  
were helping Maussan translate his words from Spanish to  
English. I thought this was very kind of you. But with all the  
emotions involved, I found a need for less bias, less confusion  
and more of the facts in this case.

I don't know Jamie Maussan, et al., or Alejandro Franz from  
Adam. Nor do I believe one story over the other. I just want to  
hear what both sides of this case have to say. That's all, John.  
No 'real agenda' nor do I have a 'thing' about you or for you.  
Nor did I view it as an 'opportunity' to 'insult' you. You  
insult yourself more by accusing others of always being out to  
"get you" than I or anyone else need try.

I'm concerned, John, that your emotionalism in this case may  
actually bias others against the testimonies of Maussan, Ruano  
and Kolbeck.

>>This List is a valuable  
>>research tool and I would like to see the evidence and  
>>information made available to current and future researchers via  
>>the archives in a more formal and less biased format.

>What 'biased' format has the case been presented in so far? SDI?  
>This List? Rhetorical questions, Amy. Anything you direct at me  
>or about me on this List is always insulting, contentious and  
>negatively biased. Prejudice is prejudice regardless of your  
>attempts to disguise it under a thin veneer of civility.

I'm sorry you interpret everything I direct at you or about you  
on this list as insulting, contentious, negatively biased and  
prejudiced, John. It has never been my intention to hurt or  
insult you. My only interest is in doing research and finding  
the truth. I don't know anything about SDI, never had time to  
tune in. I only have time to read this List. I'm just asking you  
to let Maussan, et al. and Franz present their information  
without interference.

>>If Franz is 'willing to put at risk everything he has  
>>accomplished' by bringing this case to the authorities for an  
>>official investigation, then we owe it to him as well as  
>>Maussan, Raymundo Cervantes Ruano and Enrique Kolbeck to present  
>>all the information available to the public as this case  
>>progresses.

>It has been! Where have you been? You seem to see only what you  
>wish to see. Not all that is there. Gee, isn't that the very  
>definition of the word 'bias?'

Maussan only posted once (from his address, with your  
translations) on this List since Franz's statements on 12-12-03.  
The rest of the commentary was between you and Franz and he  
hasn't been heard from since 12-27-03. I was just wondering if  
he needed help translating from Spanish to English like Maussan.  
Franz's posts were in excellent English but I'm wondering if he  
had it translated or was he able to write in English himself.  
What is so difficult to understand about that, John?

>>Hearing mostly one side of this story does little to  
>>present the facts of this case, whatever they may be

>Spend some time at the archive, Amy. Read Franz's posts to the  
>List. EBK and I interviewed Maussan and Kolbeck on SDI. Franz  
>was given space to post his side of it to the List, which he did  
>- on more than one occasion. Is my offer of translation services  
>to Maussan what you call a 'biased' presentation?

No, John, I do not consider your helping Maussan with

translations as biased. It's the way you attack anyone who doesn't sing your song and automatically accept what Maussan says (in this case) that indicates there is more to the story that needs to be aired.

>No, me-thinks it's just that ugly personal dislike you have for  
>me that is prompting you to post on this case at all. If it was  
>anybody else presenting it I'm certain we wouldn't be hearing  
>from your section of the Peanut Gallery.

Ah, so now I'm part of the 'Peanut Gallery'? <g> I don't dislike you, John. I just wish there was some way to carry on a rational conversation with you. I don't know why I keep trying. I guess it's because I have a deep respect for you even though you do not demonstrate the same towards me.

Tell you the truth, John, it wouldn't have mattered who was translating for Maussan or presenting his side of the information. I'm just trying to figure out the facts in this case, pro and con, so I can write and post an article with links about it on my new web site (under construction). Some of your 'input' in this case thus far has made it very difficult to sort the basic facts from the hoopla. On my new web site, I will be presenting cases with BOTH sides of the story for others to draw their own conclusions. I really appreciate Errol providing a forum that makes this type of research possible but your 'input', John, is making it a real pain-in-the-butt to sort the facts on both sides.

>>Can someone act as an unbiased reporter for both sides?

>It would be nice to get an 'unbiased' response to this thread!  
>So far, the only one I've heard from is you. And we all know how  
>'unbiased' you are about me, don't we?

>Does anybody else have an unbiased opinion?

Yes, will someone please help me compile the facts in this case according to both sides of the story?!

A. Hebert

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:06:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:32:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Friedman

>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 11:51:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>Listeners may be interested in knowing that there will be a  
>>full-fledged formal debate between myself and James McGaha,  
>>a CSICOP affiliate, at Middle Tennessee State University in  
>>Murfreesboro, Tennessee, less than 40 miles Southeast of  
>>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

>By armchair pronouncement only, McGaha went on national TV to  
>trash the Trumbull County UFO case that I dealt with a few years  
>back and afterward wouldn't respond to my polite letter  
>requesting clarification of his investigative method.

>From experience I fully suspect that his efforts are not driven  
>by true inquiry or curiosity. May you plumb the tank of his  
>unscientific agenda and trounce this dude with sanity and  
>reason. Good luck!

Nobody seems to have much good to say about McGaha. I see he was  
a Major in USAF, but nothing seems to show his age, his work  
experience after the military, his undergraduate degree. I  
appreciate all the comments.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:16:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:33:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Stanford

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 19:48:48 -0800  
>Subject: To The Moon! And Mars

>I'm rather perplexed by President Bush's upcoming statement  
>about going to the Moon - again, and way too long since.

>I'm wondering, are we being prepared for Martian life? Even  
>Lichen would be devastating to fundemantalist Darwinists or  
>CSICOP types.

Hi GT and List,

It might be devastating (or at least embarrassing) to many Christian fundamentalists, yes, but to Darwinists? Why should believers in evolution find life (even just bacteria, fungi, or lichen) on Mars "devastating"? Your line of reasoning (or is it humor?) has lost me completely. Every close friend of mine believes in evolution, as do I, but none of us would find such a discovery devastating. In fact, we would find it exhilarating, if for no other reason than to confound the Christian fundamentalists. :)

Also, although I have no fondness for CSICOP mentality, I cannot imagine how even the most extreme of them should find the discovery of simple life on Mars devastating. But come to think of it, they are father like Christian fundamentalists in their intellectual isolationism and the small box in which they conceptualize reality!

>I can Honestly say, that we may be on the edge of somehting very  
>big.

IMO, the only big thing likely to come out of George W. Bush's return-to-the moon scheme is a gigantic contract for Haliburton to build bases there.

If anyone thinks that George W. Bush would announce anything (e.g., the discovery of even primitive life on Mars) that might offend his fundamentalist Christian supporters, don't hold your breath expecting an announcement!

Ray Stanford

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

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 11:27:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:36:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 09:15:36 -0800  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

<snip>

>Hello Greg:

>An opera singing pterodactyl, defrosted and resuscitated from  
>Paraguay has greater credibility.

I saw one of those once Larry, but it was during the 60s so I  
don't think it counts.

Don Ledger

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## Deconstructing 'Spirit'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:01:09 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:38:52 -0500  
Subject: Deconstructing 'Spirit'

>From my weblog:

OK, I know I recently promised to lay off the subject of Mars. But that was before I realized what a mainstream subject it had become. Evidently there's quite a bit of public enthusiasm for the Spirit rover mission. Today the Kansas City Star and USA Today both have big front-page stories on "Mars Mania". And there's increasingly serious speculation that Bush's Moon-Mars initiative is more than just wishful thinking on behalf of space advocates. (Of course, when I say "Bush's Moon-Mars initiative" I'm not really attributing anything to Bush, who I doubt could locate the Red Planet on a map of the Solar System to save his life, but that's neither here nor there.....)

Have you noticed how JPL and the mainstream press have turned the Spirit rover into something of a personality? Space journalism is suddenly filled with rather desperate attempts to transmogrify a six-wheeled, solar-powered, remote-controlled dune-buggy into an interplanetary showman (or show-woman - I don't think they've given it a gender yet, although this issue was raised in the Posthuman Blues forum). When Spirit stand up on its wheels, it's not performing a basic requirement; it's giving a stand-up performance. It sleeps, it wakes up, it sends "postcards"! It's alive!

Can we expect Spirit to "do Letterman" anytime soon? Perhaps the JPL geeks (I use that term respectfully) can make it "wave its hand" to television viewers worldwide during the next big halftime show? Will Spirit run for president?

As much as I'm savoring the Spirit mission, I find attempts to humanize the rover weirdly disturbing - like guys who name their cars (or, worse, their computers) sexy female names. There's definitely a Freudian understratum to the public's infatuation with Spirit and its cybernetic derring-do. NASA has done more than transplant a bug-like machine to the Red Planet; it's sent a spark of our collective desire to get off this poisoned, treacherous globe we call "home." Spirit is nothing less than an avatar of silicon and wire, spared the neuroses and anxieties that plague Earth. Physically distant yet impressively intimate in its media-savvy, it (she?) joins the ranks of Max Headroom and Lara Croft - postmodern superstars that straddle the dissolving barrier between the real and the unreal.

It's no mistake there's a CD with hundreds of thousands of names on board Spirit - and yes, mine's there too, basking in Mars' ultraviolet flux, waiting for some future collector to pop it in his antique CD-ROM drive. It's like some sort of cosmic lottery, or a bid for ersatz immortality.

Ultimately, Spirit might have less to do with Mars than it does with the way we identify with our machinery. Perhaps instead of including a plaque commemorating the crew of Columbia, JPL should have attached a few choice quotes from J.G. Ballard's "Crash."

posted by Mac at 1/10/2004 10:04:33 PM

from: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

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## UFO Footage

From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 12:12:17 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:40:04 -0500  
Subject: UFO Footage

Dear Colleagues,

I have placed a few UFO clips on my site.  
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOFootage.htm>

More will be added in the coming weeks.

Media Player or Real Player are required for viewing the clips.

Regards,

Roy.

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## Re: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 16:05:59 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:40:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review - Pope

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 18:37:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review

>>From: Nick Pope <[nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nick@popemod.freemove.co.uk)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 23:49:49 -0000  
>>Subject: Timewatch UFO Documentary Review

>>Ufologists were hardly featured; Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts  
>>appeared, and there was some decidedly odd footage of somebody  
>>who claimed to be speaking Venusian.

>Mr Pope.

>Do you believe ETs have visited earth?

Roy,

I think there's some intriguing evidence to support such a hypothesis, but nothing that could legitimately be said to constitute cast-iron proof.

What did you think of the Timewatch documentary?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 14:37:37 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:42:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 14:41:14 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 08:08:04 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

><snip>

>>In the long run, unmanned or robotic probes will yield better  
>>scientific data for the dollar., Less fluff, more stuff.

>Perhaps at first, yes. But after a certain level of  
>technological proficiency is achieved, an endless convoy of  
>exploratory rovers becomes redundant.

>Don't misunderstand: I'm excited about Spirit's success. But the  
>rover's abilities are severely limited. A few weeks' manned  
>presence on Mars could eclipse the scientific findings of  
>Viking, Pathfinder and Spirit combined.

>Then there's the larger, existential issue: What good are a  
>bunch of robot carcasses on the Martian surface if Earth gets  
>smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-  
>threatening mishap?

>Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to  
>make a "backup file" for humanity?

That's it exactly, Mac! We should have a huge presence on the  
moon (to start) so that in the event of a catastrophe we could  
have the 21st Century fly back down from the sky!

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)  
<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.  
\$450.00 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: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 15:00:30 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:45:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 14:41:14 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

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>smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-  
>threatening mishap?

>Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to  
>make a "backup file" for humanity?

Yes. It makes perfect sense.  
But, who decides what goes in that 'file'? :-)

Terry

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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:59:29 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 17:44:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

>From: Max Burns <[max.burns@ntlworld.com](mailto:max.burns@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 07:58:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 03:55:48 -0500  
>>Subject: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>Source: News.Scotsman.com

>><http://www.news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=23092004>

>Kenny, Listers and EBK

>This story did the rounds in the UK around 1998, It was covered  
>in a couple of paranormal magazines. It was a very interesting  
>read.

>Well worth a look.

Max

Actually Max, the story broke initially in '97, thanks almost entirely to the efforts of Chris Rolfe of Ufomek in Kent, who pursued it relentlessly and was harrassed for his efforts. It didn't get picked up by the national press till '98. It has been discussed on this List before.

What is odd about the story is that since then, not one researcher anywhere has attempted to give it another go. A truly bizarre tale that has just been left alone. Why? Something definitely happened there, of that there is no doubt, but there is just something about it that hasn't drawn anyone in to have a closer look.

As I mention in my own article, the probability was that it was an FT on it's way back to Marston (footnote; Marston featured in the recent BBC2 doc. on Hells Angels as the current location for the UK Angels annual "party"), but why it should have hung around over Howard's house is anyone's guess.

Either it was a mistake of some sort or Howard was set up for some reason. Although Conservative Party involvement does fudge the issue somewhat, it is possible he was the victim of an MI5 plot to embarass him.

What I find irritating about it is Howard's tired bleating ever since. The story is clearly extremely irksome for him. "I may have been in that night but I'm not sure." Of course the twerp was in, it was 3:00 o'clock in the morning and he ought to remember. And of course he knows what happened.

As soon as I can steel myself for an attack of the silly beggars (phone taps, messing about with my credit cards, strange visits

to my house etc) then I'm off to my MP who is Howard's PPS with a whole list of questions for him to ask his master. If nothing else, it will be an amusing ten minutes until I'm shown the door.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 14:43:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 18:07:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Rudiak

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 16:22:53 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jan 2004 17:51:14 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2004 18:34:48 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>>If they sent a sonobuoy up in a "cluster of balloons," it would  
>>take more than 3-5 meteorological balloons. I think the  
>>sonobuoys weighed around 15 pounds (judging from an later  
>>engineering schematic and summary sheet). Therefore I would  
>>guess in the neighborhood of 15+ balloons would be needed to  
>>loft it, neglecting anything else, like radar targets.

>David and the List

>David,

>I have tried to estimate the lifting power of a balloon cluster,  
>from the data available in the Air Force Roswell Report.  
>The diagram in the Roswell Report for balloon clusters shows  
>three to five balloons, of 350 grams size (4 feet in diameter).

>The description of the big Mogul 5 balloon train gives:

>Total pound load of 24,950 grams (24.95 kg)

>There were 28 balloons of 350 grams, so their total weight  
>was of 9,800 grams.

>The ratio is  $24.9/9.8 = 2.5$  approximately.

>This ratio is confirmed in another document, the NYU report of  
>1949 on Constant Level Balloons, section 2 - Operations.

>In table 4 on balloon data, we find the same ratio  
>for a balloon of 0.6 kg, the "load limit" is 1.5 to 5 Kg.

>The lower ratio is  $1.5/0.6 = 2.5$  again, if I understand well.

>So, the lifting power of a cluster of five 350 grams balloons  
>would be  $5 \times 350 \times 2.5 = 4.37$  Kg (9 pounds).

Reviewing the Mogul tables, you are right. The lift per 350 mg  
balloon was closer to 1 kg (2.2 pounds) rather than 1 pound.  
E.g., Flight #1, 14 balloons, 13 kg total weight on balloons,  
Flight #5 29 balloons, 26.4 kg weight, Flight #6, 28 balloons,  
28.3 kg weight.

>So, you are right - it was not enough to lift a 15 pounds

>sonobuoy, and the rest of the cluster.

Again, quickly reviewing Mogul docs, Flight #5 had a 15 pound (unspecified) payload and Flight #7 had a 13 pound (unspecified) payload, which I assumed was either a sonobuoy or about equivalent to a sonobuoy in weight.

The main point remains: a small balloon cluster of 3 to 5 standard 350 mg balloons would have been insufficient to loft a sonobuoy, as specified by Crary in the July 4 launch. It had to be a bigger launch using more balloons.

>Crary probably used more  
>balloons. He could also use a larger model, like the 1,000 grams  
>balloons which were on top of the balloon trains. But the main  
>point remains : it was not a full fledged balloon train, there  
>was no Mogul 4, and the Mogul story is dead, for good.

I think Crary's language is too lacking in details and contradictory to know exactly what happened. Moore assumed initially from Crary's diary that a full flight was scheduled, initially cancelled on account of clouds, then later carried out when it cleared. If that was the case, then the flight probably would have had a full complement of ~28 balloons, since they had been previously inflated. On the other hand, maybe the regular flight was cancelled and the balloon was stripped of supporting equipment. Only the sonobuoy went up to test its reception and transmission. I don't think we will ever know, unless some piece of documentation magically turns up.

Different configurations would have different flight profiles. But in terms of getting to the Foster Ranch, the winds were such that no likely scenario would have blown any configuration to the Roswell debris field crash site. The wind data indicates a crash area at least 30 miles to the NE, and more likely about 70 miles.

>What I have been trying to do is to take into account the  
>problem of the flowered tape, which is still a "major" argument  
>for Mogul. Yes, Brazel mentioned it in his interview, and we  
>have to deal with that.

A crash site 30 miles NE of the Foster Ranch would correspond to the balloon crash site described by AP reporter Jason Kellahin, which he claimed to have stopped at on July 8 on his way to Roswell from Albuquerque. It was right off Highway 285. He claimed he met Brazel there accompanied by military. It was getting late, so they all headed into Roswell, and that's where he interviewed Brazel in the offices of the Roswell Daily Record. See:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4\\_Addendums.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4_Addendums.html)

There are some problems with Kellahin's story. E.g., he claimed he was at Brazel's place and also spoke to his family, but time constraints would have made it impossible to drive to the remote Foster Ranch and be back in time to interview Brazel in Roswell. But Kellahin's described balloon crash would explain Brazel's balloon story told at the Daily Record and published the next day.

It was much more probable for a balloon flight from Alamogordo to have ended up at Kellahin's reported crash site. Thus my theory that the military found the remains of "Flight #4" while searching the general area around the Foster Ranch looking for more debris. Then the military took Brazel to the Kellahin site to coach him before Brazel's press conference. That would explain the "flower tape" and other details that do sound like a Mogul crash. But the big point is that this crash was not at the Foster Ranch but elsewhere. Thus it cannot explain the Brazel debris field. Under this scenario, Mogul was involved, but as a cover story, not the actual crash object.

>The idea of a smaller cluster, with some NYU targets, is  
>compatible with Brazel's Story, with Bessie's story, and also  
>with the fact, acknowledged by an embarrassed Moore, that no  
>Mogul instrument was found anywhere on the Foster ranch. Not  
>even the sonobuoy, by the way.

Right, and the instrumentation was suspended directly below the balloon train and the radar targets. If they were going to find

one, they should have found the other. Down in Fort Worth, Gen. Ramey also stated that no instrumentation of any kind had been found.

Another item conspicuously missing by its absence was the hundreds of feet of balloon twine that tied a full-fledged Mogul together. Brazel actually specifically mentioned NOT finding anything like that in his Daily Record interview. This subject was even raised in Charles Moore's USAF interview in 1994 with Lt. James McAndrew. McAndrew asked if the twine could disintegrate in the sun. Moore said he didn't think so, and McAndrew immediately dropped the subject like a hot potato. He obviously realized the absence of the twine was inconsistent with their Mogul hypothesis, so he wasn't about to mention this inconsistency in his summary.

Bessie Brazel seems to have been describing something much smaller than a full Mogul crash. It could have been an ordinary radar target weather balloon, such as sent up from White Sands prior to V-2 launches. As I mentioned in my previous post, there had been 3 scheduled V-2 launches in the 5 weeks prior to the Roswell incident, which would have generated a dozen such weather balloon launches. (Or it could even have been from some other time period both pre- and post-Roswell, with Bessie Brazel simply getting events confused. These launches started in 1946 and continued well after 1947.) Perhaps the winds were right for one of these to have come down on the Foster Ranch. But this would have been a tiny bit of material, hardly enough to have generated any concern from rancher Mack Brazel, who had recovered weather balloons on his property before.

(Ironically confirmed during the recent Sci-Fi Roswell special where archeologist Bill Doleman found a weather balloon of recent vintage not far from the alleged debris field gouge site. Unlike the idiots at Roswell base, he was able to make an instant identification.)

>The bottom line is, more that ever - there was nothing there to  
>fool the Air Force officers of Roswell.

Right, nobody would be fooled by a weather balloon or radar target material. Skeptics claim the radar targets were incredibly exotic, but they were nothing more than balsa wood kites flown by kids everywhere and covered with foil/paper, the same material used to wrap candy bars and chewing gum. Kids could easily identify such materials but nobody at Roswell base?

>This does not contradict the suggestion of Bob Durant that the  
>Fort Worth cover up was made with balloon debris brought from  
>somewhere else. Maybe from White Sands, for instance ?

Yes, at least 12 such White Sands radar target weather balloon launches immediately before the Roswell incident, any which could have come down on a rancher's property and been turned in for a reward. That could easily explain the tiny quantity of debris in Gen. Ramey's office at Fort Worth, including a slightly weathered balloon. Ramey and his weather officer Newton always described the balloon and radar target as singular, not what one would expect from a Mogul recovery.

David Rudiak

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## Re: UFO Footage - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 13:06:04 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 11:46:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Footage - Ledger

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 12:12:17 -0000  
>Subject: UFO Footage

>Dear Colleagues,

>I have placed a few UFO clips on my site.

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOFootage.htm>

>More will be added in the coming weeks.

>Media Player or Real Player are required for viewing the clips.

I tried the URL Roy and got this:

Forbidden  
You don't have permission to access /UFOFootage.htm on this  
server.

Additionally, a 500 Internal Server Error error was encountered  
while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

Apache/1.3.27 Server at thelosthaven.co.uk Port 80

Don Ledger

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 15:25:01 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 11:48:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle

>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 15:00:30 -0600  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

<snip>

>>Then there's the larger, existential issue: What good are a  
>>bunch of robot carcasses on the Martian surface if Earth gets  
>>smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-  
>>threatening mishap?

>>Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to  
>>make a "backup file" for humanity?

>Yes. It makes perfect sense.  
>But, who decides what goes in that 'file'? :-)

Hopefully all of us. We need to democratize access to space if  
we're going to be a truly space-faring civilization. A couple  
pressurized domes won't be enough.

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Mac Tonnies ([macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com))

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/atma.html>

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## Re: CI: Rectangular Holes BaffleMartianRock-Hounds

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 16:22:24 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 11:50:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes BaffleMartianRock-Hounds

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 14:41:14 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 08:08:04 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

><snip>

>>In the long run, unmanned or robotic probes will yield better  
>>scientific data for the dollar., Less fluff, more stuff.

>Perhaps at first, yes. But after a certain level of  
>technological proficiency is achieved, an endless convoy of  
>exploratory rovers becomes redundant.

>Don't misunderstand: I'm excited about Spirit's success. But the  
>rover's abilities are severely limited. A few weeks' manned  
>presence on Mars could eclipse the scientific findings of  
>Viking, Pathfinder and Spirit combined.

>Then there's the larger, existential issue: What good are a  
>bunch of robot carcasses on the Martian surface if Earth gets  
>smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-  
>threatening mishap?

>Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to  
>make a "backup file" for humanity?

Hello Mac,

By the long run, I meant the next few decades or so.  
After that, and assuming some serious problems are solved  
(energy, funding etc.), then manned missions to Mars could  
indeed be the thing to do.

What I prefer is the most science for the buck in the meantime,  
given our existing resources, rather than some politically  
inspired and possibly disastrous adventures which preempt the  
amazing discoveries that must lie out there.

In short, I don't think we disagree much.

As for space travel, its never you or me. Its always some guy we  
never heard of otherwise. We can marvel at his/her impressions  
vicariously, but its just not the same.

Imagine somebody describing the Grand Canyon to someone who  
never saw it. Even the best pictures don't quite do justice.  
Data on the fossilized layers of ancient sea bottoms, now  
thousands of feet above sea level, tell us a lot more.

I am as enthusiastic as anyone BTW, about hopes for signs of  
water, perhaps ancient simple life forms, and (gasp) maybe even  
something better than that.

Browsing the web, I find no small concern about bringing back Martian bugs which might infect Earth with terrible consequences. While I think those risks are small (they would be ill adapted to our conditions for one thing), those fears seem to come from the same institutions which pooh-pooh the likelihood of any Martian life at all.

Did I misinterpret this, or make a false connection? More likely, there are competing schools of thought on these matters within NASA et. al.

While on the topic, can somebody recommend URLs for the latest images sent back? Pages that don't take forever to see because of heavy traffic hopefully.

Best

- Larry

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## Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky?

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:15:09 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 11:58:02 -0500  
Subject: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky?

List,

There is something wrong with the images from NASA. Without going into deep conspiracy theories again, its baffling how a high resolution camera produced only a limited colour palette?

For example the unique colours for these main images:

[1]. PIA04995 = 28623 colours (16,000,000)

Image is very large so one would expect more at least 200,000. 3498x3851 pixels, 100 pix/inch, pixel depth 24 and the colour palette 16 million.

<http://marsrovers.nasa.gov/gallery/press/spirit/20040106a/PIA04995.jpg>

[2]. PIA05155 = 84822 colours (16,000,000)

Image is very large so one would expect more at least 200,000. 3069x2431 pixels, 96 pix/inch, pixel depth 24 and the colour palette 16 million.

I realise that the light is filtered by the dust in the atmosphere but the colour palette should be richer!

And then you have this?

[3]. NASA show Mars with a "Blue Sky"?

At the news conference at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, the NASA team put this image up.

[http://apnews.myway.com/image/20040110/MARS\\_ROVER.sff\\_RS103\\_20040110150347.html](http://apnews.myway.com/image/20040110/MARS_ROVER.sff_RS103_20040110150347.html)

Now I don't know if this was a reproduction from the Net that NASA has used to illustrate a point. I can not see any explanation for the image being up, but AAP and others news services report this images as a "New"!

"A recent panoramic image of the martian surface made by Spirit's cameras is projected at rear.  
(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)"

So what's going on now at NASA?

John W. Auchettl

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## 3D Mars Rock

From: **Chaz Stuart** <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 00:29:01 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:13:47 -0500  
Subject: 3D Mars Rock

Hi,

Hoagland may have rocks in his head, but I find several of the images from Spirit/Rover quite interesting, including this:  
one:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/Spirit/MILLEN1.jpg>

--Chaz

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## Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 01:18:58 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:16:32 -0500  
Subject: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2

List,

Just to let you know that I am not dreaming this, here are another two independent sourced images from that news conference at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004.

[http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10301102002.mars\\_rover\\_rs103.jpg](http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10301102002.mars_rover_rs103.jpg)

(By: AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

[http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10401102014.mars\\_rover\\_rs104.jpg](http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10401102014.mars_rover_rs104.jpg)

(By: AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

If the link does not set, just cut & past to the address

Is this image(s) put up by NASA-JPL their work or a joke?

You can see the AP images at "Yahoo! News - Mars Exploration".

It could be a joke but it's not something I would joke around with, as it only 'muds the information water'.

Still looking for a simple reason or explanation.

Any ideas?

John W. Auchettl

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## Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

From: SMiles Lewis <[miles@elfis.net](mailto:miles@elfis.net)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 21:08:39 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:01:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone -

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 23:07:30 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)>  
>>To: [eleanor@raven1.net](mailto:eleanor@raven1.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2004 09:05:00 -0500  
>>Subject: The Power Hour - Freedom Of Speech Is Gone

>>On this morning's The Power Hour, Joyce Riley read a series of  
>>news accounts showing that freedom of speech is dead, and I mean  
>>\_really\_ dead, not just in some figure of speech, in the United  
>>States.

>>Case after case after case where the federal Secret Service  
>>ordered local police to set up "free speech zones", which are  
>>usually a third to half a mile from the nearest presidential  
>>motorcade route, often have fences or barricades allowing police  
>>to contain all who have protest signs against government policy.

>>One person faces a 6 month jail sentence and \$5,000 fine for  
>>simply carrying a sign. This individual asked and was told by  
>>the arresting officer that the content of the picket sign was  
>>the reason for the charges.

<snip>

>>Eleanor White

>Eleanor,

>There are very real problems with the Bush Administration and  
>its attitude toward people who disagree with them, but what you  
>are propagating here is utter (euphemism alert) male bovine  
>excrement.

>I live in the close-in Washington, D.C., suburbs, and if I  
>wanted to go out on the streets and protest (which I happen to  
>think is a futile exercise), I would feel entirely safe and  
>comfortable in doing so. Please try to separate out paranoia  
>from reality. There are no Fascist police here, though some need  
>retraining in human relations.

>- Dick (a.k.a., Richard Hall)

Perhaps Mr. Hall and others skeptical of Eleanor's statements  
haven't had the chance to read the news the past year and a  
half. Because the First Amendment IS in danger I submit the  
following in support of Eleanor's legitimate representation of  
the facts:

Quarantining dissent-How the Secret Service protects Bush from  
free speech

James Bovard Sunday, January 4, 2004

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2004/01/04/INGPQ40MB81.DTL>

Burse found guilty, fined \$500

By CLIF LeBLANC Staff Writer Posted on Tue, Jan. 06, 2004

[http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/news/breaking\\_news/7645909.htm](http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/news/breaking_news/7645909.htm)

First Amendment survey finds knowledge lacking By George Archibald

The Washington Times

<http://washingtontimes.com/national/20031120-104904-8883r.htm>

Secret Service Questions Oakland high school Students - May 7, 2003

<http://www.kron.com/Global/story.asp?s=%20%201268949>

Secret Service agents question a high school student for wearing an

anti-Bush T-shirt

WHIO-TV 12/12/02

[http://www.activedayton.com/partners/whiotv/news/1209\\_tshirt.html](http://www.activedayton.com/partners/whiotv/news/1209_tshirt.html)

Judge: I saw police commit felonies at Florida FTAA Protests

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/7538538.htm>

Miami Mayor 'if they engage in lawful activity, we're gonna arrest them'

<http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=17234>

Arresting The Future By Tom Hayden, AlterNet November 21, 2003

<http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=17246>

Secret Service Confiscates Journalist's Notes, Then Apologizes - CNS News

<http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewNation.asp?Page=%5CNation%5Carchive%5C200310%5CNAT20031013a.html>

Soldiers at my front door Dec. 27, 2003. 01:00 AM

A National Guard unit that's headed for Iraq taunted a pacifist priest in a small town in New Mexico.

<http://www.JohnDear.org>

NonViolent Activist Kathy Kelly Hogtied and Abused at Fort Benning

<http://vitw.us/archives/000456.html>

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~ipirag/kelly.shtml>

Political Cartoonist Draws Secret Service Attention-Fallout

[http://www.wnyc.org/onthemedial/transcripts/transcripts\\_072503\\_toon.html](http://www.wnyc.org/onthemedial/transcripts/transcripts_072503_toon.html)

Missile protesting Nuns ordered to serve 41 months in prison

<http://www.denverpost.com/cda/article/print/0,1674,36%257E6439%257E1534159,00.html>

If you don't see the Tyranny, your eyes must be closed.

Miles

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## Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lovolution@sbcglobal.net)>  
Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 22:31:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:15:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: To The Moon! And Mars - Goldstein

Ray, may you and Dick Hall have a big hug. GT, keep 'em flying.

This month I am giving a presentation on how I restored Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega before the 99s, the women's pilot organization that she founded about 70 years ago. I'm honored and I wish you could fly out here for the event.

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:16:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: To The Moon! And Mars

>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 19:48:48 -0800  
>>Subject: To The Moon! And Mars

>>I'm rather perplexed by President Bush's upcoming statement  
>>about going to the Moon - again, and way too long since.

>>I'm wondering, are we being prepared for Martian life? Even  
>>Lichen would be devastating to fundemantalist Darwinists or  
>>CSICOP types.

>Hi GT and List,

>It might be devastating (or at least embarrassing) to many  
>Christian fundamentalists, yes, but to Darwinists? Why should  
>believers in evolution find life (even just bacteria, fungi, or  
>lichen) on Mars "devastating"? Your line of reasoning (or is it  
>humor?) has lost me completely. Every close friend of mine  
>believes in evolution, as do I, but none of us would find such a  
>discovery devastating. In fact, we would find it exhilarating,  
>if for no other reason than to confound the Christian  
>fundamentalists. :)

But what if God turned out to be either a Martian bacteria,  
fungus, or lichen? Would that not confound everyone but  
Hoagland?

>Also, although I have no fondness for CSICOP mentality, I cannot  
>imagine how even the most extreme of them should find the  
>discovery of simple life on Mars devastating. But come to think  
>of it, they are father like Christian fundamentalists in their  
>intellectual isolationism and the small box in which they  
>conceptualize reality!

Don't forget about boxes battling with each other. Hmm, right  
here on UFO Updates we see that virtually every day, in addition  
to the present Presidential campaign. Some people have even used  
box knives in their boxfights aboard airliners.

>>I can Honestly say, that we may be on the edge of somehting very  
>>big.

>IMO, the only big thing likely to come out of George W. Bush's  
>return-to-the moon scheme is a gigantic contract for Haliburton

>to build bases there.

Why not. Halliburton did a great job of digging all the craters up there. Remember that they did all that before they built the master work of the face and all those pyramids on Mars.

>If anyone thinks that George W. Bush would announce anything  
>(e.g., the discovery of even primitive life on Mars) that might  
>offend his fundamentalist Christian supporters, don't hold your  
>breath expecting an announcement!

Good advice. I'm almost dead already from holding my breath waiting for President Bush and all Presidents back to Truman to make the great UFO announcement. Now I'm running out of breath.

>Ray Stanford

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

You know my method. It is founded upon the observance of Homer Simpson, the greatest non-Greek philosopher.

Josh

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:04:54 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:18:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
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>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 14:43:04 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 16:22:53 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

<snip>

>>What I have been trying to do is to take into account the  
>>problem of the flowered tape, which is still a "major" argument  
>>for Mogul. Yes, Brazel mentioned it in his interview, and we  
>>have to deal with that.

>A crash site 30 miles NE of the Foster Ranch would correspond to  
>the balloon crash site described by AP reporter Jason Kellahin,  
>which he claimed to have stopped at on July 8 on his way to  
>Roswell from Albuquerque. It was right off Highway 285. He  
>claimed he met Brazel there accompanied by military. It was  
>getting late, so they all headed into Roswell, and that's were  
>he interviewed Brazel in the offices of the Roswell Daily  
>Record. See:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4 Addendums.html>

>There are some problems with Kellahin's story. E.g., he claimed  
>he was at Brazel's place and also spoke to his family, but time  
>constraints would have made it impossible to drive to the remote  
>Foster Ranch and be back in time to interview Brazel in Roswell.  
>But Kellahin's described balloon crash would explain Brazel's  
>balloon story told at the Daily Record and published the next  
>day.

>It was much more probable for a balloon flight from Alamogordo  
>to have ended up at Kellahin's reported crash site. Thus my  
>theory that the military found the remains of "Flight #4" while  
>searching the general area around the Foster Ranch looking for  
>more debris. Then the military took Brazel to the Kellahin site  
>to coach him before Brazel's press conference. That would  
>explain the "flower tape" and other details that do sound like a  
>Mogul crash. But the big point is that this crash was not at the  
>Foster Ranch but elsewhere. Thus it cannot explain the Brazel  
>debris field. Under this scenario, Mogul was involved, but as a  
>cover story, not the actual crash object.

David and List,

It looks like a plausible scenario.

However, it does not take fully into account the testimonies of  
Brazel and his daughter Bessie. According to them, Brazel found  
the balloon debris on June 14, on the Foster ranch, and they  
filled three bags with taht "garbage".

Could they have found just one of the many balloon clusters

launched sometime in June, not necessarily the one launched on June 4 with the sonobuoy (whic was not found)? It had to be a NYU launch, in order to have flowered tape, an "exclusivity" of NYU.

So, another, slightly different scenario could be that what was shown to Kellahin was the debris stored in bags by Brazel on June 14, which was taken on Tuesday morning by the military and brought to the place where it was shown to Kellahin. Any objection ? As for the sonobuoy flight, maybe it was never found at all!

Gildas

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## Engaging In Forgetful Behaviour

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Engaging in Forgetful Behaviour/Evidence Of Repressed Memories

<http://www.globeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/TPStory/LAC/20040110/MEMORY10/TPScience/>

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Engaging In Forgetful Behaviour

A neuroscientist believes his research provides physical evidence that repressed memories may be real.

By ANNE McILROY

The courtroom tales were lurid and, in hindsight, difficult to believe. Satanic sacrifices of babies, forced sex with animals, torture and sexual abuse of infants and young children. Victims came forward as adults, saying they had recovered forgotten memories of terrible events that had occurred in their childhood.

When the first criminal cases involving repressed memories made headlines in the United States in the 1980s and early '90s, the shocking recollections were accepted as legitimate.

But many scientists were skeptical, and soon established the fallibility of recovered memories, which can be brought on by suggestions from a therapist. The idea that all recovered memories were real memories was discredited, and the notion that many are false or pseudo-memories gained wide acceptance.

Some have argued that there is no such thing as a repressed memory.

That's going too far, says Michael Anderson, a neuroscientist at the University of Oregon. This week, he reported on what happens in the brain when people try not to think about something, what he describes as the biological mechanism for repression.

"Repression has been a vague and controversial construct for over a hundred years, in part because people can't imagine how it would work in the brain," he says.

Dr. Anderson expects his findings, published this week in the journal *Science*, will spark criticism and debate because they provide physical evidence that repressed memories may be real. "This is an intensely polarized debate and there are people who are going to be unhappy with any evidence that suggest repression exists," he says.

"My motive is to try to understand a model and a set of tools by which people can achieve an understanding of the act of forgetting," he says. "Can we develop rigorous scientific techniques to look at active forgetting. Might it exist? What properties does it have? What are its limits?"

The idea that we can repress memories has been controversial since it was first proposed by Sigmund Freud a century ago. Dr. Anderson believes that his findings support the psychoanalyst's theory that a person can voluntarily suppress memories. He says

he is not talking about unconscious repression, where something horrible happens to you, and zap, suddenly you don't remember it any more.

Dr. Anderson's work is on the deliberate act of forgetting, something he says occurs almost daily in all of our lives. For example, you are trying to fall asleep, but are upset about a fight you had with a neighbour. You force it out of your mind, and eventually forget it.

Repressing a memory doesn't have to involve something traumatic: You change the security code on your voice-mail. For a few weeks, you punch in the old one by mistake. Then, gradually, you forget the old code. If someone asks you for it months later, you probably will be unable to recall it.

Many neuroscientists are obsessed with figuring out how memories are formed, believing memory is the key to understanding the human brain. A handful, including Dr. Anderson, are fascinated by how we forget, how the brain erases memories of what you ate for lunch every day last year or more traumatic memories of an accident or a violent crime.

Dr. Anderson's earlier work found that people are more likely to forget a series of words they have memorized if they make a deliberate attempt not to think about them.

In those experiments, volunteers were asked to memorize 50 pairs of words that were loosely connected to each other, such as jaw and gum. Then, researchers showed participants some of the words, and requested that they not think about their matches. With other words, the researchers asked the participants to think about the matching word.

Later, tests showed that the volunteers could not remember a significant number of the words they had tried not to think about, even when they were given clues or offered money to do so. They did much better remembering the words they had thought about.

Dr. Anderson recently performed the same experiment, but used sophisticated imaging equipment to take pictures of participants' brains as they tried not to think about words.

He found that when the volunteers were trying not to think of a particular word, there was less activity in their hippocampus, a part of the brain that is essential for forming new memories.

More intriguingly, he found that part of their prefrontal cortex used to inhibit physical movements was activated. That's the same part of the brain at work when you reach for a pot on the stove, but stop seconds before you touch it because it might be hot. It makes sense, he argues, that the part of the brain that inhibits physical movements would also inhibit thoughts.

His study looked at a specific phenomenon: how deliberately not thinking about a particular word leads to difficulty remembering it. But he believes that the brain activity he observed in his experiment may also be involved in suppressing traumatic memories of early-childhood abuse.

Others disagree, and say Dr. Anderson is not studying repression as Freud described it.

Elizabeth Loftus is a researcher at the University of California who has done experiments showing that recovered memories may be false, and in some cases are due to suggestions from therapists working with patients to dredge up memories.

A leader in the false-memory field, Dr. Loftus says it is not clear if Dr. Anderson is studying the suppression of memory, or a different type of effort. Perhaps the volunteers were distracting themselves so they wouldn't think of the word, she says.

Her studies have shown that memories can be distorted by suggestions, and that entirely false memories can be planted in people's mind. She has been an expert witness or consultant in hundreds of trials, including the famous McMartin preschool molestation case, one of the longest and most-publicized trials in U.S. history. Children at a daycare centre in California told

of strange sex rituals such as "naked movie star," and "horsy" during which ponies and parakeets were killed. There were no convictions in the case.

In her experiments, Dr. Loftus has got people to believe that they were lost for an extended period as a child or witnessed a demonic possession.

When Alan Alda, the star of the television series M\*A\*S\*H, visited the University of California for a science show he was hosting, she convinced him that he hated eggs because he had been sickened by them as a child. (She asked him questions about his lifelong history with foods, then told him that a computer had concluded he had got sick on eggs. Later, at a picnic, he refused to eat a hard-boiled egg.)

Ira Hyman, a psychology professor at Western Washington University in Bellingham, has also done work on how false childhood memories are created. He says Dr. Anderson appears to be studying the process of inhibiting a thought, which may be different than repressing a troubling memory.

Still, he says the idea that the same parts of the brain light up when we inhibit physical actions as when we inhibit thoughts is fascinating, and worth further probing.

Dr. Hyman describes himself as a moderate in the debate over repressed memories. There are compelling case studies that people can forget a traumatic event for a long time, he says. There is also strong evidence that shows it is very easy for people to create false memories. "Both things happen," he says. "I know of no reliable way to tell the difference."

Dr. Anderson concedes that there is no proof that the phenomenon he has been studying is what happens when people push disturbing memories out of their conscious thoughts.

But he says there is some evidence that points in that direction. There are studies that show children who were abused by a trusted caregiver are far more likely to forget the experience -- at least for a period of time -- than children who were abused by a total stranger. The children are dependent on that caregiver, and maintaining a relationship with them is essential to their survival, he says.

What intrigued Dr. Anderson, and prompted his research on repression, is that they forget the abuse even though they faced daily reminders of it -- the presence of the perpetrator. He sees this as a sign that they may have deliberately repressed the memories of abuse, perhaps in the same way the participants in his study pushed the word they had just memorized out of their minds.

He hopes that his work will provide a new tool for investigating repressed memories. But he says it might also prove useful for patients with post-traumatic stress disorder, experiencing disturbing flashbacks of violent or stressful occurrences.

Dr. Anderson is now planning a study to see if the network he has mapped out for everyday forgetting is somehow defective or disabled in the brains of people who have difficulty controlling their most troubling memories.

Anne McIlroy is The Globe and Mail's science reporter.

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## 'UFO' Sighting Causes A Stir

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Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:20:17 -0500  
Subject: 'UFO' Sighting Causes A Stir

Source: New Straits Times, Malaysia

[http://www.emedia.com.my/Current\\_News/NST/Monday/NewsBreak/20040112151347/Article/indexb.html](http://www.emedia.com.my/Current_News/NST/Monday/NewsBreak/20040112151347/Article/indexb.html)

By Abdul Razak Ahmad

ALOR STAR, KEDAH, Mon:

ALOR STAR was abuzz last night over a strange light in sky moving rapidly back and forth for several hours.

Many at first thought they saw an alien spacecraft, but the unidentified flying object (UFO) turned out to be a light emitted from a powerful spotlight that was reflected off low-lying clouds.

A crowd of curious onlookers congregated at the Menara Telekom to witness the spectacle.

The news of the UFO soon spread, and many residents were seen coming out of their homes to view the strange lights, which was seen from 8pm to about midnight.

Alor Star's flat terrain, added with a lack of tall buildings, provided a clear view of the "UFO" to most residents in the State capital.

But the perceptive soon realised that the light in the sky had a 'trail' coming from a fixed location on the ground, which proved that the source of the UFO was in fact a powerful spotlight.

Among those who realised this was Kota Star police chief Assistant Commissioner Hussain Bapoo.

"I saw the lights moving in the sky and it was clear that it was not from a "I saw the lights moving in the sky and it was clear that it was not from a UFO but a high-powered spotlight," he said when contacted.

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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

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Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:30:22 -0500  
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>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:59:29 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 07:58:27 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2004 03:55:48 -0500  
>>>Subject: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>>Source: News.Scotsman.com

>>><http://www.news.scotsman.com/opinion.cfm?id=23092004>

>>Kenny, Listers and EBK

>>This story did the rounds in the UK around 1998, It was covered  
>>in a couple of paranormal magazines. It was a very interesting  
>>read.

>>Well worth a look.

>Max

>Actually Max, the story broke initially in '97, thanks almost  
>entirely to the efforts of Chris Rolfe of Ufomek in Kent, who  
>pursued it relentlessly and was harrassed for his efforts. It  
>didn't get picked up by the national press till '98. It has been  
>discussed on this List before.

Stuart, yes I remember, I was a bit busy myself in 97, but was  
aware of the case, I might contact Chris at some point to hear  
anything else that has happened since then. Or you can mail me  
in private.

It is strange that the investigation is now dormant. It is hard  
to access the likes of senior polititians especially now with  
the added security measures in place recently.

>What is odd about the story is that since then, not one  
>researcher anywhere has attempted to give it another go. A truly  
>bizarre tale that has just been left alone. Why? Something  
>definitely happened there, of that there is no doubt, but there  
>is just something about it that hasn't drawn anyone in to have a  
>closer look.

I am involved in a major project in 2004, news of this will be  
released at the right time. I am busy on this all year otherwise  
I might have liked to have had a look at the case. Any takers?

>What I find irritating about it is Howard's tired bleating ever  
>since. The story is clearly extremely irksome for him. "I may  
>have been in that night but I'm not sure." Of course the twerp

>was in, it was 3:00 o'clock in the morning and he ought to  
>remember. And of course he knows what happened.

The likes of Howard will have a fully documented diary and a  
simple check of his diary would tell him if he was at home or  
away.

>As soon as I can steel myself for an attack of the silly beggars  
>(phone taps, messing about with my credit cards, strange visits  
>to my house etc) then I'm off to my MP who is Howard's PPS with  
>a whole list of questions for him to ask his master. If nothing  
>else, it will be an amusing ten minutes until I'm shown the  
>door.

Good luck, keep me informed how it goes

Max

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Speiser

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Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:34:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Speiser

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:06:57 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 11:51:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>>>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>From experience I fully suspect that his efforts are not driven  
>>by true inquiry or curiosity. May you plumb the tank of his  
>>unscientific agenda and trounce this dude with sanity and  
>>reason. Good luck!

>Nobody seems to have much good to say about McGaha. I see he was  
>a Major in USAF, but nothing seems to show his age, his work  
>experience after the military, his undergraduate degree. I  
>appreciate all the comments.

He has a nice stereo system in his living room. At least he did  
ten years ago when I was there.

Seriously, age-wise he'd be fifty-ish, and I don't know what his  
day job is or has been. Couldn't find much on the web, except  
about his observatories and his comet spotting. If he has his CV  
online, it doesn't show up in any of the search engines.

==JJS==

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 09:52:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:36:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Speiser

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 21:06:57 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2004 11:51:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2004 20:55:17 -0400  
>>>Subject: Friedman & McGaha To Debate

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>a Major in USAF, but nothing seems to show his age, his work  
>experience after the military, his undergraduate degree. I  
>appreciate all the comments.

This may be of help in assessing the man's mindset.

I recall a conversation I had with him, must be almost twenty  
years ago, in which he said the following (and I'm really  
paraphrasing here):

"I know many CSCICOP-style skeptics, and especially Phil Klass,  
have said that they would be 'thrilled' to find evidence of  
extra-terrestrial visitation of earth. I on the other hand would  
not. In fact I would find it very disconcerting. I like my view  
of the universe having certain immutable characteristics, and  
I've become very comfortable with that view. If something were  
to come along to shake up the paradigm, I would really be thrown  
for a loop..."

He also used to claim to have every TS clearance that would be  
privy to information about crashed saucers, or reverse-  
engineering, or anything to do with govt. knowledge of UFOs. He  
would frequently tell me that there are classifications "Above  
Top Secret", but that the names of those levels are themselves  
classified.

Hope this helps.

==JJS==

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## Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 10:28:38 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:38:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Friedman & McGaha To Debate - Warren

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>>Nashville, at 7PM, Wednesday, January 28.

>>By armchair pronouncement only, McGaha went on national TV to  
>>trash the Trumbull County UFO case that I dealt with a few years  
>>back and afterward wouldn't respond to my polite letter  
>>requesting clarification of his investigative method.

>>From experience I fully suspect that his efforts are not driven

>>by true inquiry or curiosity. May you plumb the tank of his  
>>unscientific agenda and trounce this dude with sanity and  
>>reason. Good luck!

>Nobody seems to have much good to say about McGaha. I see he  
>was a Major in USAF, but nothing seems to show his age, his work  
>experience after the military, his undergraduate degree. I  
>appreciate all the comments.

>Stan Friedman

Stan & List,

After a little research here is some biographical info on Mr. McGaha:

Amateur Astronomer for 44 years

Attended U of Texas to become a professional Astronomer (1965-67)

Drafted into Army in 1967 ( out of U of Texas)

Served in Special Ops and Paratrooper in Army (Has over 3000 jumps)

Back to school at Georgia Tech (Graduated in 1973)

1973 enter the USAF as pilot, where he spent 20 years

1992 MS in Astronomy from U of Arizona

Mr. McGaha is 58 years old and aside from being a "technical consultant for CSICOP, he is also on the faculty list for the "Center For Inquiry Institute" of the "Council for Secular Humanism."

In addition to splitting his time speaking about Astronomy and debunking UFOs, he teaches the subject (Astronomy) at Pima Community College in Arizona.

His current work includes astrometry and photometry of asteroids and supernovae. He has discovered 15 Asteroids and 4 Comets and has over 200 M.P.E.C. publications on Near Earth Asteroids. He is the winner of the 2002 Shoemaker NEO Grant. Asteroid 10,036 McGaha is named in his honor.

Mr. McGaha lives at Sabino Canyon, located near Tucson about 12 miles north-east of the University of Arizona campus and 11 miles north of Davis-Monthan Air Base. It is in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountain range.

Mr. McGaha owns what he calls the Sabina Canyon observatory (in his backyard) which consists of a 14 foot x 14 foot roll-off building containing a Meade LX 200 12-inch telescope with a Finger Lakes Instrumentation Dream Machine CCD Camera. It was built in 1985. He is also the director of the Grasslands Observatory.

Mr. McGaha chairs the Tucson Skeptics Inc., to which he is the co-founder.

Regards,  
Frank Warren

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## Re: UFO Footage - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:43:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:40:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Footage - Groff

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 13:06:04 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO Footage

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 12:12:17 -0000  
>>Subject: UFO Footage

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I have placed a few UFO clips on my site.

>><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOFootage.htm>

>>More will be added in the coming weeks.

>>Media Player or Real Player are required for viewing the clips.

>I tried the URL Roy and got this:

>Forbidden  
>You don't have permission to access /UFOFootage.htm on this  
>server.

>Additionally, a 500 Internal Server Error error was encountered  
>while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

>Apache/1.3.27 Server at thelosthaven.co.uk Port 80

I got the same thing.

Terry

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Secrecy News -- 01/12/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 14:38:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:41:52 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/12/04

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 3  
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LIEBERMAN STEPS FORWARD AGAINST SECRECY

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Joseph Lieberman last week provided the most detailed critique of Bush Administration secrecy policy yet offered by any presidential contender, and proposed a plan outlining specifically how he would tear down what he called the "Bush wall of secrecy."

Under President Bush, "the federal government--which is supposed to be 'of, by, and for the people'--is doing more and more of its own business in the shadows," Lieberman noted in a January 9 statement.

Bush Administration secrecy is "eroding the public's confidence in their leadership and making it harder for independent watchdogs to hold our government accountable," he said.

Sen. Lieberman outlined what he would do differently as President, beginning with a reversal of many of the secrecy positions advanced by the Bush Administration.

He would annul the October 2001 Ashcroft memorandum of Freedom of Information Act policy, which encouraged agencies to withhold information whenever legally possible. He would "commit to no more secret task forces," a pointed reference to Vice President Cheney's controversial closed-door Energy Task Force.

He would "reverse the Bush executive order on presidential records," which imposed extraordinary restrictions on public access to the records of past Administrations. And where the Bush Administration had moved to purge government web sites, he would "ensure that key government information that has been posted on the Internet will remain available to the public."

The most innovative proposal is one to "grade agencies on fighting secrecy," which is intended to inculcate openness as a positive value throughout the executive branch. The Lieberman statement explained:

"In the Bush Administration, secrecy sometimes seems to be a form of loyalty. Joe Lieberman will require and reward openness--by mandating that all agency heads establish and implement an openness plan and then requiring agency officials to disseminate the most information possible, consistent with national security. The plans will be audited and scored in annual Open Government Report Cards," the Lieberman statement said.

The January 9 Lieberman statement on secrecy almost completely escaped public and media attention. A copy is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/01/lieb010904.html>

#### SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DETAINEE SECRECY

The Supreme Court today turned away a petition to review the Bush Administration's policy of withholding the names of hundreds individuals detained after September 11. The disclosure of detainees identities and related information had been requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Supreme Court action leaves in place a June 2003 appellate court decision that appears to significantly expand judicial deference to executive branch secrecy. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/cnss061703.pdf>

A critical view of that decision was provided by the plaintiffs in the case, led by the Center for National Security Studies, in their petition to the Supreme Court:

<http://www.cnss.org/CNSS%20Cert%20Petition%20Final.pdf>

The reply from the Office of Solicitor General, which successfully argued against Supreme Court review of the case, is here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/osg/briefs/2003/0responses/2003-0472.resp.pdf>

#### ARMY STUDY CRITIQUES WAR ON TERRORISM

In its "global war on terrorism," the Bush Administration has mistakenly conflated several distinct types of national security threats into a single monolithic threat, according to a new study published by the U.S. Army, and "in so doing ... may have set the United States on a course of open-ended and gratuitous conflict with states and nonstate entities that pose no serious threat to the United States."

"Of particular concern has been the conflation of al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein's Iraq as a single, undifferentiated terrorist threat. This was a strategic error of the first order because it ignored critical differences between the two in character, threat level, and susceptibility to U.S. deterrence and military action."

"The war against Iraq was not integral to the [war on terrorism], but rather a detour from it," the Army study concludes.

The study was reported today in the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times.

See "Bounding the Global War on Terrorism" by Jeffrey Record, originally published by the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, December 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/record.pdf>

#### NEW FRUS VOLUME ON 1967 ARAB-ISRAEL WAR

The Department of State today published the latest volume in its official Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) documentary series on U.S. foreign policy, focusing on the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

"The volume documents U.S. policy immediately before, during, and after the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war and includes newly declassified documentation on the USS Liberty incident," referring to the 1967 attack on a U.S. naval vessel by Israeli forces in which 34 American lives were lost.

The Liberty incident was the subject of an excruciating and occasionally quite nasty session at a conference on the new FRUS

volume at the U.S. State Department today.

Among numerous noteworthy items, the new FRUS volume includes excerpts from the President's Daily Brief relating to the 1967 war.

An editorial note says that the PDB excerpts were "improperly declassified and released." Furthermore, the State Department editors assert, "The declassification and release of this information in no way impacts or controls the declassification status of the remainder of this PDB, other PDBs, or the PDB as a series" (document 151, footnote 1).

In fact, however, the declassification and release of these PDB excerpts demonstrates that such information can be declassified with no adverse effect on national security, contrary to White House claims.

See the full text of Foreign Relations of the United States, 1964-1968, Volume XIX, "Arab-Israeli Crisis and War, 1967":

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/johnsonlb/xix/>

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## Re: Pilot's 01-07-04 UFO Report? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 05:20:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:43:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pilot's 01-07-04 UFO Report? - Ledger

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com](mailto:joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com)>  
>To: UFO upDates -Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 9 Jan 2004 03:02:07 -0000  
>Subject: Pilot's 01-07-04 UFO Report?

>>From the alt.paranet.ufo newsgroup (unverified):

>From: "Fred" <[NONE@non.net](mailto:NONE@non.net)>  
>Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo  
>Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2004 11:27 PM  
>Subject: Pilot's UFO report

>At 2050GMT tonight the pilot of Jetmagic523F enroute Paris to  
>Cork reported an object passed by flashing green blue and white.  
>Location northern France.

>ATC reported nothing on their scope and no known military  
>traffic nearby. Pilot was asked if it was a meteor. Negative was  
>the reply.

>Pilot didn't know what it was.

>It didn't show up on TCAS, it should have if it was another  
aircraft with a transponder fitted and working.

>Other pilots confirmed they saw it too.

>ATC finally said they didn't know what it could have been, and  
>a report on the occurrence would be filed.

Hi Joe,

A report will be filed but there will be no formal revue, no inquiry, no enforcement measure and no CAA official will approach the pilots and take a report on which to act as would be done in any case where an unknown conventional aircraft was in controlled airspace. Civil Aviation authorities all over the world go into neutral when a UFO is reported in controlled airspace as opposed to the crap hitting the fan when conventional aircraft are involved.

Thanks for the report.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## CCCRN News: Formation Report #18 (2003)

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@cccrn.ca](mailto:psa@cccrn.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 13:24:44 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:46:24 -0500  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #18 (2003)

CCCRN News: Formation Report #18 (2003) - St. Paul, Alberta

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

January 12, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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FORMATION REPORT #18 (2003) - ST. PAUL, ALBERTA

Another formation reported from last summer, two small rings in wheat near St. Paul, Alberta, each approximately 1.5 metres (5 feet) diameter and about 6 metres (20 feet) apart. Just reported to local researcher Fern Belzil a few days ago, the formation was originally first found by the farmer on September 10, 2003 who wanted to avoid any publicity at the time and combined through the formation (and still requests confidentiality). Close to a fence at far end of field and about half a mile or more from nearest road. Photos not taken at the time, but rings are still visible though much deteriorated so that is still possible. The farmer also reported that the previous farmer who owned the land before him had experienced a cattle mutilation about twelve years ago. No other anomalies or unusual occurrences reported. This is the eighteenth known report for 2003.

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c. CCCRN, 2003

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## Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 14:05:41 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:49:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2 - Hatch

>From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 01:18:58 EST  
>Subject: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2

>List,

>Just to let you know that I am not dreaming this, here are  
>another two independent sourced images from that news conference  
>at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, Saturday, Jan.  
>10, 2004.

[http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10301102002.mars\\_rover\\_rs103.jpg](http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10301102002.mars_rover_rs103.jpg)

>(By: AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

[http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10401102014.mars\\_rover\\_rs104.jpg](http://us.news2.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/ap/20040110/capt.rs10401102014.mars_rover_rs104.jpg)

>(By: AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

>If the link does not set, just cut & past to the address

>Is this image(s) put up by NASA-JPL their work or a joke?

>You can see the AP images at "Yahoo! News - Mars Exploration".

>It could be a joke but it's not something I would joke around with,  
>as it only 'muds the information water'.

>Still looking for a simple reason or explanation.

>Any ideas?

Hello John:

Now this is confusing. The clear blue sky appears all too  
Earthly. Some guesses:

1) This is indeed a shot of a desert on Earth used to calibrate  
the Mars cameras, and shown out of context in the news  
presentation.

2) NASA and/or the news agency fudged the colors for some arcane  
reason.

3) Mars' skies are indeed blue indicating an oxygen/ozone  
atmosphere, and not the very thin one known to science.

I really doubt #3.

I would say that YAHOO News, AP and NASA, owe us a complete and  
clear explanation before this completely muddies the waters.

I'm late for work and cannot find the complete article (not just  
the images). Can you provide the URL so we can see what they  
have to say about it?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Rectangular Holes BaffleMartian Rock-Hounds -

From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 14:06:37 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 15:52:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Rectangular Holes BaffleMartian Rock-Hounds -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 16:22:24 -0800  
>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes BaffleMartian Rock-Hounds

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 14:41:14 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto  
>>><[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2004 08:08:04 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: CI: Rectangular Holes Baffle MartianRock-Hounds

>>><snip>

>>>In the long run, unmanned or robotic probes will yield better  
>>>scientific data for the dollar., Less fluff, more stuff.

>>Perhaps at first, yes. But after a certain level of  
>>technological proficiency is achieved, an endless convoy of  
>>exploratory rovers becomes redundant.

>>Don't misunderstand: I'm excited about Spirit's success. But the  
>>rover's abilities are severely limited. A few weeks' manned  
>>presence on Mars could eclipse the scientific findings of  
>>Viking, Pathfinder and Spirit combined.

>>Then there's the larger, existential issue: What good are a  
>>bunch of robot carcasses on the Martian surface if Earth gets  
>>smacked by a comet, or suffers some other civilization-  
>>threatening mishap?

>>Doesn't it make sense to colonize another planet in order to  
>>make a "backup file" for humanity?

>By the long run, I meant the next few decades or so.

>After that, and assuming some serious problems are solved  
>(energy, funding etc.), then manned missions to Mars could  
>indeed be the thing to do.

>What I prefer is the most science for the buck in the meantime,  
>given our existing resources, rather than some politically  
>inspired and possibly disastrous adventures which preempt the  
>amazing discoveries that must lie out there.

>In short, I don't think we disagree much.

You're probably right - although I honestly think that the  
strategic insights we're bound to get from surface landers have  
been already been discovered.

As for "possibly disastrous": that's exactly the term that comes  
to mind when I consider the planned Mars Sample Return Mission -  
- an almost unthinkably complex and expensive initiative with a

high likelihood of failure... all for a single jar of dirt.

I recommend skipping the Sample Return Mission and sending a manned mission no later than 2020. Astronauts will have a literal planet-full of dirt to examine for traces of life (and a million other things) right on the spot. If a manned mission is indeed planned for the not-completely-unforeseeable future, I don't see how the Sample Return Mission is justifiable scientifically or in the context of a mission timetable.

(Anyone from NASA reading this?)

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004  
<http://www.mactonnies.com/atma.html>

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## Re: 3D Mars Rock - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 21:57:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 03:59:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: 3D Mars Rock - Hall

>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 00:29:01 -0500 (EST)  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: 3D Mars Rock

>Hi,  
>Hoagland may have rocks in his head, but I find several of the  
>images from Spirit/Rover quite interesting, including this:  
>one:

><http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/Spirit/MILLEN1.jpg>

>--Chaz

That looks like a Martian eggplant in the left background.  
Wonder what they use for fertilizer? CSICRAP?

- Dick

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## Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? - Fleming

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 04:01:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? - Fleming

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>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:15:09 EST  
>Subject: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky?

>List,

>There is something wrong with the images from NASA. Without  
>going into deep conspiracy theories again, its baffling how a  
>high resolution camera produced only a limited colour palette?

My admittedly imperfect understanding is that there are some unknowns about how the camera's sensitivity varies over time after its been in space for many months on its trip to Mars and more unknowns about the spectrum of light that reaches the camera once the spacecraft is on the planet's surface. The unknowns require some rather subjective judgements to be made, and that opens the way for personal biases to "color" the results. This, at least, is what I gather from Dr. Levin's paper.

>[3]. NASA show Mars with a "Blue Sky"?

>At the news conference at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena,  
>Calif., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, the NASA team put this image  
>up.

[http://apnews.myway.com/image/20040110/MARS\\_ROVER.sff\\_RS103\\_20040110150347.html](http://apnews.myway.com/image/20040110/MARS_ROVER.sff_RS103_20040110150347.html)

>Now I don't know if this was a reproduction from the Net that  
>NASA has used to illustrate a point. I can not see any  
>explanation for the image being up, but AAP and others news  
>services report this images as a "New"!

Yes, this looks like a photo from Spirit. The caption says "A recent panoramic image of the martian surface made by Spirit's cameras is projected at rear." And the sky it shows is blue. Perhaps not everyone at NASA shares exactly the same biases. Maybe its the scientists themselves, although it might just be the guy in the repro department who made the enlargement for the press conference. In either case, I'm not yet convinced that any of these color images - reddish OR bluish - necessarily show how things would really appear to a human.

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## Re: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds -

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 04:27:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 08:34:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds -

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 14:06:37 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Rectangular Holes Baffle Martian Rock-Hounds

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>manned mission no later than 2020. Astronauts will have a  
>literal planet-full of dirt to examine for traces of life (and a  
>million other things) right on the spot. If a manned mission is  
>indeed planned for the not-completely-unforeseeable future, I  
>don't see how the Sample Return Mission is justifiable  
>scientifically or in the context of a mission timetable.

>(Anyone from NASA reading this?)

Agree and disagree.

Considering our social structure and how it interferes with the essentials of applying science ( due to economics, social idiocies, other mental stagnations ), we should hold off manned missions to the planets.

To become extraterrestrial calls for us to end our bigotries and stimulus-response dramatizations. That's a long haul in itself. The population of the planet are too uneducated to grasp what we need to do. Hence, we need to go it one step at a time.

First step is to establish and expand our orbital presence via at least one profitable space station. Not a bunch of modules connected where a rare few are stationed. The common man needs to experience space so that he can communicate to the common man. Ever listen to a scientist speak? Unless you're interested or he's an interesting chap it's about as exciting as watching your socks dry.

So again, first step long term orbital presence until we can see and troubleshoot all the problems of space habitation.

Then, the Moon. ( what's our moon's name? Is it Luna? ). A long term presence on the moon to achieve maximum efficiency of living on another body. Overcoming radiation, gravity, and other challenges of space.

Then, when we've seen and met the challenges of living in space and by that time perfected our propulsion systems should we venture to Mars. Hopefully by that time we'd be so efficient that Mars would be one of many bodies we can visit and explore.

I know it's not the gung ho leap to appease our fantasies but it's the practical and logical progression to safeguard life.

Outer space is not a place for haphazard leaps into the fray. Sink or swim isn't an option in a hostile environment like that of outer space.

Careful planning, patience, troubleshooting now, will prove itself out in the long run.



Now another concern. Why Mars? It's half the size of earth and 1/10th the mass? How's that work? Why not Venus? Venus is almost the same size as Earth, closer too.

The challenge with Venus is it's gaseous atmosphere but I'm sure some bright high schooler will figure out a way to alter it's caustic chemistry, get the gasses locked into the soil and introduce plants that can absorb the toxins and produce oxygen.

I say our better bet is Venus. At least we could live there without the gravitational challenges at least.

Too me, Mars is a waste of time. Venus and the outer moons of Saturn and Jupiter are far more appealing.

Best,

Greg

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## Andrews AFB Sanitize Logs After UFO Chase

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 08:36:26 -0500  
Subject: Andrews AFB Sanitize Logs After UFO Chase

Joan Woodward has obtained the final responses to her 17 month old investigation into a jet chase in July of 2002 in the Washington DC area.

A great deal of discussion had taken place on this List after the incident and recently a long report on the incident had been published in IUR.

However, final responses from various agencies have now been received and apparently show that the logs for that day didn't provide full details of the days events.

This was not true for the previous day during an earlier NORAD scramble (which unfortunately isn't unusual as a result of 9/11).

This latest information, as well as copies of the responses, can be found on the Fund for UFO Research web site at:

[http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726\\_AndrewsFoiaResponse.htm](http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_AndrewsFoiaResponse.htm)

Steve

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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 08:37:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 13:28:03 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

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>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:59:29 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

<snip>

>>What I find irritating about it is Howard's tired bleating ever  
>>since. The story is clearly extremely irksome for him. "I may  
>>have been in that night but I'm not sure." Of course the twerp  
>>was in, it was 3:00 o'clock in the morning and he ought to  
>>remember. And of course he knows what happened.

>The likes of Howard will have a fully documented diary and a  
>simple check of his diary would tell him if he was at home or  
>away.

>>As soon as I can steel myself for an attack of the silly beggars  
>>(phone taps, messing about with my credit cards, strange visits  
>>to my house etc) then I'm off to my MP who is Howard's PPS with  
>>a whole list of questions for him to ask his master. If nothing  
>>else, it will be an amusing ten minutes until I'm shown the  
>>door.

>Good luck, keep me informed how it goes

Max

I have now made an appointment to see my MP, Graham Brady, at  
the end of the month.

I shall indeed keep you informed.

Stuart Miller

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## Talk Of Space Travel Has Valley Fired Up

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 04:31:08 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 08:40:10 -0500  
Subject: Talk Of Space Travel Has Valley Fired Up

Source: San Jose Mercury News

<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/7690175.htm>

Mon, Jan. 12, 2004

Talk of space travel has valley fired up

By Leigh Weimers  
Mercury News

Posted on Mon, Jan. 12, 2004  
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Mercury News

How cool that space suddenly is so hot. President George W. Bush has plans to establish a permanent station on the moon and eventually to send humans to Mars. NASA puts a rover on Mars and has another on the way. There hasn't been this much space stuff to fire up Silicon Valley's gear-heads since President John F. Kennedy launched the national effort and Lockheed Missiles & Space set up shop in Sunnyvale.

This time around, there are public places where those of us who grew up reading science fiction - and our kids and grandkids -- can get our extraterrestrial fix. Visitors have been flocking to the new Mars Center at NASA/Ames Research Center in Mountain View to see pictures streaming in from Mars and pilot a remote-control mini-rover over a simulated martian landscape. At the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, staffers expect to have real-time Mars images on both their Web site ([www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org)) and at the museum this week. Saturday and Sunday there'll be a Mars rover there from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, highlighting a program on robots. Jan. 24 (which just happens to be the day the next Mars rover is expected to land), the Northern California Mars Society will be at the Tech along with senior NASA researcher Silvano Colombano. And Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakland's Chabot Space & Science Center there'll be a program on X PRIZE, the \$10 million competition promoting commercial development of space vehicles and space tourism. Yes, tourism. I may try a really out-there vacation - I mean really out there - yet.

DOWN TO EARTH: It's what's happening during the day Thursday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - at San Jose's Martin Luther King Jr. Library that has me saying, "About time." It's a multicultural community celebration, "Living the Dream," to honor King in all sorts of ways. Students from Horace Mann Elementary School will recite his "I Have a Dream" speech and join in singing "Happy Birthday" with the Gospel Travelers. There'll be Mexican, Caribbean, West African, Vietnamese and Indonesian music and dance. Tabia African-American Theater Ensemble will perform, as will the Thunder and Lightning duo of Clifford Coulter and Danny Hull, and jazz ambassador Eddie Gale. It's all free, but non-perishable food donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank would be appreciated. And what makes it all so special, besides the site and the scope of the celebration, is that it's being held on King's birth date, not shuffled off to some three-day

weekend. Again, it's about time.

PAGE TURNING: You may have missed noticing the passing of Dick Kreuz, 56, publisher of the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal from 1999 until last September, who died Dec. 20 of cancer. Quietly. Low-profile. Just the way he handled the publisher's job.

Nothing low-profile about the photo of Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn, D-Campbell, on the cover of the current San Jose magazine. Guess if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger can raise the fashion bar with his European suits, Cohn can do likewise in an Escada gown.

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## SETI Taps The Grid

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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 08:42:19 -0500  
Subject: SETI Taps The Grid

Source: Astrobiology Magazine

<http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=773&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0>

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Tapping the Grid

Interview with David Anderson

For David Anderson, Project Leader for the SETI@home distributed computing program, one of his favorite quotes is from the German poet, Rilke, who describes how difficult it can be to see the future. "As people were long mistaken about the motion of the sun, so they are even yet mistaken about the motion of that which is to come. The future stands firm... but we move in infinite space. How should it not be difficult for us?"

When the screensaver project was conceived at a Christmas party in 1994, the future of large-scale, distributed computing seemed entirely unproven. In the ensuing nine years, their team's task was to prove it could be done.

To do it, they had to answer naysayers, wait for the explosive rise of personal computing as a vehicle to displace the mainframe with the network itself, and finally, to raise the needed funds. Compared to the approximately two million dollars raised thus far - from a variety of private and public sources - the equivalent supercomputing mainframes cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The core of the project's success has been a vast network of untapped resources on ordinary computers - the Grid.

Backing up this grid are 4.7 million volunteers who own those PCs. The volunteers now routinely donate their spare processing time to the search for interesting radio signals from deep space. As of August, the volunteers had processed their billionth job (called work units). At first glance, the project's path might seem to cut against the predictions of Rilke: the SETI@home team, despite the challenges, has seen the future.

Distributed from the U.C. Berkeley's Space Science Laboratory, the SETI@home screensavers process in a single day what would otherwise take thousands of years to uncover in their search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI). Anderson describes the search as looking for the 'faint whispers of another civilization.'

Since its public launch in May 1999, computer owners in more than 226 countries have chipped in. [The United Nations only includes 191, and nearly two-thirds are developing countries, with few spare computers laying around unused]. Anderson has explored parts of the globe, and more than a few civilizations, just via contributors to his project. On the very day SETI@home launched in 1999, their file server was overwhelmed by just this kind of unexpected, high-demand burst: Hello World! Since then,

SETI@home has performed 1.6 million years of computer processing time. After four and half years, this computing capacity continues to double every year.

Among all the many ways to describe technically how much data has been analyzed, an often overlooked aspect of their network approach is seldom mentioned - its apparent human efficiency. For instance, ask any system administrator today to staff an untried network to handle 4.7 million computing nodes, and they may give you a rough labor figure equivalent to a battalion of programmers and network specialists. But Anderson's most remarkable feat may well have gone unnoticed. The team manages to sustain about 0.1% of the world's total computing capacity, with as few as six programmers and system administrators [photo of team].

Emblematic of his task with SETI@home, Anderson is well-suited as a mountain climber. He is also a pianist, occasionally hosting house concerts (Chopin and Hugo Wolf), and holding a long-time interest in computer music. If deciphering telescope signals from radio noise was not enough of a challenge in problem solving, he completed all of the Atlantic Monthly Puzzlers , for the last several years - in ink.

Astrobiology Magazine had the opportunity to talk with Dr. David Anderson, about the hugely successful model that the SETI@home project has demonstrated and his own future plans in scientific computing.

Astrobiology Magazine (AM) : David Gedye was a graduate student of your's at Berkeley, when the opportunity to look deeper into practicalities of distributed computing came to the front. Any synopsis of how the screensaver itself took hold as an interface, how PCs become the virtual supercomputer, and the beginning of the project from your perspective?

David Anderson (DA): In the 80s and early 90s there was a gradual transition from a situation where computers were busy most or all of the time - like shared mainframes, or early slow PCs that labored to keep up with basic tasks - to a situation where they were almost never busy. Typing 90 words per minute at Microsoft Word uses less than 1% of even a slow Pentium chip. Economy of scale led to microprocessors getting faster at a greater rate than "big" computers, and in the 90's they took the lead. Almost every "supercomputer" built since then has been based on Pentium-type chips.

David Gedye came up with the idea of the SETI application during a conversation at a Christmas party in 1994 in Seattle. He's primarily responsible for getting the project off the ground - it took several years, and it was discouraging, knowing that we had a great idea but not being able to get any support for it.

AM: Do you have a particular moment from the history of SETI@home, when you were astonished at how active the network had become?

DA: The first time that we got 1,000 years of CPU time in one day. That was mind-boggling, and still is.

AM: What is a bad computer day at the Berkeley home server, something like a hard disk or memory failure? Are there bad days?

DA: The worst days have involved database corruption. This requires, in some cases, restoring the database from a backup tape and attempting to reconstruct the missing data; a very labor-intensive operation, and one that puts us off-line for a long period.

AM: You gave a lecture around 2001 at a peer-to-peer (P2P) computing conference in San Francisco, just around the time SETI@home (and to some degree, the music exchange, Napster) started to demonstrate the power of networks in different ways. You mentioned two things that stuck out about your experiences. First that you were surprised about how competition for the most data units processed became fuel for software adoption. Could you comment about how that contest component really took off?

DA: Credit (work unit totals) is important for many reasons. A large class of users is not competitive as such, but they want



evidence that their help is making a difference. If our software has a bug that occasionally keeps them from getting credit for a completed work unit, that's a big deal to them, and we give such bugs top priority.

The "top users" leader board has always been dominated by organizations (e.g. computer companies) that own lots of computers and run them all under the same account. For this reason, teams became the focus of competition; it gives every user a chance to belong to a "top 10" entity.

Teams have also played a role in adoption - team members recruit new users to boost their team's standings.

AM: You also mentioned something about operating systems, that one of the most challenging early problems was getting the Mac screensaver going - and that one of the specialized programmers [Charlie Fenton] who jumped in was able to make SETI@home cross-platform for PCs and Macs. Is that correct, and any further comments on the challenges from a computer standpoint of interoperability in today's network projects?

DA: There's a standard called Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX) that provides a common operating-system interface, so that you don't have to write a separate version for each system. Unfortunately, Windows and pre-OS X Mac implement only part of POSIX, and do a poor job of it. Also unfortunately, POSIX includes only low-level things like file and network communication; higher-level features like the graphical user interface (GUI) and screensaver are totally system-specific.

AM: And that will change with the Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing, BOINC, which is designed to allow other science projects to access the unique SETI@home architecture?

DA: There's a major improvement in BOINC: the application graphics are done using OpenGL, which is standardized across platforms and also is able to make use of graphics co-processors. So SETI@home on BOINC will have much nicer looking graphics, and they'll use less CPU time

AM: What is a good day on the Grid? When a bunch of new data gets pushed out for analysis?

DA: Normally data gets generated and distributed at a constant rate. The good days are when we get some new software working. We've had some good days recently involving BOINC.

AM: Can you speak about your plans for rolling out BOINC? In particular the possibilities with biology such as protein folding and gene mapping or climate prediction. Any others that have been suggested?

DA: There's another project involving gravity-wave detection and LIGO. [Two completely independent gravity detectors located in Washington State and Louisiana, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) is essentially a giant strain gauge, designed to detect gravity waves for the first time].

I'm personally extremely excited about the possibilities of BOINC, both for scientists (who now have a chance to do previously unfeasible computations) and the public (who will soon have a smorgasbord of projects available to them).

AM: You have taken the concept demonstrated on SETI@home to a start-up (United Devices). What kinds of projects are planned or ongoing there, that are different from what a volunteer network can provide?

DA: United Devices and similar companies (most notably Entropia) found that there wasn't a business in reselling public computer time. There aren't enough paying customers for it - pharmaceutical companies, for example, aren't interested because of security concerns - and it's hard to convince people to volunteer their computers for profit-making activities. So these companies have switched to the "corporate intranet" market - letting technology companies use their own desktop PCs for their own R&D computing.

AM: Gateway, Inc. has some kind of network set-up (with United

Devices) for selling processing on computers hooked up between retail stores. Another highly successful company in Houston was using a computer warehouse to run jobs on pre-sold computers prior to shipment. For the ten or so days - while the computers were just inventoried - they tapped them to process geophysical data for the oil industry - mainly seismic stuff finding oilwells to drill. Their project solved two problems: stale inventory in a rapidly changing technology business, and state-of-the-art calculations otherwise unobtainable - so two 'wins'. Can you comment on the whole nature of how to use PCs like movable components, borrowing cycles, and how that changes the world of supercomputers as big monolithic devices, costing hundreds of millions of dollars?

DA: There's a huge spectrum of supercomputing problems. Some of them require frequent, high-bandwidth communication between processors. For these, supercomputers (like the IBM Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative, ASCI, series) will always be best.

"Public distributed computing" (my name for what SETI@home does) only works when the data-to-computing ratio is low, and high latencies are tolerable.

AM: Are you surprised by some of the advantages of doing these kinds of piggy-back cycles in this way - was this sort of bazaar every dreamed of when researchers first began to understand the power of network sharing, or did it just sort of evolve?

DA: When I started doing computer science research, in 1985 or so, I was mystified by the research world's obsession with shared-memory multiprocessors, which were expensive to build and hard to program.

Why build new hardware when we already have a network (the Internet) and processors (desktop PCs)?

So working on SETI@home - and now BOINC - is especially fun for me because it lets me put into practice the ideas I was thinking about 15-20 years ago.

What's Next

The SETI@home team has plans to end the current incarnation of SETI@home in a year or so, to be followed by an enhanced capability. They summarized the project's plan for 2003 and beyond: "Due to the incredible response we will be able to extend SETI@home past its initial two year life span. We're planning for SETI@home II now. We may increase our radio band coverage at Arecibo by adding another recorder system. We may add a recording system to a telescope in the southern hemisphere so we can see an entirely different part of the sky. We'll also add new features to our web site showing more details of the process of the analysis process, and show in more detail your personal contribution to SETI@home".

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>>>What I have been trying to do is to take into account the  
>>>problem of the flowered tape, which is still a "major" argument  
>>>for Mogul. Yes, Brazel mentioned it in his interview, and we  
>>>have to deal with that.

>>A crash site 30 miles NE of the Foster Ranch would correspond to  
>>the balloon crash site described by AP reporter Jason Kellahin,  
>>which he claimed to have stopped at on July 8 on his way to  
>>Roswell from Albuquerque. It was right off Highway 285. He  
>>claimed he met Brazel there accompanied by military. It was  
>>getting late, so they all headed into Roswell, and that's were  
>>he interviewed Brazel in the offices of the Roswell Daily  
>>Record. See:

>>[http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4\\_Addendums.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Flight4_Addendums.html)

>>There are some problems with Kellahin's story. E.g., he claimed  
>>he was at Brazel's place and also spoke to his family, but time  
>>constraints would have made it impossible to drive to the remote  
>>Foster Ranch and be back in time to interview Brazel in Roswell.  
>>But Kellahin's described balloon crash would explain Brazel's  
>>balloon story told at the Daily Record and published the next  
>>day.

>>It was much more probable for a balloon flight from Alamogordo  
>>to have ended up at Kellahin's reported crash site. Thus my  
>>theory that the military found the remains of "Flight #4" while  
>>searching the general area around the Foster Ranch looking for  
>>more debris. Then the military took Brazel to the Kellahin site  
>>to coach him before Brazel's press conference. That would  
>>explain the "flower tape" and other details that do sound like a  
>>Mogul crash. But the big point is that this crash was not at the  
>>Foster Ranch but elsewhere. Thus it cannot explain the Brazel  
>>debris field. Under this scenario, Mogul was involved, but as a  
>>cover story, not the actual crash object.

>David and List,

>It looks like a plausible scenario.

>However, it does not take fully into account the testimonies of  
>Brazel and his daughter Bessie. According to them, Brazel found

>the balloon debris on June 14, on the Foster ranch, and they  
>filled three bags with taht "garbage".

>Could they have found just one of the many balloon clusters  
>launched sometime in June, not necessarily the one launched on  
>June 4 with the sonobuoy (whic was not found)? It had to be a  
>NYU launch, in order to have flowered tape, an "exclusivity" of  
>NYU.

>So, another, slightly different scenario could be that what was  
>shown to Kellahin was the debris stored in bags by Brazel on  
>June 14, which was taken on Tuesday morning by the military and  
>brought to the place where it was shown to Kellahin. Any  
>objection ? As for the sonobuoy flight, maybe it was never found  
>at all!

Newspaper coverage of the Brazel find in evening papers on July 8, 1947, all said the stuff was found "last week". It is only in the Harrassed Rancher story on July 9 that we suddenly find the new pre-programmed-by-the government-story giving the June 14 date.

The "last week" is generally not mentioned by those who push the MOGUL explanation.

Colonel Weaver who wrote the Roswell Report leans heavily on the July 9 article and quotes a lot from it but, of course, leaves out the ending "Brazel said he had previously found two weather balloons on the ranch, but that what he found this time did not in any way resemble either of these."

"I am sure what I found was not any weather observation balloon", he said".

Naturally,Weaver, though quoting the July 9 article at length, leaves out those sentences. He also had omitted a qualifying quote in the FBI memo which changes the meaning by 180 degrees.

Not suprisingly his specialty was disinformation

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>I tried the URL Roy and got this:

>Forbidden  
>You don't have permission to access /UFOFootage.htm on this  
>server.

Hi Don and All,

My bandwidth was over its limit, therefore I had to deactivate my site, and upgrade my account for larger bandwidth.

My site is back up within the hour.

The UFO Media files are proving very popular, but the most popular download has been the four pictures of Greys in a graveyard, they were downloaded over three thousand times in less than five days, making my bandwidth go crazy!!

Please re-try the link later today to confirm it is up.

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOFootage.htm>

Best,

Roy

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THREE POLICEMEN SPOT A  
UFO IN NORTHERN INDIANA

"Three police officers who say a strange object drifted through the skies of" Huntington, Indiana (population 17,450) "are trying to find someone else who saw it--whatever it was."

"Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car Friday," December 26, 2003, "when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed Officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it."

"All three say they watched as the object moved out of the northwest, drifted toward a church steeple, then shot straight ahead north without a sound in an encounter that lasted less than a minute about 2:30 p.m."

"The trio described the object as about the size of a hot-air balloon or a backyard trampoline. They said it was low enough in the sky that Olinger thought it might crash into the steeple. They say it stopped a few times and spinned slowly, changing shapes and, at one point, turned orange, probably from reflected sunlight."

"It wasn't any kind of flying saucer I can think of," Olinger told the Herald-Press, "And it wasn't like a '50s flying saucer. It was this big, but it didn't have a bulge in the middle."

"As unusual as their sighting was, the three officers may have been the only witnesses. No one called city, county or Indiana State Police to report it."

"And, for a few days, they didn't say anything about it."

"We thought people would think we were crazy," Hoover said."

"But now, the officers wonder if anyone else saw it and are hoping they come forward with their own accounts."

Diane Redlich, a manager at Huntington Municipal Airport, said several aircraft took off from the airport that afternoon, but there's no record of any out-of-the-ordinary craft making either a takeoff or a landing at Huntington."

"Bill Scott at Fort Wayne's Smith Field doesn't have any clues, either. 'Other than Santa Claus heading home, I don't know what it could have been,' he said."

Huntington, Ind. is located at the junction of Highways 5 and 224 about 105 miles (168 kilometers)

northeast of Indianapolis, the state capital. (See the Huntington, Indiana Herald-Press for January 5, 2004. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. and Jim Hickman for this newspaper article.)

#### MORE UFOs SEEN OVER HUDDERSFIELD, UK

"We may not be alone."

"Mars is in the news, as Britain's space probe Beagle 2, which landed on the Red Planet last week, still fails to respond to signals, and NASA's Spirit landed on Sunday," January 4, 2004 (UK time--J.T.) "to start its exploration for signs of life."

"Meanwhile, we may be getting visits from elsewhere in exchange."

"More people have rung the Examiner to say they have seen UFOs over Huddersfield," a mid-sized city near Manchester, "last week."

"Mrs. Christine Beech, 62, of Cherry Tree Close, Golcar, saw two unidentified flying objects flying overhead at 12:35 a.m. on Wednesday," December 31, 2003, "after she stayed up to watch a late-night film."

"I was looking towards Longwood Edge when I saw a circular yellow thing that came over the horizon, followed by another one," she said."

"It started moving towards where I live."

"The first one came and turned round and went back over the horizon, then the other one came over the house, and I do not know where it went."

"Mrs. Beech's husband, Brian, and daughter Bev also witnessed the craft after she called them to the window."

"It was not an aeroplane because we see a lot of those, as we are on the flight path to Manchester," said Mrs. Beech."

"They were a golden orange colour, illuminated all over and shaped rather like a squashed sphere, like a child's spinning top."

"Mrs. Beech said the craft were moving fast and looked as though they had come over from Lindley and Salendine Nook."

"She heard no engine and thought they were not very high in the sky."

"I definitely knew what I saw and it was something I have never seen before," she added."

"Mr. Malcolm Stapp, 74, of Salendine Nook, was the first person to tell the Examiner of the strange craft he had witnessed on Monday morning," December 29, 2003, "which seemed very similar to Mrs. Beech's account." (For more, see UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 1 for January 7, 2004, "First panthers, now UFOs--the Huddersfield mystery," page 3.)

"Mrs. Gloria Gill, of High Green, Lepton, also reports seeing an unusual aircraft early on Tuesday morning," December 30, 2003, "after she was watching a film at 12:30 a.m."

"I thought it was a plane coming in too low because we are on a few flight paths here," she said."

"But as I watched it, it was not moving, it was just hovering. I opened a window but could not hear an engine."

"It hovered for about a half hour over the houses in Rowley Lane, then went back towards Woodsome. I saw one half an hour later over Woodsome." (See the Huddersfield Daily Examiner for January 6, 2004, "We visit Mars, but who's visiting us?" Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

#### MYSTERY METEORS THRILL THOUSANDS IN SPAIN

"Elements of the Guardia Civil (Spain's national police--J.T.) scoured several regions in Spain yesterday (Monday, January 5, 2004) searching for the remains of a meteorite weighing 50 tons that crossed the skies of Spain two nights ago."

"Thousands of bemused Spaniards from the northeastern Atlantic to the southeastern Mediterranean phoned the Guardia Civil to report the passing of a 'large fireball'

seen between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with loud noises and reports."

"According to experts, the phenomenon was a meteorite that broke up on entering Earth's atmosphere. Guardia Civil patrols, assisted by a helicopter, were concentrating their search in Leon and Palencia (northern regions of Castilla and Leon provinces--S.C.) above whose territory the cosmic stone would have fragmented."

"Its remains would have been dispersed in seven regions of Spain."

"According to a specialized witness, the director of the astronomical observatory at Santiago de Compostela (in Galicia, northwestern Spain--S.C.), the 'fireball was an enormous bolide weighing between 50 and 100 tons.'"

"What is strange about the meteor that fell in Spain is that it was visible during daylight hours prior to nightfall."

"'It isn't easy to see a similar phenomenon, not even for an astronomer,' said Jose Maria Quinana, 'What is odd is that no warning whatsoever was received from the many spotters who specialize in the subject.'"

"Hundreds of witnesses reported seeing fireballs cross the skies of northern Spain on Sunday," January 4, 2004, "from the city of Valencia to the northwestern pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela. The light flashes were spotted before 6 p.m. local time."

"'I left the house around 12 minutes to 6. I heard a big explosion, like an earth tremor, and a white cloud of smoke formed around a nearby mountain, which took a long time to disappear,' a local official of the northern region of Palencia told Spanish radio."

"Guardia Civil officials told Spanish radio an object had plunged from the skies into the northern province of Leon."

"Spain's civil aviation authority ruled out the possibility of a plane crash."

"Jose Angel Docobo, director of the University of Santiago's observatory, said the phenomenon had been caused by a small asteroid which had collided with Earth." (See the Spanish newspaper La Capital for January 6, 2004, "Remains of meteorite that crossed Spanish skies being sought." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Gloria Coluchi y Robert Fischer para esto articulo de diario.)

#### TALL ALIEN SIGHTED IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

On Sunday, December 28, 2003, Enrique Rodriguez and his friends were outdoors in their hometown of Elizabeth, N.J. (population 120,568), just across Newark Bay from the New York City borough of Staten Island, when they spotted something very strange.

"An alien ran to the left behind some trees and disappeared," Enrique reported, describing the entity as "a tall greyish figure with long, large black-brownish eyes, long arms and fingers. It had no mouth, either. Just the eyes. It was in my friend's backyard when I saw it. But he got so scared he ran. I just stood there looking, and the creature was looking back at me until the creature ran."

Enrique said the entity had "grey-colored skin same as a baby dinosaur, very shiny, and long--6 to 8 feet (1.7 to 2.4 meters) tall."

He added, "I just called the police. They laughed at me. They didn't believe me, but they did check the yards." (Email Form Report)

#### SPIRIT GETS READY FOR FIRST DRIVE ON MARS

"NASA's Spirit rover has fully unfolded itself and stretched up to its full 4 foot, 9 inch (1.4 meter) height, making it ready to drive off the lander that delivered it to Mars, the space agency said Saturday," January 10, 2004.

"The rover could reach the Martian surface as early as Wednesday morning," January 14, 2004.

"'It now stands at full height and all six wheels are in their final position,' mission manager Jennifer Trosper



said during a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory" in Pasadena, California.

"The unfolding was one of the most complex deployments ever performed by a robotic spacecraft, mechanical systems engineer Chris Voorhees said. NASA had to fold up the rover to make it fit inside the lander, which opened up like a four-petal flower."

"When Spirit does leave the lander, it will take a different route than scientists had hoped. Air bags used to cushion the rover's landing are blocking the ramp NASA had planned to use. Instead, Spirit will turn 120 degrees to the right and take a second, more risky ramp to the ground, mission manager Matt Wallace said."

Spirit's successful landing in Gusev Crater has electrified space enthusiasts on planet Earth. "The rover's every move has been leading nightly newscasts."

"From 3:01 a.m. Saturday (January 3, 2004) to 9 a.m. Thursday (January 8, 2004), the NASA Web site received 1.45 billion hits. NASA officials believe this will be the biggest online event ever for the U.S. government."

Spirit's first images from Mars have also stirred the interest of geologists worldwide. As the rover "slid to a stop on the Red Planet, it mashed the soil, leaving a mess like nothing seen before."

"Eyeing the most detailed pictures ever sent to Earth from the planet, the NASA team said Tuesday, January 6, 2004, "that the malleable substance could be a sign of water's work on Mars."

"The soil was stripped up and folded in an interesting way," said Jim Bell, who designed the panoramic camera that Spirit used to photograph the 'mud-like' patch. 'It has quite alien textures.'"

"Scientists can't wait to dig in."

"It is bizarre," said Steve Squyres, principal investigator on the NASA team. 'It's strangely cohesive. It's not like anything I've ever seen before. It's weird stuff.'"

"Squyres said the patch looked similar to--but not exactly like--what had been termed 'duracrust' at the landing site of the 1976 Viking probe."

"Scientists picked Spirit's landing site inside Gusev Crater because they believe the depression once contained a brimming lake--the type of place that may have been hospitable to life. If that was the case, Spirit should be seeing a flat plain rich in fine-grain sediment, said Ray Arvidson, the mission's deputy principal scientist."

"That's not what we're looking at," Arvidson said."

"Arvidson said a volcanic eruption could have buried the dry lake bed with lava, which was then fragmented by blows from asteroids or comets. Later, deposits carried by wind, water or even ice glaciers might have further buried the area with the rocky debris that Spirit's cameras show in crisp detail." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for January 11, 2004, "Spirit rover stretches, gets ready for its stroll on Mars," page 7A; USA Today for January 7, 2004, "Imprint shows Mars craft landed in 'weird stuff,'" page 2A; USA Today for January 8, 2004, "Getting past deflated air bags in Mars rover's first challenge," page 10A; and USA Today for January 9 through 11, 2004, "Hollywood's romance with Mars might end as fact replaces myth," page 2A.)

#### LUMINOUS UFO SEEN IN ROSARIO, ARGENTINA

"A UFO was seen last Saturday," December 27, 2003, "between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. in the barrio El Patio de la Madera (neighborhood) of the city of Rosario," 250 kilometers (150 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

"The luminous object traveled from west to east at a speed similar to that of an airliner. Upon seeing the object, the witness ran for his camcorder but couldn't find a free tape, so he chose not to waste any more time and used his digital camera," instead.

"Rosario is less than 60 kilometers (36 miles) from Victoria in the province of Entre Rios, which is famous for sightings of lights similar to the UFO seen on Saturday."

"A fisherman recognized the object and said that it

was identical to others he had seen in the past over the same area." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Christian Quintero para esta historia.)

COUPLE FINDS CROP CIRCLE  
IN LOUISBURG, KANSAS

Henry C. lives in the small town of Louisburg, Kansas (population 2,576), not far from Kansas City, Missouri, and reports an unusual discovery on his farm.

"On the night of (Monday) December 15, 2003, as my wife and I were pulling into our driveway after a dinner out, we watched a bright light back in our fields. We live on a farm, you see, and our fields extend for a mile behind our house."

"It was raining and the air was thick as fog, but we could see the bright light out in the field. We thought it was someone's headlights, since a row of houses runs along the back of our property. All of a sudden, though, the light shot straight up into the sky, disappearing into the darkness."

"I didn't see anything but a big ball of light."

"I wanted to get out there right away, but the rain made it very hard to get back into the fields. The ground gets so muddy, even a tractor can stick in certain places. So we waited until the next day when the rain stopped."

On the morning of Tuesday, December 16, 2003, Henry and his wife "walked about half a mile (0.8 kilometers), just over a hill, when we saw it. The ring of mud on the ground. I swear to God on the Bible, the ring had not been there before. The ring seemed to be around 10 feet (3 meters) in diameter, the mud in the ring almost like quicksand."

"I never believed in UFOs before," he added, "And had never seen anything like this. Maybe we can find out if someone else has seen anything like this, too." (Email Form Report)

MYSTERY BOOM HEARD  
IN SAN DIEGO

"At 4:20 p.m." on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, "numerous residents of the San Diego area" in southern California "reported a mysterious boom. The sound was comparable to sonic booms but was of an unknown origin."

"Military authorities claimed they had no aircraft in the area flying at supersonic speeds at the time."

"Similar booms were heard in the area" during 1992 and 1993, and "were so persistent that they resulted in questions being asked in Congress. Although the (U.S.) Air Force denied any involvement at the time, it was generally believed that the booms were associated with the landings of the secret Aurora aircraft" at Edwards Air Force Base out in the Mojave Desert. (See the San Diego Times-Union for January 7, 2004, "Mystery booms heard in San Diego." Many thanks to Geoff Blackmore for this newspaper story.)

From the UFO Files...

1938: IN SEARCH OF KAMULA

So many of the sword-and-sorcery tales of Robert E. Howard (1906-1936) were inspired by vivid dreams that some researchers have wondered if REH was experiencing a phenomenon called retrocognition, i.e. dream-channelling or psychic glimpses of the remote prehistoric past.

Nowhere is the suggestion of this stronger than in Robert's unfinished Kull story, Black Abyss, which was never published in his lifetime. (For a fuller discussion of Black Abyss, see UFO Roundup, Volume 9, Number 1, for January 7, 2004, "1927: Shadows in Kamula," page 9.)

The story is set in "languid Kamula," a prehistoric city somewhere in Europe, "this dreamy pleasure city of snowy marble and lapis lazuli that crowned the crest of the hill." In Kings of the Night, a story published in Weird Tales in November 1930, REH reveals that his King Kull character lived "a hundred thousand years ago."

In Kings, there's a stirring scene where Kull steps out of his yuga into the Celtic Britain of 100 B.C., startling Bran Mak Morn, the king of the Picts.

"Against the golden birth of day he loomed colossal; a gigantic god from the dawn of creation. Now as he strode toward them the waking hosts saw him and sent up a sudden shout of wonder..."

"Sandals of curious make were on his feet and he wore a pliant coat of strangely meshed mail which came almost to his knees. A broad belt with a great golden buckle encircled his waist, supporting a long straight sword in a heavy leather scabbard. His hair was confined by a wide, heavy golden band about his head."

"Such was the man who paused before the silent group. He seemed slightly puzzled, slightly amused. Recognition flickered in his eyes. He spoke in a strange archaic Pictish which (Bran's aide) Cormac scarcely understood. His voice was deep and resonant."

"'Ha, Brule, (the wizard) Gonar did not tell me I would dream of you!'"

"For the first time in his life Cormac saw the Pictish king (Bran Mak Morn) completely thrown off his balance. He gaped, speechless. The stranger continued:"

"'And wearing the gem I gave you, in a circlet on your head. Last night you wore it on a ring on your finger.'"

"'Last night?' gasped Bran."

"'Last night--or a hundred thousand years ago--all one!' murmured Gonar, in evident enjoyment of the situation."

Soon it's revealed that the wizard Gonar (a sorcerer in the same major league as Merlin and Gandalf--J.T.) used his magical arts to make contact with either his ancestor or his younger self in 125,000 B.C., to arrange for Kull to do some time-travelling to the next yuga to save the Picts from the armies of Rome.

As my old geology professor, Dr. Ralph Fellows, once explained, the Pleistocene Period saw four distinct glaciations, or advances of the ice sheets, across Europe and North America. The final Wurm glaciation began 120,000 years ago, leaving both continents looking like Antarctica today. It ended around 12,000 B.C. But prior to this was the Riss-Wurm interglacial period, which lasted from 120,000 to 190,000 years ago, in which Europe was free of ice.

As Henri Breuil and Raymond Lantier pointed out in their book, *Les Hommes de la Pierre Ancienne* (French for *Men of the Old Stone Age--J.T.*) "It was all too easy to forget the vast durations of geological time, the untold revolutions of the planet witnessed by ancient man, the constant and complete changes of scenery upon Earth's stage...We are all inclined to suppose that the world has always looked as it does today."

With Europe's topography totally reshaped by the Wurm glaciation, how is it possible to find lost Kamula?

Well, we have Robert's clues--a hilltop city, set amidst "the green hills of Zalgara," underlain by tunnels and caverns of incalculable age.

Is there any place in Europe that would still fit that description long after the Wurm ice flows retreated?

As a matter of fact, there is. It's the Schwaebische Alb region of Baden-Wuerttemberg in southern Germany. The Schwaebische Alb is what geologists call an uplift feature, described as "an upland region of Jurassic limestone of about 700 meters (7,300 feet) in height, and extends for 210 kilometers (130 miles)...To the southeast, the Alb slopes gently down to the Danube," just west of Ulm, "in a gently undulating plateau of permeable limestone through which most surface water seeps away, forming caverns, swallowholes and dry valleys."

The Alb has been uplifted since the Jurassic Period, when dinosaurs swam in its shallow seas. Four times it's been scoured over by the Pleistocene glaciers. But in 125,000 B.C., the Alb was a hilly upland, just as it is today.

The Wurm glaciers long ago did away with any surface artifacts of lost Kamula. But it is possible that artifacts from Kull's era are tucked away in the caverns and tunnels deep within the Schwaebische Alb.

In April 1938, the Reichsfuhrer-SS Heinrich Himmler ordered the SS-Ahnenerbe (German acronym for Ancestral

Heritage Office--J.T.) to undertake a massive archaeological survey of the upper Danube River valley west of Ulm. Nazi archaeologists, assisted by student volunteers, excavated a number of sites, including Bad Buchan on the Federsee (lake), where they found Neolithic and early Bronze Age remains; Alt-Hayingen and Zweifalten, where Stone Age forts were discovered; and a mysterious prehistoric citadel at Grosse Heuneberg in Upflamor. (Editor's Note: Grosse Heuneberg has a long history. It was captured in 40 A.D. by the Roman legions of the emperor Claudius. But it was recaptured by the Alemanni, the ancestors of the Germans, in 260 A.D.)

These projects were immediately shut down in September 1939 with the outbreak of World War II.

Although many promising archaeological sites were found, Himmler, who was a great believer in the Hindu concept of world-ages, felt that the main prize had eluded him--proof positive of the existence of a prehistoric civilization in the Schwaebische Alb dating back to the Tetra Yuga.

(Editor's Note: Himmler actually kept a German translation of the Bhagavad Gita at his desk all through the war and read from it during his lunch hour.)

Exactly why Himmler was fixated on the Schwaebische Alb is not known. Most likely he was directed to those hills by his "Rasputin," SS-Brigadefuhrer Karl Maria Wiligut (1866-1946), an Austrian occultist who claimed to possess "ancestral clairvoyant memory" dating back to 300,000 B.C. Wiligut, who sometimes used the alias "Weisthor," claimed that the ancestors of the German people had come to northern Europe from the lost continent of Atlantis. (For more on Wiligut, see UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 51, for December 17, 2002, "1866: Hitler's Warlock," page 9.)

Since Robert E. Howard's Black Abyss did not see publication until 1967, twenty years after Wiligut's death, there's no way he could have read the story. So how did Wiligut come up with the idea of a Kamula in the upper Danube valley?

Maybe he dreamed it! (See the books Les Hommes de la Pierre Ancienne by Henri Breuil and Raymond Lantier, Payot, Paris, 1959, pages 30 and 31; Germany, Baedeker Guide, 3rd Edition, 1996, page 507; The Nazis and the Occult by Dusty Sklar, Dorset Press, New York, N.Y., 1977, pages 48, 77, 101 and 102; Bran Mak Morn by Robert E. Howard, Baen Books, 1996, pages 70 to 73; and King Kull by Robert E. Howard and Lin Carter, Lancer Books, 1967, pages 61 to 67.)

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## Re: 3D Mars Rock - Hallal

From: **Mike Hallal** <[mikehallal@comcast.net](mailto:mikehallal@comcast.net)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:01:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:04:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: 3D Mars Rock - Hallal

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 21:57:39 +0000  
>Subject: Re: 3D Mars Rock

>>From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 00:29:01 -0500 (EST)  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Subject: 3D Mars Rock

>>Hi,

>>Hoagland may have rocks in his head, but I find several of the  
>>images from Spirit/Rover quite interesting, including this:  
>>one:

>><http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/Spirit/MILLEN1.jpg>

>That looks like a Martian eggplant in the left background.  
>Wonder what they use for fertilizer? CSICRAP?

If this is for real, could the central image be of a broken  
piece from the landing package?

What's the original larger image, and where does this machined-  
looking piece sit in that image? How far is it from rover? Can  
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Mike Hallal

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## Re: UFO Footage - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:20:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:07:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Footage - Groff

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 13:40:57 -0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Footage

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 13:06:04 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Footage

>>I tried the URL Roy and got this:

>>Forbidden  
>>You don't have permission to access /UFOFootage.htm on this  
>>server.

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>less than five days, making my bandwidth go crazy!!

>Please re-try the link later today to confirm it is up.

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOFootage.htm>

Yes, I was able to connect a while ago.

Most of those videos I had seen before. There is one in  
particular that I believe is a very good fake.

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/ufointhewoods.avi>.

I have this video as well as some others on my pages at:

<http://www.terrygroff.com/ufotools/ufo/videos.html>

Terry

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## Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2 - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 11:36:56 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:13:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2 - Balaskas

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 14:05:41 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2

>>>From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 01:18:58 EST  
>>>Subject: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2

<snip>

>>>Is this image(s) put up by NASA-JPL their work or a joke?

>>>You can see the AP images at "Yahoo! News - Mars Exploration".

>>>It could be a joke but it's not something I would joke around with,  
>>>as it only 'muds the information water'.

Hi Larry,

Talking about "mud", there is evidence that some of the disturbed Martian soil right next to where Spirit lander came down may be just that, mud. This of course implies that liquid water is present in this moist-looking Martian soil - a major and important discovery that is necessary for the human colonization of Mars.

<snip>

>>>Now this is confusing. The clear blue sky appears all too  
>>>Earthly. Some guesses:

>>>1) This is indeed a shot of a desert on Earth used to calibrate  
>>>the Mars cameras, and shown out of context in the news  
>>>presentation.

Two decades ago I was sent to the Arabian desert south of Riyadh to determine if this area was a site suitable location for a large optical telescope to be built by the Saudis. I arrived at the desert site late at night just before a major dust storm hit (in Canada where snow storms are common, in Saudi Arabia dust storms are often very much part of the local weather). In the morning light I could not see anything outside the window of the ATCO trailer which was going to be my home for the next few months other than a featureless red! As the dust settled and I could see the red local rocky terrain and the neighbouring red flat topped mountains (which were once submerged peaks or islands in the distant past just like on Mars?), I could swear that I was on the Red Planet myself rather than on Earth.

Since that first day in the Arabian desert I have taken many more pictures of the same area which show clear blue skies and a very brownish, not red, terrain very much like this most recent colour image of Mars by Spirit. There are indeed places on Earth very similar to Mars, which exhibit the same range of colours and terrains (maybe that is why it is so inviting to us) - but one shouldn't suspect that this very interesting picture, taken by Spirit which was seen at the NASA news conference, must have

been taken somewhere here, on Earth.

>2) NASA and/or the news agency fudged the colors for some  
>arcane reason.

It is not really the colour of the sky on Mars that is important but the true colour of the rocks! Once the colour of the surface pictures of Mars taken by Viking, Pathfinder and now Spirit are adjusted so that they are not as red, not only does the Martian sky become blue - and the U.S. flag on the side of the spacecraft have the right colours - but the dark brownish features on some of the Mars pictures now look green. I believe this is what disturbs some people - especially those also involved in maintaining the UFO coverup - since it implies that plant life exists on Mars! Maybe Dr. Levin, head scientist of one of NASA's life experiments on the Viking Mars landers, did indeed discover life in the soil of Mars nearly three decades earlier!

If other, recent and independent, Earth based optical and spectroscopic scientific findings are correct, then there is indeed plant life on Mars. With plant life on Mars, President Bush can greatly reduce the costs of his just announced plans to send humans to the Red Planet by selecting U.S. astronauts who are vegetarians!

>3) Mars' skies are indeed blue indicating an oxygen/ozone  
>atmosphere, and not the very thin one known to science.

It is not oxygen or ozone that makes the sky blue but the air molecules and airborne microscopic particles present that scatter and absorb the different wavelengths of sunlight that determines the apparent colour of the atmosphere of Earth or Mars.

Although Mars does indeed have a much thinner atmosphere than Earth's and one would expect the daytime sky directly overhead to take a deep blue colour similar to that seen from aircraft at high altitudes (maybe some of the planets and brightest stars would just be visible too), the atmosphere near the surface would be very different. The evaporation of sub-surface water, blown dust, etc. and would create a much thicker atmosphere at the surface level and pictures of the sky along the horizon would look much hazier (blue or red depending on the local conditions and sun angles).

>I really doubt #3.

>I would say that YAHOO News, AP and NASA, owe us a complete and  
>clear explanation before this completely muddies the waters.

<snip>

One last comment here regarding the colour of the Martian sky. It may be true that cameras never lie, but they can produce deceptive results. Playing around with my new digital camera this Christmas indoors under low light conditions produced reddish pictures much like some of those taken on Mars. If I did not make adjustments to the colour balance of these pictures using the editing software that came with my camera, others who saw these pictures may suspect that I spent my holidays on Mars.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:42:05 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:17:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 04:37:23 -0800  
>Subject: SETI Taps The Grid

>Source: Astrobiology Magazine

>[http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?  
op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=773&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0](http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=773&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0)

>1-12-04

>Tapping the Grid

>Interview with David Anderson

<snip>

>DA (David Anderson): There's another project involving gravity-  
>wave detection and LIGO. [Two completely independent gravity  
>detectors located in Washington State and Louisiana, the Laser  
>Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) is  
>essentially a giant strain gauge, designed to detect gravity  
>waves for the first time].

>I'm personally extremely excited about the possibilities of  
>BOINC, both for scientists (who now have a chance to do  
>previously unfeasible computations) and the public (who will  
>soon have a smorgasbord of projects available to them).

The BOINC project is moving along famously despite limited  
personnel working on it. I've been a member of the Beta test  
since March 2003 and it has come a long way since then.

There has been a little bit of SETI bashing on this List  
recently and I can't for the life of me figure out why. Some of  
the bashing has been almost CSICOPIAN in it's rhetoric. I feel  
that all searches for the existence of ET are valid whether  
the search is here at home or out there among the stars.  
Detection of an artificial signal would go a long way toward  
convincing people of the possibility of earthly visitations.

Terry

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## Re: 3D Mars Rock - Stuart

From: Chaz Stuart <[Daydisk2@webtv.net](mailto:Daydisk2@webtv.net)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 15:24:08 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:17:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: 3D Mars Rock - Stuart

>From: Mike Hallal <[mikehallal@comcast.net](mailto:mikehallal@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:01:54 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 3D Mars Rock

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Yes, the image is apparently real and I'm a little surprised that no one apparently thinks it is any big deal. It is not extremely close to the Rover and I don't believe it was part of it. The whole scene and a few other interesting images can be found at the website of the "notorious" Richard C. Hoagland: [www.enterprisemission.com](http://www.enterprisemission.com)

--Chaz

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## Re: UFO Footage - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com](mailto:joe.mcgonagle@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 20:57:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:18:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Footage - McGonagle

Hello Roy, List,

>From: Roy Hale <[roy@thelosthaven.co.uk](mailto:roy@thelosthaven.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Roy, do you have any idea of the provenance of some of these clips? Who made them, where, or when? Obviously the NASA ones are well known, but for instance the "UFO crash" looks to me like a failed missile test. The Concorde one looks to me like a possible reflection on the canopy of the aircraft from which the video/film is being taken.

Also, do you have any idea why the "1966, England" sighting is labled "Top Secret"? This clip appeared on an old TV programme and was found to have been caused by refraction of the tailplane of the aircraft through the window glass. Hardly "Top Secret". I think it even featured on TV news at the time.

Regards,

Joe

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Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 14:21:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:27:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars Image Shows A Blue Sky? Set 2 - Hatch

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>saw these pictures may suspect that I spent my holidays on Mars.

Hello Nick:

I agree the color of the rocks is more important.

I did learn something new from this web page, assuming its  
correct:

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/198671.asp?cp1=1>

According to that article, the Martian sky can be either reddish  
(from dust) or bluish when the sun is on the horizon, rather the  
reverse of on Earth!

\_If\_ that is true, then some apparent discrepancies may pretty  
much disappear.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 17:47:22 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:24:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Friedman

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>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:42:05 -0600  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 04:37:23 -0800  
>>Subject: SETI Taps The Grid

>>Source: Astrobiology Magazine

>[http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?  
op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=773&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0](http://www.astrobio.net/news/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=773&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0)

>>1-12-04

>>Tapping the Grid

>>Interview with David Anderson

><snip>

>>DA (David Anderson): There's another project involving gravity-  
>>wave detection and LIGO. [Two completely independent gravity  
>>detectors located in Washington State and Louisiana, the Laser  
>>Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) is  
>>essentially a giant strain gauge, designed to detect gravity  
>>waves for the first time].

>>I'm personally extremely excited about the possibilities of  
>>BOINC, both for scientists (who now have a chance to do  
>>previously unfeasible computations) and the public (who will  
>>soon have a smorgasbord of projects available to them).

>The BOINC project is moving along famously despite limited  
>personnel working on it. I've been a member of the Beta test  
>since March 2003 and it has come a long way since then.

>There has been a little bit of SETI bashing on this List  
>recently and I can't for the life of me figure out why. Some of  
>the bashing has been almost CSICOPIAN in it's rhetoric. I feel  
>that all searches for the existence of ET are valid whether  
>the search is here at home or out there among the stars.  
>Detection of an artificial signal would go a long way toward  
>convincing people of the possibility of earthly visitations.

Terry, I am afraid that I consider the SETI Program, as  
presently practiced, a high tech faith-based religion.

It is not a search for ETI, but a search for ET radio signals.  
It totally ignores the evidence we have for ET visitations,  
assumes no interstellar travel, ever, and no more advanced form  
of communication than our primitive radio devices. The Drake  
equation isn't science. It is equivalent to playing darts. Put  
numbers on a dart board and throw darts..... Ah, now we know how  
many civilizations there are in the galaxy. Try again; now we  
have a new number. Let's assume they are uniformly distributed,

etc., ad nauseum.

Let us not forget that we have data on one civilization on one planet in one solar system. We know the technological history of that planet for a few thousand years. The galaxy is more than 10 billion years old and 80,000 - 100,000 light years across. with maybe 100 billion to 400 billion stars. Talk about an extrapolation!!!! Especially since we have no data on any civilization more than a few thousand years old or with a technological history of more than a couple of hundred years. We know that stars differ much in age and are not uniformly distributed.

In December, I provided 3 different illustrated lectures on a 6 Night Queen Elizabeth 2 crossing from the UK to New York. Dr. Seth Shostak gave 3 SETI lectures. I think we were both well received. I had read his latest book "Cosmic Company" which says there have been no UFO landings, no radar sightings, etc. He has also claimed that aliens wouldn't know we are here until they pick up our TV and radar signals and that is very unlikely that there is another civilization within 100 light years. This means that nobody could send signals until 30 years from now and we wouldn't get them until 130 years from now.

Where is the science here?

The fact is that the SETI Specialists even assume they are experts in analyzing and predicting alien motivations. I personally wouldn't put astronomers high on my list of those professionals knowledgeable about earthling, no less alien, motivation.

I think the use of distributed computers is exciting science and I wish those guys well. I am sure there are many problems that could benefit from that approach. However, if one is interested in ETI, let us look at the UFO data and also take note of the national security aspects of the UFO problem which the SETI guys seem to be incapable of.

Stan Friedman

There is a challenge to SETI Specialists at my website:  
[www.stantonfriedman.com](http://www.stantonfriedman.com)

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## New Pages At Bob Pratt's Site

From: Dave Haith <[visions@ntlworld.com](mailto:visions@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 00:23:53 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:31:24 -0500  
Subject: New Pages At Bob Pratt's Site

I have heard from friend and respected ufologist Bob Pratt that he has added some new pages to his website.

As you'll see Bob is certainly no armchair researcher and has amassed amazing experiences out in Brazil.

The link he's given me:

<http://www.bobpratt.org/index.html> <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:33:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Fleming

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>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:42:05 -0600  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

<snip>

>There has been a little bit of SETI bashing on this List  
>recently and I can't for the life of me figure out why.

I think it's pretty easy to figure out why. It has something to do with comments like this from SETI honcho Seth Shostak:

[http://www.pbs.org/wnet/hawking/mysteries/html/uns\\_shostak-3.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/hawking/mysteries/html/uns_shostak-3.html)

"To begin with, we would be confronted with one of the biggest news stories of all time. Unlike the daily reports of UFOs buzzing the countryside or of sex-starved aliens abducting citizens for salacious purposes, a signal detected by SETI researchers wouldn't rely on anecdote or unsteady home videos. It could be quickly and repeatedly confirmed by scientists world-wide. The signal itself would come under intense scrutiny, and new receivers would be built to check it for fine structure=8Brapid variations that might convey a message."

This is a fairly typical SETI comment regarding UFOs. It kind of rubs a lot of people the wrong way who otherwise would be sympathetic with SETI.

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## CI: Blue Craters on Mars?

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Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 20:45:31 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:34:42 -0500  
Subject: CI: Blue Craters on Mars?

Cydonian Imperative  
1-13-04

Blue Craters on Mars?

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

[image]

ESA Mars Express image of the failed Beagle 2's landing site.

The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter has captured a provocative image of the intended landing site for the silent Beagle 2 probe, which was to have tested the Martian surface for signs of life. In the image (above), strange blue features can be seen inside impact craters. If these are in fact blue and not due to improper color calibration, perhaps an exotic explanation is in order. Could the anomalous blue patches represent large-scale organic activity? To see the image in high-resolution, [click here](#).

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## Pope On Whale's Radio Program

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Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:31:30 -0000

Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:40:04 -0500

Subject: Pope On Whale's Radio Program

I'll be appearing on James Whale's show on the Talk Sport radio station this Thursday evening, between around 11pm and 1am.

I'll be discussing the recent Timewatch documentary and the Sci-Fi Channel's 'UFO Invasion at Rendlesham' show. I'll also be talking about the University of London study into the abduction phenomenon, together with other recent ufological developments. As ever, callers are welcome to phone in with questions, or details of any UFO sightings they've had.

Talk Sport broadcasts at 1089/1053am. You can listen online at the following url:

<http://www.talksport.net/listen>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Argentine Farmer Claims Seeing UFO & Occupants

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:03:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 08:23:05 -0500  
Subject: Argentine Farmer Claims Seeing UFO & Occupants

Source: Diario El Tribuno (Salta, Argentina)

[http://www.eltribuno.com.ar/2004/salta/20040110\\_202019.php](http://www.eltribuno.com.ar/2004/salta/20040110_202019.php)\

January 11, 2003

Farmer Claims Having Seen UFO And Occupants

In Cachi, on the Tin Tin road  
He traveled with 7 other people on a bus  
All of them witnessed the strange and fantastic event

"It was incredible. We could see an object with impressive lights, side by side, spinning in a circle at high speed. Then other lights appeared which came and went over the same spot. It made our jaws drop," were the first words uttered by Julio Espinoza, a farmer and shepherd from La Poma.

It all happened on the Tin Tin road on December 16, 2003 at midnight, some 120 km west of Salta, the gateway to Cachi which crosses the Los Cardones National Park.

This location was not only the site of a new UFO sighting. This time, according to the eyewitness, the phenomenon was accompanied by the strange manifestation of humanoid creatures walking stealthily amid the scant vegetation of the Puna.

They Were on the Road to Puna

Eight people traveling in a bus were among the witnesses to the phenomenon, among them a 5 year-old girl. But the main witness to the events, Julio Rafael Espinosa, 39, told his experience to El Tribuno only last Friday.

That Tuesday, the passengers on the bus were Benito Salva and his father, Ricardo, four other men, Espinosa and his young daughter Tamara, age 5. At the entrance to the Tin Tin road, some 400 meters to the right in the direction of Cerro Negro, Benito Salva, the vehicle's driver, said: "Hey guys, look over there" before parking the bus, while the travelers looked through the window toward the indicated spot. Espinosa says that he managed to climb on top of the bus, but curiosity got the better of him and led him jump off and walk toward the luminous phenomenon.

A Stunning Tale

"Upon reaching a bramble, in spite of the darkness, the landscape was very well-defined. I couldn't go on any further; I was moving away from the road and I was getting scared when my eyes started to see something that couldn't be made out clearly at a distance."

"There was a device measuring some 100 meters wide resting over some kind of struts or legs which kept it some 10-12 meters off the ground. Some sort of hoses emerged from its middle, with lights on their tips. Suddenly, the lights on the object went out and these strange beings appeared. They walked slowly in



single file, they were thin and their glow was so powerful they blinded me. At that moment I hid behind a bramble and I could see when one of them jumped onto a bramble--don't know how he did it--and began to pull pieces off it, as though taking specimens."

Some twenty minutes had gone by. It was then that Espinosa decided to return to the truck to report what was going on. "When I told them what I'd seen, they told me that they couldn't see the creatures because they were very far away. However, they saw the luminous phenomenon, which was visible from the roadside," he concluded.

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## Scientist Sues Next Magazine Over UFO Story

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 06:50:26 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 09:49:03 -0500  
Subject: Scientist Sues Next Magazine Over UFO Story

Source: Asia Media - South China Morning Post

January 14, 2004

<http://www.asiamedia.ucla.edu/article.asp?parentid=6462>

HONG KONG: Scientist sues Next magazine over UFO land-sale story

A scientist and businessman is suing Next magazine for defamation over an article about his attempts to sell one-square-inch plots of land in Iowa which he claimed UFOs had flown over

By Sara Bradford

A scientist and businessman is suing Next magazine for defamation over an article about his attempts to sell one-square-inch plots of land in Iowa which he claimed UFOs had flown over.

Dr Paul Ki Ping-ki, who holds a PhD in medical research and describes himself as a renowned research scientist who has delivered papers on cures for Aids, said an article that appeared in the September 22, 1995, edition of the magazine had defamed him and caused his business to fail.

He alleged the article raised questions about the genuineness of his business and the land transactions. He testified that after the article was published, inquiries about the land had dried up.

Dr Ki said when he arrived in Hong Kong after his university studies in Iowa, he had been "very famous" for his research on Aids.

He told the court he decided to sell his 26,000-sq-ft plot of land in Iowa, which he brought for US\$100 and was now valued at US\$3,900, when he learned from a documentary that aliens had flown over it.

"After I watched that documentary, I felt that the opportunity [for selling the land] had come. Apart from Roswell, which was mentioned in the documentary where ETs were visiting, I also found that ETs had visited Iowa where my piece of land was."

Dr Ki told the defendants' lawyer, Jat Sew-tong SC, he planned to sell all 3,744,000 square inches of land for HK\$100 per square inch in an attempt to raise a total of \$374 million.

He said after placing an advert in Apple Daily he received a phone call from a person he later believed to be a Next magazine reporter asking him about the advertisement.

Dr Ki, who formerly traded as Hong Kong Washington Company, is suing Next Magazine Publishing Ltd, editor-in-chief Cheung Kim-hung and writer Lai Suk-fun.

The trial, before Mr Justice Andrew Cheung, continues today in

the Court of First Instance.

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## UFO Sighting Might Make Huntington Next Roswell

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 06:58:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 09:52:57 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Might Make Huntington Next Roswell

Source: The Post-Tribune - Merrillville, Indiana

[http://www.post-trib.com/cgi-bin/pto-story/columns/gordon/z1/01-13-04\\_z1\\_gor=d\\_1.html](http://www.post-trib.com/cgi-bin/pto-story/columns/gordon/z1/01-13-04_z1_gor=d_1.html)

UFO sighting might make Huntington next Roswell

Jan. 13, 2004

I know a few people from Huntington, the town that gave us Dan Quayle.

The Huntingtonian I know best is my fishing buddy, Rex, who has farmed near Huntington all his life.

Of all the people I know, Rex may be the most level-headed. The ups and downs of farming =97 which are controlled by such imponderables as temperature, rainfall and grain prices =97 would drive me crazy, but Rex takes as it comes, accepting both the good and the bad with a shrug and a smile.

So when Huntington was in the news recently for an event that most would find difficult to swallow, I used Rex as my yardstick for the sensibility of those who witnessed something odd in the sky above the city of 2,000.

On Jan. 4, The Herald-Press of Huntington reported the three Huntington police officers saw an object they couldn't identify hovering over SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 26. It was flying low enough that one thought it might strike the church steeple, but it shot away north after hovering for 30 to 45 seconds.

The officers described the object as big, circular and dome-shaped, but without the =93hump=94 in the middle typical of 1950s flying saucer descriptions.

They kept the story of what they=92d seen to themselves, fearing people would think them daft, until curiosity got the better of them. They went public with the story, wondering if anyone else had seen the same thing.

When I read the story off The Associated Press wire, I called Rex to see if he=92d had a close encounter. Nope, he said, he hadn't seen a thing, nor had anyone else he knew.

He told me that there the folks in town weren't unduly distressed about the event. Maybe they figure that if whatever it is doesn't start carving circles in their crops, it's not worth much discussion.

Cindy Klepper, the newspaper's city editor, wrote a follow-up to the original story after three investigators from the Mutual UFO Network came to town. They discounted one suggested explanation, that what the officers saw was a =93Hoverdisc,=94 a table-sized toy that is filled with helium and set adrift.

=93It's not a balloon of any kind,=94 MUFON representative Roger Sugden told Klepper. =93Whichever way the wind was blowing, it

wouldn't have stopped, tumbled and moved off.

An Internet search turned up a couple of interesting side notes.

An Indianapolis man reported to Whitley Streiber's Unknown Country Web site that he and two other people spotted six red and white objects pass over downtown Indianapolis about seven hours after the Huntington object was seen.

Stranger still, a Google search using the terms "Huntington Indiana UFO" turned up a game called "UFO Attack" on the Huntington-Indiana.com Web site.

I contacted the Bill Holden, a Web designer who built and maintains the site, who said UFO Attack and other games had been on his site for some time. A few hours later he reported that his site had received 80 hits for UFO searches over two days.

Spotting an opportunity, he put the headline "SAVE HUNTINGTON" on the game and put a note that "The out-of-town newspapers" had been contacting him for information on the sighting.

I've been called many things in my life, but "out-of-town newspapers" is a new one.

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## USS Liberty Hit Unintentional Says CIA

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Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 07:34:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 10:53:51 -0500  
Subject: USS Liberty Hit Unintentional Says CIA

Note: Although this is not a 'UFO' subject per se, I felt it merited posting for the recognition of how our 'intelligence agencies' conduct themselves. I believe this 'patterned behavior' certainly crosses over to Ufology.

Moreover, the news of the release of newly declassified documents from the Johnson Administration is also noteworthy.

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Source: Jerusalem Post

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JParticle/ShowFull&cid=1073881745637>

Jan. 13, 2004

USS 'Liberty' hit was unintentional, says CIA

By Janine Zacharia

New documents released by the State Department relating to the period of the 1967 Six Day War include CIA memos that say Israel did not know it was striking an American vessel when it attacked the USS Liberty off the coast of the Gaza Strip on June 8, 1967, killing 34 American sailors and injuring 172. The memos say the attack was carried out "by mistake, representing gross negligence."

Along with the release of the documents, the historian for the top-secret National Security Agency said Monday he believed available evidence "strongly suggested" Israel did not know it was bombarding an American ship.

On Monday, the State Department hosted a conference on the 1967 war, including the Liberty incident, to mark the release of a new volume of historical papers from the Johnson Administration. The 542 declassified documents, roughly 1100 pages in length, were culled from the archives of the White House, State Department, Pentagon and various intelligence agencies. They cover May through November 1967.

Historians said the new documentation included little new on the Liberty incident itself. It is still not known, for example, why the USS Liberty, an intelligence-gathering ship, was allowed to linger so close to the war zone, or why Israel was not informed of its presence in the area. Analysts said however that while its original mission remains murky, it was now evident that the ship was not sent to spy on Israel since the bulk of linguists on board spoke Arabic or Russian and the ship had no Hebrew translators to monitor Israeli communications in real time.

The most significant documents, transcripts of tapes of communications between an Israeli air controller and helicopter pilots sent to rescue the wounded from the attack, were released last July.

Those intercepts showed that the Israeli rescue pilots first identified the ship as Egyptian and gradually realized, after

spotting a US flag, that the ship was American.

"A CIA memo of June 13 reported they had no intercepts from the attacking planes and torpedo boats, but that the helicopter pilots' communication left little doubt that the Israelis had failed to identify the Liberty as a US ship," said Harriet Schwar, editor of the newly released volume.

"A follow-up CIA memo on June 21st noted that the Liberty had been identified prior to the attacks but concluded that the Israelis were not aware at the time of the attack that they were attacking a US ship. It concluded that the attack was not made in malice, but was by mistake, representing gross negligence. The Defense Intelligence Agency reached a similar conclusion," Schwar added.

David Hatch, the National Security Agency Historian, said of the intercepted communications of the rescue pilots: "While falling short of proof, the intercepts to me suggest strongly the Israeli attackers did not know they were aiming deadly fire at a vessel belonging to the United States. The intercepted communications between the air controller at Hatzor and helicopters dispatched in the wake of the attack show a progressive reversal of perception on their part."

Included on the panel was James Bamford, an investigative journalist, who has written that Israel deliberately attacked the USS Liberty spy ship. Jay Cristol, a Miami-based judge who has written a book arguing that the attack was a mistake was also present, as was Michel Oren, author of a book on the Six Day War.

Bamford stood by his assertion that Israel had deliberately attacked the ship and that the US and Israel had orchestrated a "big cover up."

He read from a recent declaration by Ward Boston, who served as senior legal counsel for the Navy's Court of Inquiry into the Liberty attack. That Court concluded there was insufficient information to make a judgment about why Israel attacked the ship.

In his affidavit, Boston says, he and the Court were given only one week to gather evidence for the Navy's investigation, and that both he and the Court's president, Admiral Isaac Kidd, "believed with certainty that this attack...was a deliberate effort to sink an American ship and murder its entire crew."

"I am outraged at the efforts of the apologists for Israel in this country to claim that this attack was a case of mistaken identity. In particular the recent publication of Jay Cristol's book, "The Liberty Incident," twists the facts and misrepresents the views of those of us who investigated the attack," Boston says.

Cristol's presentation for the Liberty panel was prepared in conjunction with Ernest Castle, the United States Naval Attache' at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv in June 1967, who received the first report of the attack from Israel and advised the US, and John Hadden who was then the CIA Chief of Station in Tel Aviv. Both Castle and Hadden agree that the attack on the Liberty was a mistake.

Michael Oren, in his presentation, reviewed some of the mistakes Israel had made during the Liberty attack.

Earlier in the morning of June 8, the Israelis had surveyed and identified a ship in the area as the USS Liberty. A neutral green marker was placed on a model to represent the Liberty's position. Two hours later, the marker was removed since the ship's position would have changed by then and a new senior Israeli official came on duty who was not informed of the Liberty's presence in the area, Oren explained.

The removal of the marker, a miscalculation of the speed at which the Liberty was traveling that would have indicated it was not a warship, and a breakdown in communication between the Israeli Navy and Army were all Israeli errors that contributed to orders to attack the ship.

The former Naval attach , Castle, said after the panel that he

knew personally the Israeli official who had removed the marker and that it had "ruined him" professionally and personally. The Israelis had no motive to attack the ship, he added.

The panel, which was open to the public, became raucous at times when survivors of the Liberty attack and a relative of a sailor killed in the incident yelled out to protest that the panel included two people who represented Israel's position, while survivors were not invited to participate.

One petty officer from the Liberty attempted to question Oren's credentials, saying someone who would have been "in diapers" at the time of the attack could not effectively analyze the incident. Others slammed Oren for being Israeli and suggested he could therefore not be impartial.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 10:58:32 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/14/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) of the Central Intelligence Agency has inadvertently disclosed its "Directory of Russian Federation Defense-Related Agencies and Personnel."

The FBIS Directory provides open source information on Russian military structure, installations, intelligence agencies, and leadership, including English and Russian biographies of selected individuals.

Although all of the information is unclassified and does not reflect clandestine collection, such data is nevertheless typically withheld from public disclosure by the Central Intelligence Agency.

A few years ago, the CIA refused to confirm or deny the mere fact that it had prepared biographies of certain foreign leaders. The Agency goes so far as to claim that disclosing the amount of money spent by FBIS on open source collection and analysis would damage the security of the United States. (Selected FBIS translations are made available to the public through an online subscription service.)

The FBIS Directory, updated as recently as December 2003, was found on a publicly accessible portion of an otherwise restricted web site. A copy is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/russia/fbis/index.html>

A CRITICAL VIEW OF THE THOMAS BUTLER TRIAL

The prosecution of Texas Tech infectious disease specialist Thomas C. Butler last year on charges of smuggling biological agents and financial irregularities was an abuse of process, and his resulting conviction on charges of fraud was a miscarriage of justice, wrote Texas Tech geologist Thomas M. Lehman in an open letter to his colleagues last week.

In early December, Butler was acquitted of the most serious charges of smuggling. "He was found innocent of the charges on which he was initially arrested because he didn't do anything wrong," wrote Dr. Lehman. His procedural violations involving the transport of biological agents were honest errors committed in good faith, Dr. Lehman averred.

As for the remaining charges, they stemmed from administrative disputes with Texas Tech and possibly personal vendettas, according to Dr. Lehman, and should never have come to trial.

"As you may (or may not) know," Dr. Lehman wrote to his colleagues, "politically speaking I am a very conservative Republican -- and so it came as quite a shock to me to discover that my government and its agents, and my university and its agents, could and would actually come after a good man with the clear intent of destroying him -- even though it had to be patently obvious to them, as it was to me, that he is a good and honest man."

See the open letter to Texas Tech colleagues from Dr. Thomas Lehman here:

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

Dr. Lehman is renowned in certain circles for having dug up the bones of a newly discovered species of dinosaur dating from about 70 million years ago in Big Bend National Park in Texas.

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: A COMPARATIVE LEGAL SURVEY

The principles of freedom of information law and the degree to which they are implemented in several countries around the world are the subject of a new report published by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

See "Freedom of Information: A Comparative Legal Survey" by Toby Mendel (2003):

<http://www.article19.org/docimages/1707.pdf>

#### CORRECTIONS

Contrary to a headline in the previous issue of Secrecy News, the Supreme Court did not "uphold detainee secrecy" when it declined to review a D.C. Circuit ruling that information regarding September 11 detainees could be withheld from disclosure. The Supreme Court denial of certiorari in Center for National Security Studies et al v. Department of Justice does not necessarily imply a position on the merits of the case and has no precedential significance.

Also in the previous issue: The study by Jeffrey Record on "Bounding the Global War on Terrorism" probably should not have been referred to as an "Army study." Although it was sponsored and published by the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, the study only represents the views of the author, as explained in the introductory disclaimer.

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## Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money

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Source: Channel 2 CBS Chicago

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Jan 14, 2004

Bush On Space: Moon, Mars, Money

President To Announce Plans During Visit To NASA Headquarters

WASHINGTON (CBS News) President Bush is asking for a \$1 billion boost to NASA's budget over five years to fund the start of a new American campaign in space intended to put a permanent base on the moon and land astronauts on Mars, administration officials say.

In a speech prepared for delivery Wednesday at NASA headquarters, Mr. Bush is calling for a lunar base to be established within two decades and a manned landing on Mars sometime after 2030, an official said.

The proposal comes after members of Congress and others have called for a new national vision for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, urging a human space initiative that would reinvigorate an agency wounded by last year's loss of space shuttle Columbia and trapped by expensive projects that limit manned spaceflight to low Earth orbit.

Mr. Bush, speaking with reporters Tuesday on a trip to Mexico, said his plan centers on human exploration of space.

"The spirit is going to be one of continued exploration =85 seeking new horizons and investing in a program that =85 meets that objective," he said.

His proposal for \$1 billion over five years, in effect, would provide startup funds for highly complex projects that could take decades and may require hundreds of billions of additional dollars to complete.

CBS News White House Correspondent Mark Knoller reports experts believe the actual cost of the moon and Mars projects could be as much as \$750 billion.

Even if Congress does not approve the president's plan, it gives Mr. Bush a chance to discuss a bold proposal during an election year.

Increased NASA funding could also mean more jobs in key states. Of NASA's 12 main sites, three are in California and two are in Virginia. Texas, Ohio, Maryland, Alabama and Mississippi also host NASA centers.

Congressional negotiators last year agreed to a NASA budget of nearly \$15.5 billion for fiscal 2004, the budget year that began last Oct. 1. That's a \$90 million boost over the previous year. The measure, part of a broad-based spending bill, was passed by the House and awaits approval in the Senate.

Part of the moon-Mars initiative would be funded by the reallocation of money already in NASA's budget, officials said. The plan calls for retiring the space shuttle by the end of this decade and quickly concluding the U.S. obligations to the International Space Station. The shuttle now costs NASA about \$4 billion a year and the station about \$1 billion.

A less ambitious project proposed by Mr. Bush's father called for putting astronauts on Mars, but did not mention a moon base. The cost of that project in 1989 was projected at \$400 billion to \$500 billion, a price tag that discouraged Congress. The project was never started.

Experts say that under the latest plan, robots would be sent to the moon by 2008 and astronauts ready to build a lunar base would land there by 2020. The plan envisions using the moon as a staging area for deeper space exploration with a landing on Mars after 2030.

An official said the president's address will give broad outlines to the moon-Mars plan, leaving details to be worked out later. The administration's officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Experts said the effort to return to the moon would require building new spacecraft, and the eventual plan could include sending robot craft to the moon and later to Mars to cache supplies for use later by human explorers.

The only human-rated spacecraft now in the nation's arsenal are three space shuttles, aging winged craft limited to Earth orbit. The shuttle fleet has been grounded since Columbia exploded over Texas on Feb. 1, killing seven astronauts. The first post-Columbia launch is expected in about a year.

NASA is committed to completing the International Space Station, an effort that will take a series of space shuttle missions.

The agency already has proposed building the Orbital Space Plane, a craft that would ferry astronauts and limited supplies between the Earth and the space station. Some members of Congress have criticized the OSP and it has yet to receive final funding.

A colony on the moon, experts say, could be used to exploit mineral resources of the lunar surface, such as helium-3, an isotope that theoretically could be used for rocket fuel.

There are suggestions that the moon has deposits of water near its poles. Water could be chemically split to obtain hydrogen and oxygen, a combination that could be used as a rocket propellant. The oxygen could be used for an atmosphere inside sealed shelters.

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## Re: CI: Blue Craters on Mars? - McCoy

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>Cydonian Imperative  
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>Blue Craters on Mars?

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

>[image]

>ESA Mars Express image of the failed Beagle 2's landing site.

>The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter has captured a  
>provocative image of the intended landing site for the silent  
>Beagle 2 probe, which was to have tested the Martian surface for  
>signs of life. In the image (above), strange blue features can  
>be seen inside impact craters. If these are in fact blue and not  
>due to improper color calibration, perhaps an exotic explanation  
>is in order. Could the anomalous blue patches represent large-  
>scale organic activity? To see the image in high-resolution,  
>click here.

Hello Mac,

Here is a stie concering Borax Lake in Southeastern Oregon,  
In the Alvord Desert region-very Mars-like in looks the Photo  
does not do it justice:

<http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oregon/preserves/art6794.html>

The Borax Lake Chub only lives in that lake, which has been used  
for centuries by humans (Indians and Settlers) to Take  
baths,(including yours truly) wash clothes, etc,etc, even mine  
Borax,(yes we're talking the ol' 20 mule team) .It is hot,  
105'F. and has an environment like say, Yer Maytag washer set on  
Hot,and the equivalent to half a box of Borax in the water.

I've seen this place from the air, trying to find aerials of it-  
as it looks very like those Blue Craters on Mars, I wonder if  
Beagle2 made a splashdown, and is now an artifical reef for the  
Martian Crater chub?

I'll Keep looking for Aerials, USGS seems to be down this AM.

GT McCoy

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## Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 08:15:26 -0500  
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>14, 2004

>Bush On Space: Moon, Mars, Money

Thanks for the story Frank Warren.

In all fairness I don't think we'll as a species make any big impact on space exploration for another 100 years the way our social structure exists.

We cannot commit the funds to do so with an exploding population, restricted freedoms, and worst of all our own ever present 'monsters from the ID'.

For us old timers we'll remember that quote from the 1950's sci-fi flick "Forbidden Planet". A story about a starship crew on a rescue mission that finds the only survivors of an expedition are a scientist and his daughter. After several mysterious murders it's discovered that the scientist had discovered an abandoned civilization that used computers to manifest each citizen's fantasies yet overlooking the horrors of the unconscious mind which too manifested itself and destroyed them all.

That's our biggest fight first. Our own 'Monsters from the ID'. Why? Look at ourselves. We're still as superstitious and bigotted as ever. The rigors of space don't afford for non-optimum thinking and performance. As a collective, to expand from a world that's as fragmented as our own is patchwork at best. Last thing we need is to develop new advanced technologies that get in the hands of religious zealots or organized crime. We need to clean house before going to the neighbors.

As I've stated before, we need to invest in education and experiments to troubleshoot to the max. Before we commit trillions which we don't have. You'd have to ask the entire world to sacrifice so a few could make the perilous journey. Without a ROI ( return on investment ) in the short term we'd be nurturing boredom and conflict. Far too many cultures are irresponsible in their breeding. They expect a few to take care of their offspring. They don't plan for the future nor make hay while the sun shines in the present. It would take a global effort and we're not focusing on it.

I'm all for exploration, Venus would be my best bet instead of a rust ball like Mars, yet for some reason we're hell bent for leather to go to the red planet.



A few billion invested as the President is reported to outline is a meager sum considering the adventure ahead. We somehow became sidetracked since the Apollo programs and our shuttle fleet is barely hanging on. We're wayyyyyy behind in space exploration and I'm glad that at least it's a topic of the day again. The nation needs a vision but by the time that vision is realized there'll be another 3 billion to feed and you and I both know only the U.S. has the humanitarian wherewithal to do so.

We need a big change in our lives. A breakthrough in energy, medicine, resources. But considering the psychotic mentality of the ruling class and shadow governments that ain't gonna happen unless the people stand up and put an end to it.

If, by a longshot, something happens, say a disclosure of ET existence, or a breakthrough in longevity, or some lucky garage scientist figures out a cheap way to produce energy and doesn't disappear like so many others, then the fight for daily existence here on Earth will diminish freeing up attention and resources so that we can finally become responsible explorers to the stars.

Best,

Greg

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## UFO Research And Anti-Semitism

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Subject: UFO Research And Anti-Semitism

The following political column is running today and upon reading it, I experienced a very sick feeling in my stomach. This is a very disturbing viewpoint that has lodged itself in certain corners of "UFO" extremism such as William Coopers "Behold A Pale Horse" in his use of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." I would be remiss if I failed to mention certain websites that formerly had dealt with UFO research and cases, that have gone blatantly political using hate speech against the United States and Israel in the war against Islamic terrorism. I think every person involved in researching the UFO enigma needs to be aware of how the following type of perception will maim UFO research and researchers for years. It behooves all of us to counter effectively this viewpoint. UFO Magazine is taking the bull by the horns, and Dwight Schultz and I will address this in our upcoming program of DARK MATTERS! on January 17th.

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Source: Front Page Magazine

<http://frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=3D11707>

January 13, 2004

Conspiracy Theories' New Twist  
By Daniel Pipes

Some people believe in the lost continent of Atlantis and in unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Others worry about an eighteenth-century secret society called the Bavarian Illuminati or a mythical Zionist-Occupied Government (ZOG) secretly running the United States.

What if these disparate elements shared beliefs, joined forces, won a much larger audience, broke out of their intellectual and political ghetto, and became capable of challenging the premises of public life in the United States? This is the frightening prospect, soberly presented by Michael Barkun in his important, just-published book, *A Culture of Conspiracy: Apocalyptic Visions in Contemporary America* (University of California Press. \$24.95.)

To understand the novelty of this potential requires knowing something about the history of conspiracy theories.

Fears of a petty conspiracy =96 a political rival or business competitor plotting to do you harm =96 are as old as the human psyche.

But fears of a grand conspiracy =96 that the Illuminati or Jews plan to take over the world =96 go back only nine hundred years and have been operational for just two centuries, since the French Revolution. Conspiracy theories grew in importance from then until World War II, when two arch-conspiracy theorists, Hitler and Stalin, faced off against each other, causing the greatest blood-letting in human history.

This hideous spectacle sobered Americans, who in subsequent decades relegated conspiracy theories to the fringe where mainly

two groups promoted such ideas.

The politically disaffected: blacks (Louis Farrakhan, Cynthia McKinney), the hard right (John Birch Society, Pat Buchanan), and other alienated elements (Ross Perot, Lyndon LaRouche). Their theories imply a political agenda but lack much of a following.

The culturally suspicious: these include =93Kennedy assassinologists,=94 =93ufologists,=94 and those who believe a reptilian race runs the earth and alien installations exist under the earth=92s surface. Such themes enjoy enormous popularity (a year 2000 poll found 43 percent of Americans believing in UFOs) but carry no political agenda.

The major new development, reports Barkun, professor of political science in the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, is not just an erosion in the divisions between these two groups, but their joining forces with occultists, persons bored by rationalism. Occultists are drawn to what Barkun calls the =93cultural dumping ground of the heretical, the scandalous, the unfashionable, and the dangerous=94 =96 such as spiritualism, Theosophy, alternative medicine, alchemy, and astrology.

Thus, the author who worries about the Secret Service taking orders from the Bavarian Illuminati is old school; the one who worries about a =93joint Reptilian-Bavarian Illuminati=94 takeover is at the cutting edge of the new synthesis. These bizarre notions constitute what the late Michael Kelly termed =93fusion paranoia,=94 a promiscuous absorption of fears from any source whatsoever.

The connection of conspiracy theorists and occultists follows from their common, crooked premises. First, =93any widely accepted belief must necessarily be false.=94 Second, rejected knowledge =96 what the establishment spurns - must be true.

The result is a large, self-referential network. Flying saucer advocates promote anti-Jewish phobias. Antisemites channel in Peru. Some antisemites see extraterrestrials functioning as surrogate Jews; others believe the Protocols of the Elders of Zion are the joint product of =93the Rothschilds and the reptile-Aryans.=94 By the late 1980s, Barkun finds, =93virtually all of the radical right=92s ideas about the New World Order had found their way into UFO literature.

Ufology=92s wide appeal transmits these political ideas to a large new audience of ideological omnivores, informing them that 9/11 was either an Illuminati operation or the Assassins (a medieval Muslim group) attacking Freemasons.

What does this craziness all amount to? Barkun, who reads widely in this backstairs literature, argues that in recent years =93ideas once limited to fringe audiences became commonplace in mass media=94 and this has inaugurated a period of =93unrivaled=94 millenarian activity in the United States. He worries of the =93devastating effects" this frenzy could wreak on American political life - and by extension, around the world.

I am more optimistic, trusting the stability of a mature democracy and noting that Americans have survived previous conspiracist bouts without much damage. But nonsensical, ugly, and pernicious ideas do not fail of their own accord; they need to be fought against and rendered marginal. The task starts with recognizing that they exist, then arguing against them.

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## Bryant & Helfrich On Kecksburg

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[LWB Note: Woooo! Has (organized?) Ufoology begun to raise its proprietary head (once again)? Have the CFi/SciFi moguls actually patented the Kecksburg case? When (alleged) public-interest investigators sign commercial contracts/non-disclosure agreements with an entertainment corporation, they'd best be advised about "being careful what they wish for." Please, please: don't throw me into the excommunication briar patch, Aunt Lee! Stay tuned for my letter to the Westmoreland County (Pa.) district attorney.]

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Subject: kecksburg  
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Cc: "E. Rothschild (E-mail)"  
"L Keane (E-mail)"  
"Larry Landsman (E-mail)"  
"Stan Gordon (E-mail)"

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Dear Mr. Bryant:

Recently, a memo drafted by you was forwarded to my attention. In this memo, you suggest that my clients, Leslie Kean and the Coalition for Freedom of Information, take certain steps vis a vis their investigation into the December 9, 1965 event in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. While your interest in the investigation is appreciated, I have been asked by my clients to inform you that, should you take any of the measures outlined in your memo, it will be without the sanction, approval or support of either CFi or the Sci Fi Channel.

Sincerely,

Lee Helfrich

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## Half Chinese Population Believes In UFOs

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Source: Pravda - Russia

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11796\\_ufo.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11796_ufo.html)

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Half of the entire Chinese population believes in UFOs.

Hundreds of scientists and engineers conduct thorough studies of the unidentified phenomenon. According to Chinese ufologists, aliens live among humans. Ufologists also claim that recently aliens started to show more interest in China. Most recent UFO was spotted in Nanking, China.

According to a Chinese pilot, he noticed a flickering white and blue object, which hovered right beside the aircraft just as he was about to land. The pilot observed how an oval-shaped flying object was escorting the airplane. Then suddenly, the object made a rapid turn and disappeared behind the clouds.

This story could sound rather nonsensical. However, other two pilots from other Chinese aircrafts reported the exact same phenomenon to the control center. One of them was piloting at 120 km to the North, while the other was flying at 300km to the South, reports "Izvestia".

A considerable amount of such strange encounters with "feidi" (this is how a UFO is referred to in China) has been recorded in China for the past few years. In some cases, people saw fluorescent orange light, above which hovered a rather strangely-shaped object. In other instances, people witnessed an object no bigger than a basket ball which had been divided in half right before their eyes. The two balls started circling the area and then disappeared completely. One time, people witnessed an object similar to a whipping top. Its trail was marked by a stripe of light. The object was also held responsible for shutting off electricity in several houses, since no malfunction had been reported at the electric power station.

One Chinese newspaper "South China Monitoring Post" reported the most fascinating case. One hundred Chinese witnessed a double-seated fighter-interceptor of the Chinese Air Force "playing cat-and-mouse" with a hypothetical UFO not far away from a military

base in the town of Chinjou. A mushroom-shaped object with rotating brightly lit bottom was spotted by four radar stations. When approaching the interceptor (in about 4,000 meters), the object instantly moved upwards. None of the ground-based control services ordered to open fire.

"Izvestia" reports that China has a record number of special clubs of UFO lovers. There are many who attempt to establish some sort of a connection with the extraterrestrial. Their actions are protected by the National Society of the extraterrestrial studies, which was founded 25 years ago. The Society is financed by the government. Only professional scientists and engineers are allowed in the Society. A person

also required to have PhD in science and have several published works about UFOs. About a third of all members of the society are also experienced members of the communist party.

One of Chinese most famous experts in ufology, 66-year-old Sun Shili, who is also a former diplomat and a translator of Mao Zedong, has told us about his first encounter with an unidentified object. It happened in 1971 during the "cultural revolution" when Sun Shili had been undergoing physical labor at a correctional facility high up in the mountains of the Tsyansi province. One day, while working in the rice fields, he spotted a strange object in the sky. He momentarily thought it was a real UFO.

Experts from the National Society claim that half of Chinese residents believe in such phenomenon. Sun Shili explains such interest in UFOs in China (every fifth UFO appears in this country) in the following way. He says that China appeals to aliens the most, due to the country's recent breakthroughs and its aspiration to become the world's leader.

Aliens used to be interested in the US up until recently. According to Sun Shili (and his opinion is shared by many in the National Society) some of the aliens live among us, by turning into humans.

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Mars - Now Has Life and a Blue Sky

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. Moon and Mars - Exploration to Continue, Mars - The Veil Over the Martian Sky May Be Lifting, Mars Sky Is Really Blue and Rocks Have Green Algae, Mars - Is the Speck in the Mars Sky a UFO? Connecticut - Flying Triangle With Four Hundred Lights, Virginia - Huge Shiny Ball, Georgia - Large Dark Triangular Craft, Florida - Moon Size Silver Disk, Indiana - Three Police Officers Chase UFO, Missouri - High Speed Balls of Light, New Mexico - UFO Expands 500 Times its Size, Arizona - Two Cigars Then Six, California - Three Egg Shaped Craft, Washington - Two UFOs Leap Frog, Canada - Shuttle Shaped UFO Triangle and Lights, Netherlands - Mafssive Flying Triangle, and Australia - Four Dull Glowing Orange Lights.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper stated, "Yes, several days in a row we sighted groups of metallic, saucer-shaped vehicles at great altitudes over the base, and we tried to get close to them, but they were able to change direction faster than our fighters. I do believe UFOs exists and that the truly unexplained ones are from some other technologically advanced civilization. From my association with aircraft and spacecraft, I think I have a pretty good idea of what everyone on this planet has and their performance capabilities, and I'm fsure some of the UFOs at least are not from anywhere on Earth."

Moon and Mars - Exploration to Continue

Reportedly President Bush will announce plans soon to send Americans to Mars and establish a permanent space station on the moon. A manned mission to Mars will be a decade from now. This will be the first trip to the moon since December 1972. Bush wants to aggressively reinvigorate the space program, which was demoralized by the space shuttle disaster last February that killed seven astronauts.

The Veil Over the Martian Sky May Be Lifting

On January 10, 2004, the Mars Rover science team unveiled some of the first true images of Mars showing a Blue Sky at a news conference at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. NASA's official fact sheet claims there is no evidence of alien life or UFOs and in the past has only released images of orange or red skies. In photo below JPL Mechanical systems engineer Chris Voorhees, left, project scientist, Joy Crispm and Matt Golombek, right, talks about mineral and chemical testing that will be done by NASA's Spirit.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

Editor's Note: This is an historic panoramic image of the Martian surface by Spirit's cameras showing the true unaltered color of the sky ever released with a BLUE SKY, its normal true color when dust storms are not present . Could this be due to President Bush's expected announcement that the US will return to the Moon and Mars?

#### Mars - Sky Is Blue, Water and Green Algae

We spent millions of dollars sending the Viking Lander I to Mars in 1976. The world waited in great anticipation to see the first color images of Mars. At about 2:00 PM PDT on July 21, 1976, the first color image from the surface of another planet arrived at JPL in wonderful color. Mars showed its beautiful BLUE SKY, brown and reddish soil and rocks with patches of green. We never saw the true images because they were colored orange according to the men who worked at the Viking Image Formatting and Processing section of JPL.

Mr. Van der Woude says, "Both Ron Wichelman and I were responsible for the color quality control of the Viking Lander photographs, and Dr. Tomas Mutch, the Viking Imaging Team Leader told us he got a call from the NASA Administrator asking that we destroy the Mars blue sky negative created from the digital data." The images were then falsely reddened to make it appear there was no life, no green algae or lichen on the planet. See "Mars the Living Planet" by Barry Digregorio, Dr. Gilbert Levin and Dr. Pat Straat. Page 142.

The book explains how the tests for existence of life on Mars were rigged to deny life. Dr. Gilbert V. Levin who was in charge of the Viking Lander experiments revealed that when the Mars soil was examined by on board instruments in a miniature laboratory there was a startling positive response indicating life. The tests showed the evidence for life everyone had agreed on prior to the mission. Dr. Levin strongly believes they found life on Mars in 1976, but NASA insisted the instrumentation must be faulty. The official NASA answer was to deny the existence of alien life despite strong scientific evidence because of the claimed absence of water. Yet many scientists knew the images also showed evidence of water. Until recently the discovery of water on Mars, which includes waterspouts and geysers was hidden. When I worked at Langley AFB, NASA personnel claimed space structures, and UFOs were regularly air brushed out of space photos. Many images of Mars still appear to be doctored. See BUFO Paranormal Radio at <http://www.burlingtonnews.net/spiritmars3.html>

Scientists are speculating that the Spirit rover has already found evidence that water once flowed at its landing site in the Gusev Crater. One of its cameras may have detected small amounts of a mineral in the soil that suggests water was once present. Mars scientist Phil Christensen says the presence of the mineral - carbonate - suggests some rock formed in water. If the soil that contains carbonate is coarse, like water sediments, he adds, then it could be proof that the crater is an ancient lake bed. As we zoom down to the foot of the Lander we see one of the freshest rocks on the site; it's only a few tens of centimeters across, a relatively small rock, but it has some pits in it.

Thanks to Goro Adachi. [mailto:[contact@goroadachi.com](mailto:contact@goroadachi.com)]  
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#### Mars - Is the Speck in Mars Sky a UFO?

Dan Bright writes, "I've enlarged the relevant portions of the image in the Martian sky shown on the Lander photo by 1000% using bi-cubic, 'genuine fractals' algorithm") The object that appears to be flying looks very strange but, it may be something explainable. Thanks to Dan Bright  
<http://www.zaziork.com/astrobservation/mars/web/anom.jpg>  
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#### Martians Deny UFOs In Their Sky

As posted to the Austin Astronomical Society email list ... Gusev Crater (MPI) - A spokesman for Mars Air Force denounced as false rumors that an alien space craft crashed in the desert, outside of Ares Vallis on Saturday. Appearing at a press conference today, General Rgrmrmy The Lesser stated that "The

object was, in fact, a harmless high-altitude weather balloon, not an alien spacecraft". The story broke late Saturday night when a major stationed at nearby Ares Vallis Air Force Base contacted the Gusev Crater Daily Record with a story about a strange, balloon-shaped object which allegedly came down in the nearby desert, "bouncing" several times before coming to a stop." <snip>

#### Connecticut - Flying Triangle With Four Hundred Lights

GUILFORD - On January 6, 2004, at about 8:40 PM, the eye-witness was told to look outside by his little sister who was observing something in the air. She went to the door and saw something rising straight up in the shape of a flying triangle with 400 lights. The witness states, "After a few minutes, it stopped and the blinking lights were not visible and it flew right over my house." The lights were on the bottom of the UFO, so I believe the UFO was rising with the nose in the air. We watched it until it headed northwest and out of sight. My dogs were freaking out the whole time the UFO was near. The UFO rose straight up in the air, nose up, then stopped, straightened so the nose was pointing at us and then flew away. Peter Davenport the Director of NUFORC spoke with this witness, and she sounded quite sincere and credible.

#### Virginia - Huge Shiny Ball

CHESAPEAKE - Huge shiny ball in the skies from December 28, 2003, to present. It appears around 5:45 p.m. and usually disappears around 7:45 PM. Before it appears there are at least four military jets way up in the sky. They look like small dots with long streams of smoke streaks. The object expands, gets smaller and changes colors from star bright to red to blue. It slowly moves from east to west, then appears to set low within the earth's atmosphere. On camcorder tape it appears to bounce and have four black spots on it. star or planet? I don't think so. [mailto:[ABing@sevtc.state.va.us](mailto:ABing@sevtc.state.va.us) ][ABing@sevtc.state.va.us](mailto:ABing@sevtc.state.va.us)

Editor's Note: Venus with a magnitude of - 4.0 is low in the SW during twilight and sets in the WSW about 7 PM on January 1 and after 8 PM by the end of the month. It is a dazzling sight.

#### Georgia - Large Dark Triangular Craft.

DULUTH - The witness is a 57 year-old female employed by an internationally famous Atlanta area university. On January 4, 2004, at about 7:30 PM, the witness was driving home as she noticed a set of bright lights overhead beginning to glide past and noticed that the lights were attached to the bottom of a large dark triangular craft. She felt the actual size was 101 to 300 feet. Her first impression was a large "stealth type" craft flying very low at treetop level, with no sound noticed.

She had no trouble observing a "suction cup" like configuration around the steady white lights, one in the middle and also one on each corner, totaling four in the clear sky. At that point, it was traveling parallel to her and a little bit ahead. She sped up, but it appeared to be going a bit faster than her vehicle. The craft then began to ascend, it banked slightly to the left, and departed the scene. She attempted to get out her cell phone in order to call her friend to run outside and look skyward, but the phone was dropped onto the floorboard. She noticed two neighbors outside at the end of the street and intends on speaking with them ASAP. Witness is from a "scientific" family, her father being involved in atomic research during the WW II era. Within a few minutes, the witness arrived home and called the local police, Atlanta's Channel 11 (NBC) and Atlanta's Fernbank Science Center..all to no avail. This witness has agreed to a sit-down with SSD/FI David Brown of Norcross. Thanks to Tom Sheets Director MUFONGA

MUFONGA's Mark Kravitz of Marietta received confirmation that he successfully completed his examination for certified Field Investigator status. Congratulations Mark!

#### Florida - Silver Disk the Size of the Moon

FT. MYERS - The object appeared almost the size of the full moon as it flew over on January 4, 2004, at 2:30 PM. The witnesses had a very clear and razor sharp view of a very thin disk. The "bottom" surface appeared shaded, and upper surface

was highly reflective and showed a wide low bulge nearly filling the diameter. It was definitely a disk, and definitely nearly flat on it's "upper" and "lower" surfaces. It behaved like a balloon, drifting and turning, climbing and dipping, bobbing weightlessly, in a more or less easterly direction. It did not appear to be under "control" or "doing" anything. It was big and definitely "hardware," and not a cloud. Nearby airfields are: Paige Field, and SW Florida International Airport. This occurred in or near the landing path for some of the air traffic. The disk had a bulge on one face, and was 30 feet across, that reflected sunlight and bobbed around at 3-5000 feet. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/> UFOcenter

#### Indiana - Three Police Officers Chase UFO

HUNTINGTON - Three police officers who say a strange object drifted through the skies over this northeastern Indiana city are trying to find someone else who saw it - whatever it was. Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car December 26, 2003, when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it. All three say they watched as the object moved out of the northwest, drifted toward a church steeple, then shot straight north without a sound in an encounter that lasted less than a minute about 2:30 PM. The trio describes the object as about the size of a hot air balloon or a backyard trampoline. They said it was low enough in the sky that Olinger thought it might crash into the steeple. It stopped a few times and spun slowly, changing shapes and at one point turned orange, possibly from reflected sunlight. "It wasn't any kind of flying machine that I can think of," Olinger told The Herald-Press. "And it's not like a '50s flying saucer. It was that big, but it didn't have a hump in the middle. No one called city, county of Indiana State Police to report it, and for a few days, they didn't say anything about it." Thanks to Huntington News

#### Missouri - High Speed Balls of Light

KANSAS CITY - Two witnesses saw a ball of light come over the western horizon moving at constant speed on November 15, 1960. There were no other lights and no sound, and no contrails. The object followed the curvature of the earth and once it reached the point directly overhead, it accelerated at warp speed and streaked across the sky like a meteor and disappeared. There was still no sound. One week later, driving at the same time of night at Wyandotte County Lake, I saw what appeared to be the same light passing in front of me from left to right at roughly 45 degrees above the horizon. Once again, when directly opposite me, it suddenly accelerated and disappeared at warp speed with no sound. About one week later, I was standing on the front porch of my house with my Dad, when we saw again what appeared to be the same light. It was passing fairly high traveling from the southwest to northeast at high speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport [<http://www.ufocenter.com/>] UFOcenter

#### New Mexico - UFO Expands 500 Times its Size

The January 1 sighting of the flat disc in Flowery Branch, GA, reminded me of a UFO I saw near Los Alamos, NM, Monday evening of Memorial Weekend, 1983. A friend and I were camping when we saw a round white light moving slowly on the ground in a zigzag pattern on the side of a hill, several miles to the east. We assumed it was an army tank on maneuvers, as it would go over the hill, disappear, and return to our side of the hill. After about fifteen minutes of zigzagging, it suddenly rose into the sky and hovered over the hill for about five minutes. Not really believing in UFOs at that time, I thought it was a Harrier jet as I groped for a "logical explanation."

As the white light hovered over the hill, it suddenly expanded so fast, (like a controlled explosion) to about 500 times its original size. It floated obliquely to the south and much nearer to us. My friend and I felt like targets and were terrified. We jumped into our rental car but the car wouldn't start, it was completely dead. Strangely reasoning that "they" wanted the car, we got back out.

The object stopped at 2,500 feet up and about 2000 feet from us. It was shaped like a huge disk with a flat side facing us. I heard a quiet, pulsating, high-pitched hum that almost made my

ears hurt. I felt the hair on my head and arms rise, as if static electricity was strong. At arm's length the object would have been a yard in diameter. It began to slowly flip over, backwards. As it flipped over, the thin edge of the disk was completely transparent - we could see stars through it. As it flipped over to its other side, it was opaque again and was bright red like a huge neon sign.

It paused for a second and seemed to "take a deep breath," then it suddenly zoomed off to the size of a little star and "got lost" among the other stars. Our car started fine after that. It forced me to realize that UFOs are real, and that our conventional science does not have the proper tools or paradigms to study this phenomenon. By Patricia Hoyt, Florida, [mailto:[pathoyt@comcast.net](mailto:pathoyt@comcast.net)] [pathoyt@comcast.net](mailto:pathoyt@comcast.net)

#### Arizona - Two Cigars Then Six

SELIGMAN - Three friends were driving back from Las Vegas, on January 5, 2004, when the driver of commented on "the really bright stars" that had appeared about 45 minutes before sunset. The objects seemed to be moving. Within minutes, we saw a bright light, change to a cigar shape that turned red very suddenly. It appeared to explode and I yelled and we watched intently as the first object began to fall, while the second white object, turned a bright red and hovered over the mountain range adjacent to interstate 40 southbound. The object started to do several other bizarre things, like break out into a lateral acceleration that must have covered 50 miles within seconds, stop, turn colors, lift into the sky and return to it's low altitude, go in reverse immediately with rapid speed, then rocket off again.

After reaching the near-end of the mountain range, the view improved and it joined five or six more just like it, but each one was a varying intensity of red light. All of these objects demonstrated their agility and handling just as the first. One by one, the objects were either disappearing behind trees or hills or literally vanishing into thin air. We saw several other objects that were clearly airplanes and helicopters during the rest of our drive that evening, but absolutely nothing like the red lights on the mountains. We attempted to take photographs of these objects. Peter Davenport spoke with this witness, and he sounded sincere, and quite credible.  
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#### California - Three Egg Shaped Craft

HAYWARD - The witnesses were driving southbound on Mission Boulevard on January 4, 2004, at 10:40 PM, and saw an object in the sky about 100 feet above the street. The object was white and egg shaped and light reflected off it, but it was not a flashy or metallic type of reflection. It was about five feet in diameter at it's thinnest point and moved north just over us as we drove southbound. Then, I saw two more objects, about 3/4 that size. I decided to stop and pull over to look and grab my camera. They were, also, egg shaped but gray, non-metallic. The white egg shape then changed shape slightly into a smoothed diamond like shape about 200 feet above me. The two gray craft stopped in mid-air and the white craft joined them briefly in a delta formation over our heads. The white craft then again sped off towards the north and the two gray craft quickly went straight up and disappeared. The white craft followed us south as we drove off and then sped off. I took several pictures. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com> UFOcenter

#### Washington - Two UFOs Leap Frog

OLYMPIA - A couple were out for a walk in the snow on January 3, 2004, at 11:05 PM, when she stopped to look at the moon, which had appeared from behind the clouds. She suddenly pointed out two brightly lit points of light in the sky, heading in a S-SW direction. She asked if they were birds, and my immediate reaction was "Hell No!" The two separate lights caught up to each other, in a leapfrog fashion, each crossing and catching up to the first. Both UFOs were evenly lit. I have extensive experience in video and in visually tracking satellites. There was no perceivable sound. Both points of light disappeared into a cloudbank and we saw nothing more after that.

My girlfriend was freaked out, as the two objects converged on each other and diverged at a fairly high rate of speed, and



remained consistently lit. I have never seen conventional aircraft perform in the manner of these unidentified objects. We went out again tonight, and were able to easily identify any aircraft in the air, including a helicopter returning to Ft Lewis. Nothing looked or behaved like the objects seen the night before. Thanks to Peter Davenport  
<http://www.ufocenter.com> UFOcenter

#### Canada - Shuttle Shaped UFO Triangle

WEST DUBLIN, N.S. - The object was heading northwest, up the LaHave River toward Bridgewater, on December 17, 2003, at 11:30 AM. The object witnessed by two 40 year old males was described as shuttle shaped, but flying upside down with something, perhaps a rudder, pointing downward. The object was triangular shaped and reflecting sunlight. It was observed for ten minutes, moving quite slowly and across the wind [easterly] and estimated at 7,500 feet and crossed over the witnesses. It was the size of a dime at arms length. No sound. Thanks to Sheldon MacLeod - radio announcer CKBW, Bridgewater.

HONEY MOON BAY (Lake Cowichan, Vancouver Island) - On January 4, 2004, about 5:45 PM, the witness saw bright white lights flying low over the tree tops on the mountain behind his residence. There are no roads of any kind up on the mountain. There is a large canyon which cuts through the mountain side where some of these lights were being observed. A pilot would have been crazy to fly an aircraft so low in hazardous conditions. The lights were moving slowly and vanished when he went to grab his binoculars. The light traveled north down the mountain towards his direction. As it drew closer to the lower part of the mountain it turned to the west and quickly disappeared. Similar bright lights were seen on January 1, 2004. and two years earlier. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director [hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net)  
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#### Netherlands - Massive Flying Triangle

ALMELO, Overijssel - A 47-year old witness was walking a dog outside on Sunday, January 11, 2004, around 8:15 PM, when he saw a huge massive triangle-shaped object. At the moment of the sighting the sky was very clear and the stars were very clearly visible. The huge triangle with red lights on each of the three corners. The witness states, "In the middle of the object there were five lights in a small triangle, there were three indigo blue-colored lights in the middle, and two red lights on each side. The wind blew suddenly very hard from another direction possibly caused by the craft. There were no engine sounds.

The craft moved slowly from the east to the west with two bright white sphere lights on top." The object was very big, much bigger than a jet and was 250 meters distant and a height of also 250 meters. It was moving slowly at a constant speed of 30 km/h as it passed overhead the witness. When the object had passed the witness, he noticed that above the object it had a hilly shape and on top of that 2 sphere-shaped bright lights. The sighting caused some psychological side effects: "I came home nervously and stayed in that condition for a couple of hours. I had a strange, restless feeling. During the sighting I was for a moment frightened, a kind of panic almost," He also reported the sighting to the Air Force Base Twente, but they said they don't do anything with the report. However, even though it was Sunday, a half hour later he could hear fighter jets fly over! Thanks to: Toine Trust Site Admin UFOPlaza - UFOPortal Editor UFOPlaza Nieuwsbrief site: [www.UFOPlaza.nl](http://www.UFOPlaza.nl)  
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Drawing made by witness.

#### Australia - Four Dull Glowing Orange Lights

ADELAIDE - Two witnesses observed on January 4, 2004, 12:30 AM, on the Main North Road near Parafield Airport four dull glowing orange lights hovering over the area. Mark age 23, and his wife Elizabeth stopped the car and got out for a better look. At first the objects were hovering in the shape of the Southern Cross. After maneuvering backwards and forwards for a while they formed a line, one after the other. During this time they flashed a little and moved off into the distance. One faded

out and then they all faded. This is interesting because Adelaide does have a curfew on take-offs and landings (11.00pm at night). Conclusion: Garbage bags or balloons cannot go back and forth! Thanks to Debbie Payne AURA - AUFORN and Diane Harrison -Australian Skywatch Director

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Bush Sets Lunar Deadline

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -97 President Bush handed NASA a sweeping new mandate Wednesday to return American astronauts to the moon and later send them to Mars and even more distant locations.

Speaking at the space agency=92s headquarters in Washington, the president instructed NASA officials to retire the aging space shuttles by 2010 after completing work on the International Space Station.

By 2014, Bush wants the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to begin flying a new crew exploration vehicle that could carry astronauts to and from the space station and the moon. The moon shots would come as soon as 2015 but no later than 2020.

Bush offered no dates for a Mars mission, promising only that the future of U.S. human space flight will not conclude at the moon.

We do not know where this journey will end," Bush said. "Yet we know this: Human beings are headed into the cosmos."

Bush pledged to get the program started with just \$1 billion in new spending on NASA during the next five years. He said the rest of the money would come from cutting \$11 billion from other unidentified NASA programs.

He will ask Congress for the extra money next month.

The new space plan was prompted by the Feb. 1, 2003, loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts.

The accident cast a spotlight on a once-storied agency that had become bogged down with the shuttle program and the space station and lacked the sort of defining vision that pushed the nation to land men on the moon in 1969.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board and congressional leaders called for such a vision, which Bush offered Wednesday with a nod to the fallen astronauts.

"Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea," Bush said.

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Researchers Simulate Life On The Red Planet To Prep For Real Thing

By Glenda Chui  
Mercury News

While the U.S. space program focuses on exploring Mars with robots, a small, determined group of scientists and enthusiasts has been quietly preparing for the day when people could go to the red planet and see it themselves.

They've been donning fake spacesuits to explore desolate, Mars-like landscapes in the Utah desert and the Canadian Arctic, developing robots to work alongside astronauts, and thinking hard about the logistics of living and working on a frigid, radiation-baked world.

A lot of the action is centered near Mountain View, where researchers at NASA/Ames Research Center and the SETI Institute have been working toward sending people to Mars. Some have struggled to turn the dream into a reality for more than two decades.

Now, with President Bush scheduled to announce an initiative today that could send astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars, they hope their work will be a launching point for NASA's effort.

"It's the best possible thing that could happen to NASA, for sure," said Carol Stoker, a planetary scientist at Ames.

Fourteen years ago, she noted, the first President Bush also announced a drive to send people to Mars and the moon. But Congress refused to fund it, and it quickly died.

Propitious timing

This time around, Stoker said, "I have the sense that this one has a much higher probability of being well-received by the public and by Congress. I think the nation is really hungry for some good news. There seems to be an appetite right now for 'Let's go do something exciting and interesting.' "

Some caught the bug in college and found a way to make a living at it, developing technologies or probing the big questions: Did life ever develop on Mars? If so, where's the best place to look for it? Stoker is one of a core group of scientists who started their quest more than two decades ago, dubbing themselves the Mars Underground.

Others leave their day jobs for weeks at a time to live in the cramped quarters of a simulated habitat, bringing waterproof notebooks, dry shampoo for the long stretches between showers and their own portable toilets.

For many researchers, planning a Mars mission has to start at the end of the trip, when people step onto the surface of the planet.

"That has to be the initial assessment - what exactly do we want the humans to do?" said Pascal Lee, a planetary scientist with the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute in Mountain View. He's also chairman of the Mars Institute, a non-profit Bay Area group that formed last year to carry out research.

#### Mission requirements

Because a trip to Mars takes so long - a minimum of six to eight months - it would make sense to keep astronauts there for months, he said.

They would need a place to live and rovers to drive. Some rovers might be pressurized, so astronauts could take off their spacesuits once inside, and outfitted like mobile homes so they could spend the night far from camp.

The explorers would want to analyze some rock samples on the spot. That calls for instruments and laboratories, which also take up space.

Once those details are worked out, "we will backtrack to how big a house we will need there, and how big a rocket we'll need to send that house" and other equipment, Lee said in a telephone interview from Tokyo.

It's those kinds of logistical questions that researchers and volunteers have been tackling in remote locations here on Earth.

For the past seven summers, Lee has led research expeditions to Devon Island in the frozen desert of the Canadian high Arctic. It features a crater 12 miles across that was created by a space rock slamming into the ground 23 million years ago.

This barren, fractured, rubble-strewn landscape is about as close as you can come to Mars on Earth. Scientists have been using it to test technologies ranging from spacesuits to communication systems and robotic assistants.

One major challenge will be to design a spacesuit for the Mars environment, said Ed Hodgson, a technical fellow at Hamilton Sundstrand, a Connecticut firm that has made NASA's spacesuits since the Apollo days.

It must have more features than today's suits, but weigh just half as much, he said. Engineers at the company started tossing around ideas on their own time, over lunch. Now they're testing some of the concepts at Devon Island, where they put people in mock-ups of space suits and watch them work.

#### Future astronauts?

Meanwhile, the Mars Society - an advocacy group with 2,000 members based in Colorado - has set up Mars research stations at Devon Island and in the desert near Hanksville, Utah, 75 miles north of Lake Powell. There volunteers live in simulated Mars habitats for two weeks at a time, exploring in all-terrain vehicles while wearing what look like spacesuits. Made of canvas, the suits simulate the weight and clumsiness of the real thing.

"They're doing the best they can on really a shoestring budget, and it's laudable that they're trying," said Stoker, who serves on the Mars Society steering committee.

The main value of these exercises is in the training they offer, Stoker said; eventually, hundreds of people will have a taste of what it's like to explore Mars, and some of them may apply to be astronauts.

Peter Detterline, an astronomer from Pennsylvania who volunteered at the Utah habitat, said he was impressed with the volunteers' dedication. Eager to get things done, they worked 20-hour days, he said. At the same time, "It gets frustrating that you can't move faster," he said. "You have power problems, plumbing problems." Just getting in and out of the spacesuit takes a full hour.

Detterline still remembers his first glimpse of the station: "It really looks like you're on Mars. There's no vegetation, just red rock and sandstone as far as the eye can see. It doesn't seem odd at all to find this spaceship sitting on pod legs out in the middle of all this."

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 09:15:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 17:47:22 -0400  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:42:05 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>There has been a little bit of SETI bashing on this List  
>>recently and I can't for the life of me figure out why. Some of  
>>the bashing has been almost CSICOPIAN in it's rhetoric. I feel  
>>that all searches for the existence of ET are valid whether  
>>the search is here at home or out there among the stars.  
>>Detection of an artificial signal would go a long way toward  
>>convincing people of the possibility of earthly visitations.

>Terry, I am afraid that I consider the SETI Program, as  
>presently practiced, a high tech faith-based religion.

Any scientific endeavor requires a certain amount of faith.  
Otherwise it would never happen. The same is true of Ufology. To  
lump SETI people into one group is no fairer than lumping all  
UFO buffs into one group.

>It is not a search for ETI, but a search for ET radio signals.  
>It totally ignores the evidence we have for ET visitations,  
>assumes no interstellar travel, ever, and no more advanced form  
>of communication than our primitive radio devices. The Drake  
>equation isn't science. It is equivalent to playing darts. Put  
>numbers on a dart board and throw darts..... Ah, now we know how  
>many civilizations there are in the galaxy. Try again; now we  
>have a new number. Let's assume they are uniformly distributed,  
>etc., ad nauseum.

ET Radio signals = ETI

There isn't anything wrong with the drake equation itself, only  
the values applied to the parameters. The fact that these values  
ARE changing indicates (to me) that no one is willing to just  
accept it as it lays. Discoveries of other types of biospheres  
(Black Smokers providing sustenance without sunlight, Worms  
living in methane ice at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico) have  
expanded the possible realms of extraterrestrial life. These  
realms will probably expand further as more discoveries are  
made.

>Let us not forget that we have data on one civilization on one  
>planet in one solar system. We know the technological history of  
>that planet for a few thousand years. The galaxy is more than 10  
>billion years old and 80,000 - 100,000 light years across.with  
>maybe 100 billion to 400 billion stars. Talk about an  
>extrapolation!!!! Especially since we have no data on any  
>civilization more than a few thousand years old or with a  
>technological history of more than a couple of hundred years. We  
>know that stars differ much in age and are not uniformly  
>distributed.

Any artificial signal picked up would more than likely be hundreds, thousands or hundreds of thousands of years old. If the civilization that originally broadcasted them is still in existence they might have, bombed themselves back to the stoneage, stagnated or advanced to the point of interstellar (maybe intergalactic) travel.

>In December, I provided 3 different illustrated lectures on a 6  
>Night Queen Elizabeth 2 crossing from the UK to New York. Dr.  
>Seth Shostak gave 3 SETI lectures. I think we were both well  
>received. I had read his latest book "Cosmic Company" which says  
>there have been no UFO landings, no radar sightings, etc. He has  
>also claimed that aliens wouldn't know we are here until they  
>pick up our TV and radar signals and that is very unlikely that  
>there is another civilization within 100 light years. This means  
>that nobody could send signals until 30 years from now and we  
>wouldn't get them until 130 years from now.

>Where is the science here?

No one has said they are looking for any signal intentionally sent to us. That's for the movies.

Shostak does not speak for me nor does he speak for the entire SETI community. My friends in the project were very excited when I passed my MUFON FI exam. Almost to a man they said things like "Now, maybe you can provide some proof." (I haven't). Your characterization of SETI people based on the attitudes of a few people is very unfair.

>The fact is that the SETI Specialists even assume they are  
>experts in analyzing and predicting alien motivations. I  
>personally wouldn't put astronomers high on my list of those  
>professionals knowledgeable about earthling, no less alien,  
>motivation.

All that SETI people are assuming is that at some point in a civilization's development they discovered radio waves. That doesn't require a huge leap of faith. If they learned how to use these waves then they probably did what we have been doing for the last 100 years and inadvertently began slowly broadcasting themselves across the galaxy.

It isn't important whether we understand these messages, only that they are determined to be artificial. Again you are lumping SETI into one pile. (no jokes please)

>I think the use of distributed computers is exciting science and  
>I wish those guys well. I am sure there are many problems that  
>could benefit from that approach. However, if one is interested  
>in ETI, let us look at the UFO data and also take note of the  
>national security aspects of the UFO problem which the SETI guys  
>seem to be incapable of.

>There is a challenge to SETI Specialists at my website:  
>[www.stantonfriedman.com](http://www.stantonfriedman.com)

I have a challenge for you. Show me your unequivocal proof. Debate is fine. Testimony from an Air Force Colonel is fine. Video tape and photography from Joe Public is fine. Soil sampling is fine. But none of this adds up to absolute proof. If this were a civil court then by the preponderance of the evidence I would conclude that "They" are indeed here. But this is a court of science law and requires extraordinary proof. Show me the money.

Terry

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## Re: Flame TV UK? - Phoenix

From: **Gavin Phoenix** <[gavin@dbn.stormnet.co.za](mailto:gavin@dbn.stormnet.co.za)>  
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 16:20:35 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 09:53:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flame TV UK? - Phoenix

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor@hypermax.net.au](mailto:aufor@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 06:59:04 +1000  
>Subject: Flame TV UK?

>Can anyone give me any information about a TV program called  
>Flame TV? The presenter is Jane Goldman. The program is about  
>investigating the paranormal.

>They said they are investigating Alan Godfrey's case and they  
>want to look into mine?

>Any feed back would be appreciated.

Thank you

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## Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack@mweb.co.za](mailto:cammack@mweb.co.za)>  
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 17:10:19 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 10:29:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money - Cammack

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 13:15:36 EST  
>Subject: Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 06:39:47 -0800  
>>Subject: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money

>>Source: Channel 2 CBS Chicago

>>[http://cbs2chicago.com/topstories/topstories\\_story\\_014075530.html](http://cbs2chicago.com/topstories/topstories_story_014075530.html)

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>>Bush On Space: Moon, Mars, Money

>Thanks for the story Frank Warren.

<snip>

>A few billion invested as the President is reported to outline  
>is a meager sum considering the adventure ahead. We somehow  
>became sidetracked since the Apollo programs and our shuttle  
>fleet is barely hanging on. We're wayyyyy behind in space  
>exploration and I'm glad that at least it's a topic of the day  
>again. The nation needs a vision but by the time that vision is  
>realized there'll be another 3 billion to feed and you and I  
>both know only the U.S. has the humanitarian where withall to do  
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## Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money - Lemberg

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 09:45:15 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 07:40:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush On Space Moon Mars & Money - Lemberg

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Amen sister! Jon Stewart, ironically the closest thing we've got  
left to a newsmen in America, talks about "Invasion... Mars!,"  
or, "...can you spell distraction"?

Our appointed Commander in Chief's use of the \*Stars\* as smoke  
and mirrors for the facilitation of the "real" agenda (of  
individual rights erosion) is deplorable and regrettable... like  
everything else he's done since his neo-con coup!

[Lehemberg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehemberg@snowhill.com)

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. \$450.00 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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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 08:50:20 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 07:45:53 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Terry, Stan & List,

In your request to Stan, you weren't "specific" in terms of what you wanted "proof of? Proof of UFOs? Proof that UFOs are "ET spacecraft?"

In any event Terry, I'm curious to know why does the "type" of proof required, change for only UFOlogy? (BY the way if UFO's were a "capital crime" then the evidence to support that would put them in the "electric chair" in "any" court). Can you give me "scientific proof" that there really is a moon. I know I have "witnessed" it, and there are millions of other "witnesses," but is it really there? I know our government says that we've sent men there; and those men "state" that they've really been there - but where's the evidence? The couple hundred lbs of dirt "they say" they picked up there? Does their testimony, pictures, video, soil samples etc., really prove that we've been there?

I know our government, specifically NASA, states unequivocally that we have been sending spacecraft to Mars for years, and that we have one there, right now - but how do we know that for sure. There are photographs, and witnesses, but where is the real proof?

In terms of the "types" evidence in regards to our court systems, for that matter, "most court systems" in civilized countries, "eye witness testimony" is considered the "best" evidence to prove a "fact" or "facts"; so much so, it (eyewitness testimony) can take a man's life from him! Yet, apply that "caliber" of evidence to UFOlogy, and all of a sudden it isn't good enough.

If a man said a "Harrier Jump Jet" landed in his field, and then left again, (assuming this man was of good character, and was serious etc.), most would consider this spectacular, but would believe him - change the jet to a "flying saucer" and all of a sudden "his testimony" is suspect!

I could go on, but you get my drift. I'm assuming that your request to Stan, wasn't for proof of UFOs, rather that they are "ET controlled" craft. I would argue that there is the same preponderance of evidence to prove that UFOs are ET spacecraft, as there is to prove that there is a moon as we know it, and that man has traveled there.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: CI: Blue Craters on Mars? - Balaskas

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 12:30:18 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 07:47:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: Blue Craters on Mars? - Balaskas

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2004 09:02:09 -0800  
>Subject: Re: CI: Blue Craters on Mars?

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 20:45:31 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: CI: Blue Craters on Mars?

<snip>

>>Blue Craters on Mars?

>>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

<snip>

>>The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter has captured a  
>>provocative image of the intended landing site for the silent  
>>Beagle 2 probe, which was to have tested the Martian surface for  
>>signs of life. In the image (above), strange blue features can  
>>be seen inside impact craters. If these are in fact blue and not  
>>due to improper color calibration, perhaps an exotic explanation  
>>is in order. Could the anomalous blue patches represent large-  
>>scale organic activity? To see the image in high-resolution,  
>>click here.

<snip>

>>I've seen this place from the air, trying to find aerials of it-  
>>as it looks very like those Blue Craters on Mars, I wonder if  
>>Beagle2 made a splashdown, and is now an artificial reef for the  
>>Martian Crater chub?

<snip>

Hi guys!

There are very good reasons to believe that both you and Mac are right.

Mars Global Surveyor, which continues to map the surface of Mars from orbit, has provided us with numerous B&W pictures with dark streaks and spots that are absent in earlier ones taken of the same regions. These dark features can easily be explained as short lived flowing water events on the surface of Mars.

Mars Odyssey, which is also orbiting the Red Planet, has not only detected surprisingly large amounts of water on Mars, especially around the south polar region, but its IR cameras have detected areas where the Martian surface temperature is warm enough for liquid water to exist. What is really amazing is that it has also detected some very hot spots at lower elevations, including inside some craters (which may have been formed by volcanic activity in the past), that correspond to some of these dark or blue features on Mars. Could it be that such heated lakes like the one GT bathed in here on Earth (where blue-green algae often thrives in as Mac points out) may very

well exist on Mars too?

If such wet marshes, swamps or very small seasonal lakes can and do indeed exist on Mars, maybe UK's Beagle 2 and the earlier U.S. Mars Polar Lander both successfully made it all the way to the surface - and then sank! This would explain why we never heard from either one these other two Mars landers. Years ago while driving through a desert valley in Saudi Arabia we got caught in a light rain which, minutes later, was responsible for literally swallowing up our Chevy pickup in the sand after a flash flood. We lost everything except the cartons of cigarettes in the back of the truck that my smoker friend Jim risked his life to rescue!

It is too early to say anything for sure but even in a dry desert area such as where Spirit landed on Mars strongly suggests water was present sometime in the past and which may still exist just below the surface (eg. the disturbed Martian soil next to the lander looks moist and very much like mud).

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais@wanadoo.fr](mailto:gbourdais@wanadoo.fr)>  
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 19:07:48 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 07:48:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax - Bourdais

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 09:15:57 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

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>>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 12:04:54 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Q&A On Moore's Mogul trajectory Hoax

<snip>

>>Could they have found just one of the many balloon clusters  
>>launched sometime in June, not necessarily the one launched on  
>>June 4 with the sonobuoy (which was not found)? It had to be a  
>>NYU launch, in order to have flowered tape, an "exclusivity" of  
>>NYU.

>>So, another, slightly different scenario could be that what was  
>>shown to Kellahin was the debris stored in bags by Brazel on  
>>June 14, which was taken on Tuesday morning by the military and  
>>brought to the place where it was shown to Kellahin. Any  
>>objection? As for the sonobuoy flight, maybe it was never found  
>>at all!

>Newspaper coverage of the Brazel find in evening papers on July  
>8, 1947, all said the stuff was found "last week". It is only in  
>the Harrassed Rancher story on July 9 that we suddenly find the  
>new pre-programmed-by-the government-story giving the June 14  
>date.

>The "last week" is generally not mentioned by those who push the  
>MOGUL explanation.

Hello, Stan, and the List,

Thank you for taking part in this little Mogul discussion.  
I am well aware that the press release and the first articles  
talked of finding the disk "last week".

There is no confusion in my mind.

Brazel found the debris field at the beginning of July.

I have been trying to explain the second date, of June 14, and  
the peculiar detail of the flowered tape mentioned by Brazel. To  
me, it is plausible that he found some debris of balloons and  
NYU radar target, which does not mean that I support the Mogul  
story! There was no Mogul 4, not even the sonobuoy mentioned by  
Crary for his June 4 cluster. We can suppose it was any of the  
small clusters launched every day by NYU in the first days of  
June, if the winds allowed for that. When the balloon cover up  
was decided, the military told Brazel to tell that finding to  
the press and to shut up about the rest.

Gildas Bourdais

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 15:29:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 07:51:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Friedman

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>Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 08:06:56 -0600  
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>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

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>>>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:42:05 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>>There has been a little bit of SETI bashing on this List  
>>>recently and I can't for the life of me figure out why. Some of  
>>>the bashing has been almost CSICOPIAN in it's rhetoric. I feel  
>>>that all searches for the existence of ET are valid whether  
>>>the search is here at home or out there among the stars.  
>>>Detection of an artificial signal would go a long way toward  
>>>convincing people of the possibility of earthly visitations.

>>Terry, I am afraid that I consider the SETI Program, as  
>>presently practiced, a high tech faith-based religion.

>Any scientific endeavor requires a certain amount of faith.  
>Otherwise it would never happen. The same is true of Ufology. To  
>lump SETI people into one group is no fairer than lumping all  
>UFO buffs into one group.

I said faith based religion. Wishful thinking sort of like " I am going to keep fishing in this pond because I have a fine fishing pole, though I have never caught any fish here and there is no evidence that there are any." I haven't seen much difference in the views of Shostak, Drake, Tartar, Sagan... have you? I am much more sympathetic to the views of the SETIVehicles people.

>>It is not a search for ETI, but a search for ET radio signals.  
>>It totally ignores the evidence we have for ET visitations,  
>>assumes no interstellar travel, ever, and no more advanced form  
>>of communication than our primitive radio devices. The Drake  
>>equation isn't science. It is equivalent to playing darts. Put  
>>numbers on a dart board and throw darts..... Ah, now we know how  
>>many civilizations there are in the galaxy. Try again; now we  
>>have a new number. Let's assume they are uniformly distributed,  
>>etc., ad nauseum.

>ET Radio signals = ETI

>There isn't anything wrong with the drake equation itself, only  
>the values applied to the parameters. The fact that these values  
>ARE changing indicates (to me) that no one is willing to just  
>accept it as it lays.

The only values one can put in are guesses. These aren't science. Throw the dice again. And again... and again, but do not look at any evidence related to ETI, and attack those who do.. ufology in particular

>Discoveries of other types of biospheres  
>(Black Smokers providing sustenance without sunlight, Worms  
>living in methane ice at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico) have  
>expanded the possible realms of extraterrestrial life. These  
>realms will probably expand further as more discoveries are  
>made.

This is totally unrelated to the question of whether it makes sense to listen for ET radio signals from the surface of Earth

>>Let us not forget that we have data on one civilization on one  
>>planet in one solar system. We know the technological history of  
>>that planet for a few thousand years. The galaxy is more than 10  
>>billion years old and 80,000 - 100,000 light years across.with  
>>maybe 100 billion to 400 billion stars. Talk about an  
>>extrapolation!!!! Especially since we have \_no\_ data on any  
>>civilization more than a few thousand years old or with a  
>>technological history of more than a couple of hundred years. We  
>>know that stars differ much in age and are not uniformly  
>>distributed.

>Any artificial signal picked up would more than likely be  
>hundreds, thousands or hundreds of thousands of years old. If  
>the civilization that originally broadcasted them is still in  
>existence they might have, bombed themselves back to the  
>stoneage, stagnated or advanced to the point of interstellar  
>(maybe intergalactic) travel.

What is the basis for saying what is likely or unlikely? It takes data not faith based guesses to determine likelihood.If you don't know how many are sending and in what time frame, you are back to dart board physics.. not science.

Also why use the term intergalactic when I presume you mean intragalactic

>>In December, I provided 3 different illustrated lectures on a 6  
>>Night Queen Elizabeth 2 crossing from the UK to New York. Dr.  
>>Seth Shostak gave 3 SETI lectures. I think we were both well  
>>received. I had read his latest book "Cosmic Company" which says  
>>there have been no UFO landings, no radar sightings, etc. He has  
>>also claimed that aliens wouldn't know we are here until they  
>>pick up our TV and radar signals and that is very unlikely that  
>>there is another civilization within 100 light years. This means  
>>that nobody could send signals until 30 years from now and we  
>>wouldn't get them until 130 years from now.

>>Where is the science here?

>No one has said they are looking for any signal intentionally  
>sent to us. That's for the movies.

For all we know every civilization stops leaking radio signals when they discover how to use satellites or equivalent or opt for a better method of long distance communication about which we know nothing.

>Shostak does not speak for me nor does he speak for the entire  
>SETI community. My friends in the project were very excited when  
>I passed my MUFON FI exam. Almost to a man they said things like  
>"Now, maybe you can provide some proof." (I haven't). Your  
>characterization of SETI people based on the attitudes of a few  
>people is very unfair.

Proof needs a big definition here. How about overwhelming evidence?I am concerned with evidence. This isn't reproducible lab type, control all the variables, science. We are dealing with observations of anomalous phenomena apparently involving intelligence.

Are there many publications by SETI specialists that treat UFOs in a fact based, data based, look at the evidence fashion?

I haven't seen any. See any references to the large scale scientific UFO studies? To the interstellar travel studies, to the Cosmic Watergate studies?

>>The fact is that the SETI Specialists even assume they are  
>>experts in analyzing and predicting alien motivations. I  
>>personally wouldn't put astronomers high on my list of those

>>professionals knowledgeable about earthling, no less alien,  
>>motivation.

>All that SETI people are assuming is that at some point in a  
>civilization's development they discovered radio waves. That  
>doesn't require a huge leap of faith. If they learned how to use  
>these waves then they probably did what we have been doing for  
>the last 100 years and inadvertently began slowly broadcasting  
>themselves across the galaxy.

Here we go again with "probably". As far as I can tell, we have  
no data on the behavior of any civilizations out there. We can  
collect, review, and evaluate the evidence we have of their  
behavior here. That they don't land on the White House Lawn  
indicates their good sense.. not their absence.

If there is colonization and migration, than civilizations all  
around us may have bypassed the primitive (like Earthling) radio  
stages. If the signalers are no longer around,who cares? The  
aliens are still visiting. The government is still covering up.  
Here and now.

>It isn't important whether we understand these messages, only  
>that they are determined to be artificial. Again you are lumping  
>SETI into one pile. (no jokes please)

Are you suggesting that there are SETI Specialists who have  
carefully reviewed the best UFO evidence and are still opting  
for SETI?Are there any SS who have any serious knowledge of  
interstellar travel beyond "Its Impossible"? I would like to  
meet them.

>>I think the use of distributed computers is exciting science and  
>>I wish those guys well. I am sure there are many problems that  
>>could benefit from that approach. However, if one is interested  
>>in ETI, let us look at the UFO data and also take note of the  
>>national security aspects of the UFO problem which the SETI guys  
>>seem to be incapable of.

>>There is a challenge to SETI Specialists at my website:  
>>[www.stantonfriedman.com](http://www.stantonfriedman.com)

>I have a challenge for you. Show me your unequivocal proof.  
>Debate is fine. Testimony from an Air Force Colonel is Fine.  
>Video tape and photography from Joe Public is fine. Soil  
>sampling is fine. But none of this adds up to absolute proof. If  
>this were a civil court then by the preponderance of the  
>evidence I would conclude that "They" are indeed here. But this  
>is a court of science law and requires extraordinary proof. Show  
>me the money.

I reject the notion of a requirement of absoluteor unequivocal  
proof or extraordinary proof. We have extraordinary evidence.  
Science really requires extraordinary investigation. This is a  
civil matter not a criminal matter.Science is an approach to  
problem solving where the techniques have to be appropriate to  
the problem at hand.If I say I can lift 300 pounds, you have a  
right to say "Here are the weights, show me. " If I say that  
sometimes the moon comes between the earth and the sun, it is  
unscientific for you to demand that I produce such an eclipse  
for you at 10 AM tomorrow, since by the nature of things, I  
can't control the path of the moon. Remember that I have no  
evidence that the SETI Community has studied the relevant UFO  
evidence or has expertise regarding the behavior of either  
aliens or the US government. For an excellent example of  
unscience, look at the cover story in the current issue  
(February) of Popular Mechanics.It is a real sidesplitter.

Stan Friedman

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## Trindade Island 16 January 1958

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 13:35:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 08:48:35 -0500  
Subject: Trindade Island 16 January 1958

Greetings,

A happy 46th birthday to the famous Trindade photographs. And to all those who are presently researching this case, "good luck and a fair wind", and thanks for much fascinating recent discussion on and off-List.

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## DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 08:51:43 -0500  
Subject: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Fleming

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The SETI people (why not "SETI buffs?") also are assuming that one of these hypothetical ET civilizations will intentionally direct a beacon toward the Earth. Existing radio telescopes aren't sensitive enough to detect broadcast signals "leaking" from a planet at 4 light years from Earth. The strength of a radio signal is inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the transmitter and the receiver, so it would take a radio receiver more than 100 times more sensitive to detect a signal from a distance of 50 light years than it would to detect the same signal from 4 light years (the distance from the Sun to the nearest star).

Shostak himself estimated that it would take a radio telescope the area of Arizona to detect a leakage of broadcast signals at power levels equivalent to the total power leaked into space by all terrestrial radio broadcasts if the source of the signals was 50 light years away. (At least I think it was Arizona. I don't have the link to the article at hand, but I know it was a western state many times bigger than Rhode Island).

Shostak argued that such an enormous telescope could be built with known technology. It is, but it's obviously not at all practical. Humans are never going to build such a contraption. So all SETI can do is, in effect, sit by the phone and wait for somebody to call. I've got no problem with them doing that, but I do object to their insistence that this is the only "scientific" way to search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 11:19:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

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Don,

Will you be addressing the many very specific criticisms of the  
Corso book that have appeared on this list, and have someone  
like Stan Friedman on to debate the matter with Birnes?

- Dick Hall

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### Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 12:25:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 17:13:05 -0500  
Subject: Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update

Cattle Mutilation Update.

It looks like the cattle mutilations in Argentina are finally over, or the press are no longer interested in this subject. Taking advantage of this, some Ufologist are investigating with more freedom. We received a report from a UFO group that, for the reasons explained before, wish to remain anonymous. This UFO group is working in co-operation with some authorities, private corporations, as well with local veterinarians ( we keep the names on file).

They asked me to distribute these new data, to find out if someone had documented the same fact or statistics, outside Argentina, to compare it.

1) One of their associates, an electrical engineer in charge of high voltage lines maintenance, working with a power line map of Argentina and neighboring Uruguay, found out that almost all cattle mutilations occur in a 20 kilometere radius of the power lines (132 KW). He would like to know if there is a similar study being done in another country to compare it with.

2) They had interviewed three separate eyewitnesses of mutilations, in three separate locations, with the same experiences. One of them is a ranch foreman and the others are farm laborer or "gauchos", similar to "cowboys" in North America. They, like many others, quit their jobs in panic the day after their experiences.

One of them observed, around 19:30 hours, on a clear and calm day, how suddenly a strong wind formed a whirlwind. It did not hit the ground. The animals became nervous. He saw, a year and a half old cow, start trembling in its hind-legs. Later, it fell to the ground with no movement. The whirlwind ended and when he approached the cow it was mutilated. He hide behind a tree some 50 meters when the whirlwind mutilated the cow. The next day he quit his job in panic.

Another witness said the cow was dropped dead and mutilated by the whirlwind.

They did not experience temperature changes, cold or hot, before, during or after the whirlwind.

The other witness didn't see his cow when the whirlwind hit it. But heard its moo in the air. Later, it was found dead and mutilated on an adjoining ranch. In this case, he said the sky was also clear and the temperature around the 18 Centigrade.

In one of the cases, a three meters circle marked the ground where the cow was mutilated and found. Inside the circle the grass was dry, a different color than the rest.

At this moment, they are trying to locate others farm-laborers who quit their jobs after witnessing mutilations, and local press publicity could jeopardize their investigation since most, if not all, "gauchos" evade it.

If you have any correlating information to share, let me know and

I will translate it for them.

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## 'Crawling Sky'

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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 17:15:05 -0500  
Subject: 'Crawling Sky'

Fellow motes!

...Went outside this morning, saw the obligatory UFO, then came back into the house and laid this down... all original (if not channeling the late 60's a little bit...[gl.] Synchronicity Strikes Again! John Velez might tap out a percussion track to this, I'm thinking, and then next stop is Nashville! <LOL>

'Crawling Sky'!

<http://www.alienview.net/FirstMT.ram>

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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. \$450.00 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: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Ecker

From: Don Ecker <[decker0726@comcast.net](mailto:decker0726@comcast.net)>  
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>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 16:15:27 +0000  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>Don,

>Will you be addressing the many very specific criticisms of the  
>Corso book that have appeared on this list, and have someone  
>like Stan Friedman on to debate the matter with Birnes?

Dick;

First, I find it curious that you have made no mention of my note concerning the lumping of all UFO research into an anti-Semitic mish-mash. I personally think that is more important, at this point, and concerns all of us involved in UFO research.

We will be covering a number of subjects during the show. Yes, I am going to bring up a number of items concerning Colonel Corso. You are not the only one asking about that. I heard also from Jim Oberg about this. The entire program will not just be about Corso. However, allow me to extend an invitation to you or anyone else interested to call in during the show with your questions, comments, or remarks. I look forward to a free-flowing exchange of idea's and positions on this very important topic.

Don Ecker  
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Secrecy News -- 01/16/04

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SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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WESLEY CLARK ON SECRECY AND OPENNESS

Democratic presidential contender Gen. Wesley Clark today announced his intention "to reverse Mr. Bush's secrecy policies" and "to create the most open and honest government in American history."

He cited the now-familiar litany of Bush Administration excesses and declared that "On day one of my Administration, I'll sign an Executive Order reversing George Bush's FOIA rollbacks, and restoring the public's right to know."

"We're the party of accessibility and accountability," he said. "They're the party of secrecy and special interests. This is just another way to draw the line between us."

See the text of his January 16 remarks here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2004/01/clark011604.html>

DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Does the disclosure of data regarding environmental hazards at chemical facilities threaten national security by providing terrorists with information about potential targets?

While the first impulse of officials at many levels of government has been to clamp down on information regarding the locations and quantities of toxic material inventories and the consequences of their accidental release, there is reason to believe that this approach is counterproductive.

In fact, national security might be strengthened through greater disclosure.

In a recent Master's Thesis, one U.S. Air Force student author investigated the impact of government controls on such information and considered whether environmental secrecy could effectively discourage terrorism.

Air Force Maj. Joseph D. Jacobson conducted his own research "to explore the question of whether reasonably accurate targeting data is obtainable through means other than government-provided environmental information."

"The answer is a disturbing yes.... Even without a computer, telephone books, newspapers, and trade journals could be effectively used as [terrorist] planning tools. Unless our society is ready to completely suspend several amendments to the U.S. Constitution, we must assume that those planning attacks on chemical facilities have the research tools they need for adequate targeting."

Moreover, there is a "down side" to efforts to restrict environmental information. Official controls may impede the public's ability to contend with chemical hazards, thereby reducing safety and security, the author wrote.

"The road that restricts access to information leads us to a destination where the public is blissfully unaware of the dangers surrounding them while terrorists carefully research targets for maximum potential impact. The other road allows an informed public to prepare for potential attacks, plan responses, and put pressure on industry to change practices and processes in a meaningful way, thus reducing the likelihood of attacks."

See "Safeguarding National Security Through Public Release of Environmental Information: Moving the Debate to the Next Level" by Joseph D. Jacobson, a master's thesis submitted to the George Washington University School of Law, August 31, 2002, 97 pages (in a very large 3.9 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/eprint/jacobson.pdf>

#### AN ISLAMIST CRITIQUE OF AL QAIDA

The actions of al Qaida in its jihad against the United States have measurably retarded the objectives that the organization claims to pursue, as evidenced by the defeat of the Taliban regime and continued U.S. military action in the region.

This assertion would be unremarkable, except that it is now being advanced by leaders of the Egyptian Islamic Group, al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya, which itself is designated by the U.S. State Department as a terrorist organization.

The Islamist critique of al Qaida appears in a new book, reviewed and excerpted this week in the London Arabic newspaper Asharq al Awsat.

See "Egyptian Islamist Leaders Fault Al Qaida's Strategy," Asharq al Awsat, January 11-12, 2004, translated by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service, here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/ig\\_bk.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/ig_bk.htm)

#### CIA PARAMILITARY OPS AND SPECIAL FORCES

The use of CIA paramilitary forces post-September 11 alongside U.S. military Special Operations Forces (SOF) poses some new operational, legal, policy and oversight challenges, according to a recent Army student research paper.

Much of the difficulty stems from the fact that SOF are regular military personnel subject to the laws of war while CIA paramilitary forces operate outside of an accepted legal framework.

"In a combat operation where CIA and SOF forces are tightly integrated, the result could be that, if captured, the SOF soldiers are afforded Geneva Convention protections while the CIA operatives are not; further, CIA operatives might even be considered by the enemy to be unlawful combatants," writes Army Col. Kathryn Stone.

"Close cooperation and intermingling between the CIA and SOF is fraught with danger given their respective cultures, operational modes, sources of information, and oversight structures."

See "'All Necessary Means' -- Employing CIA Operatives in a Warfighting Role Alongside Special Operations Forces" by Col. Kathryn Stone, U.S. Army War College, April 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/stone.pdf>

MORE HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DATA DISCLOSED

Historical intelligence budget appropriation figures for the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency for Fiscal Year 1972 have turned up in publicly accessible archives even though they are considered "classified" by the U.S. government.

The FY 1972 appropriations and the FY 1973 requests for DIA and NSA were detailed in the papers of Rep. George Mahon, a former member of the House Appropriations Committee.

They were located by Villanova University scholar Prof. David Barrett, who is preparing a book on congressional oversight of intelligence in the early cold war.

The U.S. Constitution singles out budget expenditures as the one category of executive branch information that must be published from time to time (Article I, section 9). Yet in seeming defiance of this obligation, the Central Intelligence Agency refuses to disclose even fifty year old budget information, the subject of a pending FOIA lawsuit. The CIA claims that to do so would damage the national security of the United States and jeopardize intelligence methods.

Even some CIA officials privately concede that this claim is ridiculous, and it is hard to find a responsible person outside of CIA who will defend it.

Prof. Barrett generously provided a copy of the Mahon documents containing the historical DIA and NSA budget figures, which are posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/dia-nsa1972.pdf>

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 12:20:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 01:48:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

Stan, Warren, Ian and List

Truce. I can't compete with you. You guys have been debating the best for too long. I certainly don't want to be your enemy.

I still believe that there is room to do inward and outward searches. Shostak and his like might not believe, but I do. However they feel, I'm fairly certain that they don't represent the majority of SETI 'Buffs'.

I think it's at this point that we merely 'agree to disagree'.

With sincerest respect,

Terry

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## Re: Flame TV UK? - Lowry

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 01:50:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flame TV UK? - Lowry

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>Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 06:59:04 +1000  
>Subject: Flame TV UK?

>Hi Folks,

>Can anyone give me any information about a TV program called  
>Flame TV? The presenter is Jane Goldman. The program is about  
>investigating the paranormal.

>They said they are investigating Alan Godfrey's case and they  
>want to look into mine. ??

>Any feed back would be appreciated.

>Thank you

Actually Flame TV is a production company that was founded in  
99'. But there is a show called Jane Goldman Investigates, they  
have investigated alot of the Ghost hauntings but I have yet to  
hear about the Alan Godfrey's UFO case.

Love & Light

Louise

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photos with a text of Vin=EDcius Lima entitled "A Flying saucer was at My House. . ." where, in a curious and critical journalistic article, he taught "how to make a Martian aircraft" with two chips of the then Carioca Fleet, joined on their flat faces, in "photographic tricks" that could serve as "exploration and fun". This he did in face of his disbelief in UFOs, to ridicule the article published by Joao Martins and Ed Keffel, that photographed in May of 1952 an "Unidentified Aerial Object" in Barra da Tijuca, whose report had been published in the magazine "O Cruzeiro" of the time.

Barauna didn't know that he would later be victim of his own incredulity. This because, having taught before "how to manufacture a flying saucer in any scenery", he could never think that four years later he would be witness of a real UFO sighting, and that he would photograph it in four poses over the Trindade Island. Then his faith started to exist. But all the arguments that he used against Joao Martins' article were used back against him. But the Navy authenticated the pictures, after exhausting exams in laboratory, concluding in a secret report that the pictures were authentic. This Navy report was published in a report by Jorge C. Pineda, in October of 1971, in an Argentinean magazine, though secret and never having been published in Brazil.

Almiro Barauna offered us a complete "dossier" on the case of the Trindade Island. He has everything organized in albums, clippings of Brazilian and foreign newspapers; letters from all parts of the world, Italy, Australia, Japan, France, Belgium, Argentina, Germany, Canada, United States, for the most part requesting the authentic photos for illustration of reports, magazines, specialized books on UFOs, that already exist around the Earth. He was interviewed by all of the UFOs/OVNIs societies of the world, receiving the visits of famous specialists. He started to tell us:

"The year of 1958 was the 'International Geophysical Year'. The Navy used to invite teams that embarked at the old school ship 'Almirante Saldanha', to the scientists' service. On that day, we were on board with the team of the Icarai Underwater Hunt Club, composed of five people: Amilar V. Filho that directed the group. Jose Teobaldo Viegas, retired Brazilian Air Force captain, industrial and director of Niteroi Aero-club; Mauro Andrade, employee of the Bank of London; Aloisio and me, that participated in the group as specialist in underwater pictures. After two days at the island, we were on board, on January 16, around twelve o'clock. I was feeling sick with the sway of the ship, when I heard the sailors' confusion, shouting: 'look at the saucer!'. Viegas came running to call me, telling me to pick my camera to photograph a flying saucer over the ship. I caught the Roliflex [sic] close to me (a pity that the Leica with a telephoto lens was far away, in the cabin), because I was going to photograph the hoisting of a launch, from the sea to the ship. Vieira Filho also waived to me, saying: 'Bring the camera, bring the camera!' All showed [pointed to] the sky, where a bright object approached the island."

"It was 12 hours and twenty minutes. It came from open sea and drove itself to the tip of the Galo Crest. When it was going to pass by the Desejo [sic, actually Desejado], I took two more photos. The object shot behind the mountain, during some seconds and reappeared, going again to the sea. I went shooting the obturator. I took six pictures, but only got to use four, because in two I was pushed and focused only the water."

"The presence of the saucer caused chills in all of the [people] present, 48 people in all who saw it and there was even an official that became truly terrified. In fact, it was to be seen the expression of dread in the crew, pointing weapons to the sky."

We questioned Barauna: "But I remember, at that time there were a lot of criticisms from the part of the press; how do you explain that?"

Barauna answered: "Yes. I paid for my previous jokes. But the fact that part of the press tried to ridicule me was not exactly because it didn't believe on me, but because I gave an exclusivity contract on the pictures and interviews for the Diarios Associados [of then Brazilian media mogul Assis Chateaubriand]. On the margin of the events, they had to create



their news, they couldn't be out!"

"It just happens that I made four copies that were taken to the then President Juscelino [Kubitschek] and, there in the palace [that at the time was in Rio de Janeiro, then Brazilian capital], a journalist of the "Correio da Manhã" [also of Rio] got the pictures and was going to "scoop" our work on the following day. Knowing about that, I sought Joao Martins, in "O Cruzeiro". I was a professional and wanted to take advantage of my work. Because of that, I sold the pictures to the "Diarios Associados", and "O Jornal" published them the following day, at the same time with the "Correio da Manhã". Later the Agencia Meridional [part of Diarios Associados] distributed them to the whole world, and they were published in all newspapers, "Life", "Time", even in Russia. But the "Diario de Noticias" and the "Tribuna da Imprensa", that didn't have access to the material, were against me. The material was exclusive of a network, and I was prevented from speaking to the newspapers. Therefore, discovering an article that I illustrated in the "Mundo Ilustrado", entitled "A Flying saucer was at my House...", where I showed how you could superpose on the [photographic] plate two chips of the old Carioca Fleet, they reproduced phases of the sequence made by joke. It is the old saying: "He who hurts with iron, with the iron will be hurt..." [Quem com ferro fere, com ferro sera ferido]. Then, they tried my demoralization. They made fun with the saucer, set up pictures in the Jockey Club, on Barra and made a lot of fun of me..."

The Navy Ministry, through the Command of Naval Operations, made a secret report, examining the case. The then representative Sergio Magalhaes asked for information in the House [of representatives]. They say that he, on the occasion, showed only the cover of the Secret Report of the Navy on the Trindade Island, saying that he could not show the rest.

However, an Argentinean magazine published that Report, I don't know how, in October 1971, in an article signed by Jorge O. Pineda, that explains:

"The sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object on 'Almirante Saldanha', training ship of the Brazilian armada, on January 16, 1958, constitutes an unique case while the official documentation that was able to take the label of 'Confidential' and 'Top Secret' [Maximo Secreto]. Its publicizing is due to a retired official of the war navy of Brazil, whose name cannot be revealed, for obvious reasons. The way by which it was obtained, cannot be revealed either".

We examined the referred document in Spanish, by which official correspondences are exchanged between the Rear Admiral Luiz Felipe da Luz and the Admiral Antonio Maria de Carvalho, highlighting the importance of the event. There are also requests of information signed by M. Sunderland, Naval Attache from the United States.

On the report, there are passages like this:

"The alarm of UFO was given by the crew's members in the prow and stern of the ship"

"All recognized that the object that appeared in the photos was identical to the one they had sighted on the air"

"The photos that were taken in no more than thirty seconds"

"A strong emotional disturbance was observed in all of the people that sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and the members of ship's crew"

"The statements of the people that sighted the object: They saw the photos and declared that they had seen exactly what appears in the pictures."

"The technician of DHN [Hydrography and Navigation Administration] of the Armada after analyzing the negatives, affirms that they are authentic."

"The technicians of the Aerophotogrametric Service of Cruzeiro do Sul, just after microscopical exams for verification of brightness and outline details, affirmed: 'There was not any sign of montage'".

The conclusions signed by the Captain of Corvette Jose Geraldo Brandao, of the Navy Intelligence Service are the following ones:

"Considering the presentation of the facts and the summary analysis accomplished, informed in the previous item, it can be concluded:

a) That there is a certain number of witnesses who claim to have seen UFOs over the Trindade Island. These witnesses have different classifications and the observations were made in different days;

b) That most of the reports presented are insufficient, above all due to the lack of technical fitness of a lot of the observers and the brief duration of the observed phenomena, so that no conclusion can be reached on what they informed sighting Unidentified Flying Objects;

c) That the most important and valuable proof presented, the photographic, somehow loses its convincing quality due to the impossibility of completely dismissing a previous montage;

d) That the emotional reaction of the people that informed the sighting of UFOs is very strong and easily seen;

e) That, finally, the existence of personal reports and of photographic evidence, of certain value considering the circumstances involved, allows the admission that there are indications of the existence of UFOs;

f) The last conclusion mentioned allows me to suggest to your Excellency that this High Command must take into consideration all the information obtained on the present subject, aiming to reach more conclusions above all doubt"

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Extracted from the magazine 'UFO OVNI Documento' of  
October/December 1979 - article of Aurelio Zaluar

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## Re: Trindade Island 16 January 1958 - Mori

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 01:58:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Trindade Island 16 January 1958 - Mori

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>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 13:35:20 -0000  
>Subject: Trindade Island 16 January 1958

>Greetings,

>A happy 46th birthday to the famous Trindade photographs. And to  
>all those who are presently researching this case, "good luck  
>and a fair wind", and thanks for much fascinating recent  
>discussion on and off-List.

Indeed: may the case be really settled before it turns 50! It's  
only up to us.

To the List people, celebrate these 46 years with what may be  
some surprises regarding the photos:

[http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trindade\\_index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trindade_index.htm)

All comments, suggestions, corrections and fair criticisms  
welcome.

Regards,

Mori

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>

Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:50:30 -0000

Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 02:00:22 -0500

Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

I don't want to start a band wagon rolling of anti Seth Shostak comments as I have too much respect for the man. But I do want to be critical of some of the things he has written. Considering the gentleman is concerned with the search for the discovery of intelligent life, one or two of his comments on the subject are a little naive.

<http://www.firstscience.com/site/articles/shostak.asp>

I think this article was posted as recently as January 9th. Here are some extracts.

"It all depends. Our reaction (to contact) hinges on the nature of the detection, the message (if any), and how the news is spread. Some of this is predictable, but much is not. So perhaps we shouldn't worry about it. After all, did fifteenth century Spaniards wring their hands over the possibility that Columbus might discover a new world, precipitating panic in the streets of Segovia? Hardly. More to the point: would the wringing of hands have helped?"

Suggesting we shouldn't worry about the possibility of the complete disintegration of Society is proverbially burying one's head in the sand. The whole point is that we just don't know what might happen to our lives and our world after contact. It may be that the world raises a lazy eyebrow at the news and then goes back to watching "Pop Idol USA" or it may be that complete and utter panic ensues. Not to think about what might happen and not to at least partially prepare would be negligent. And comparing modern day Man emotionally and mentally to fifteenth century man is just not on.

And

"In other words, if our radio telescopes pick up ET, you'll quickly be reading about it in the papers. And because so many among the populace are convinced that aliens exist (even to the point of being blas=E9), there's little chance of rioting in the streets."

I'm glad you're confident about that Seth. I'm not. He is arriving at a conclusion based purely on the evidence of opinion polls without for a moment stopping to consider Human thought processes and emotions. What people say and then do are two different things. Ask any political pollster.

And

"Mind you, some people, particularly in the United States (where belief in government conspiracy is considered a mark of political sophistication) are sure that a SETI detection would be hushed up rather than let loose on a labile public."

"I am amused by this paranoia. Most SETI experiments, including all of the US efforts, are privately funded, and the government has no involvement. More to the point: there is no policy of secrecy within the research community, which means that - even as an interesting signal is being received - the scientists will

be excitedly e-mailing friends and relatives."

"I've seen this process in action on a few occasions, when our experiment has been briefly fooled by picking signals from space probes. These messages from robots that we have sent to the edge of the Solar System have many of the hallmarks we expect from an alien signal. While my colleagues I were looking wide-eyed at the computers, I noted the government showed no interest. The media, on the other hand, did."

"And even those who believe in a government conspiracy over UFOs could hardly claim the same for SETI. A signal from space is not exactly something you can stack up in a secret hangar or hide behind six layers of barbed wire in the desert. A SETI signal can be easily confirmed and will be impossible to hide. There was a parallel in the seventeenth century. When clerics forced Galileo to desist from publishing his discoveries of Jupiter's large moons (a strong proof that the earth was not the centre of the Universe), he reputedly swallowed hard and muttered that "still, it moves." In other words, the evidence for his discovery was sitting in the sky awaiting confirmation by anyone with a cheap telescope and a few minutes time. The same is true of a SETI signal: the word will be out, and fast"

I think he's been watching "Contact" again. I dunno. The most monumental scientific discovery ever, affecting every single Human Being on the planet, being left to a bunch of moth-eared scientists? It's probably possible, but likely? Even if he is right, is he not guilty of underestimating the political process? This may be his life's work and contact will of course be of tremendous personal significance for him, and rightly so, but he is looking at this through tunnel vision and ignoring what seems to me to be a much larger and broader picture. The implications would be so immense that they are almost unimaginable at the moment and if he thinks that politicians are not going to want to control the scenario big time, then he is not in the real world. Unfortunately his remark above about the government showing no interest in false signals either suggests they know something he doesn't or it displays the government's attitude towards SETI.

He presents a jolly, naive picture of Human euphoria. Perhaps he is forgetting the inconveniences that might immediately follow. If he's at Arecibo, there may be no flights off the island. If he's at Mountain View he may not be able to drive home because of social unrest or draw cash out of a hole in the wall. Minor niggles squashed into insignificance by the weight of the discovery? Possibly but ask him again the next day when the stockmarket crashes and his pension goes out the window. Oh I get it; he's a plain and simple scientist. He leaves all that other stuff to the politicians.

And

"Since it=92s overwhelmingly likely that any civilization we detect will be technologically far older than our own, the message would be of great interest. The aliens could allow us to short-circuit thousands of years of research into physics, astronomy, and chemistry, and tunnel our way into a far more sophisticated future. This could be compared to the rediscovery of classical science during the Renaissance, but would be of much greater magnitude. (Mind you, this windfall of knowledge will impose certain burdens. Scientists, for example, will suddenly be confronted with answers to research problems that have consumed their entire careers. These earthly scientists may not be entirely gratified to yield their chance for a Nobel Prize to the aliens!)"

I commend him for his honesty here.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Flame TV UK? - Pope

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Subject: Re: Flame TV UK? - Pope

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>Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2004 06:59:04 +1000  
>Subject: Flame TV UK?

>Hi Folks,

>Can anyone give me any information about a TV program called  
>Flame TV? The presenter is Jane Goldman. The program is about  
>investigating the paranormal.

>They said they are investigating Alan Godfrey's case and they  
>want to look into mine.

Diane,

Flame TV is an independent television production company. They are currently making a second series of "Jane Goldman Investigates", which will be screened on the Living TV channel later this year. Details can be found at the following link:

<http://www.rogerbolton.co.uk/flame.php>

One program in the second series will look at UFOs and alien abductions, and Flame TV personnel are currently looking for suitable stories to feature.

I'm involved with this project, and had lunch with Jane Goldman a few weeks ago. I believe that all participants in the program will be treated fairly. Jane is the author of The X-Files Book of the Unexplained, Volume One and Volume Two. Those who have read these two books will know that Jane is a very thorough researcher.

If you'd like to email me off-list, I'll give you further details.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Clinton's UFO Quote In Belfast?

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 02:03:39 -0500  
Subject: Clinton's UFO Quote In Belfast?

Does anyone know from where I could download the famous Clinton's UFO quote about Roswell mentioned in Belfast, Ireland?

If the clip is not available on the Internet, does anyone have that recording?

If it is possible or if anyone has it, please someone send me that audio clip in mp3 format or similiar. I would like to use that clip for my radio program.

Best regards.

Giuliano Marinkovic

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## US Politics: Betty and Barney Hill Incident

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 17:29:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 02:05:38 -0500  
Subject: US Politics: Betty and Barney Hill Incident

This item was newly posted on January 12, 2004 because of the upcoming primary in New Hampshire, and, no doubt, due to the fact the media knows that Betty Hill is ill and sadly dying.

- Loren

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INCIDENT in New Hampshire  
About U.S. Politics, United States

Barney Hill was a postal service dispatcher with an IQ of 140. Betty Hill was a child welfare worker for the state of New Hampshire.....

<http://ufos.about.com/cs/famousufoevents/a/aa011204.htm>

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 02:10:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

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>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 09:56:35 -0800  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 16:15:27 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>>Will you be addressing the many very specific criticisms of the  
>>Corso book that have appeared on this list, and have someone  
>>like Stan Friedman on to debate the matter with Birnes?

>First, I find it curious that you have made no mention of my  
>note concerning the lumping of all UFO research into an anti-  
>Semitic mish-mash. I personally think that is more important, at  
>this point, and concerns all of us involved in UFO research.

>We will be covering a number of subjects during the show. Yes, I  
>am going to bring up a number of items concerning Colonel Corso.  
>You are not the only one asking about that. I heard also from  
>Jim Oberg about this. The entire program will not just be about  
>Corso. However, allow me to extend an invitation to you or  
>anyone else interested to call in during the show with your  
>questions, comments, or remarks. I look forward to a free-  
>flowing exchange of idea's and positions on this very important  
>topic.

Don,

Damned if I can figure out why you find that "curious". The simple answer is that your values and mine obviously are not the same. I think Corso was either a liar, a fraud, or manifestly self-deluded. The content of his book is full of whoppers that anyone of a scholarly bent can easily identify. But you choose to drag the red herring of something I didn't respond to across the trail.

I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by Birnes, are much more important and having a much more negative effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists. Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials, and his book therefore tends to influence people who may not be as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to either senility or manipulation by others.

Have at it, my friend. I won't be there.

- Dick

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## Life (And Death) On Mars

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Op-Ed Contributor: Life (and Death) on Mars

By Paul Davies

SYDNEY, Australia: President Bush's announcement yesterday that the United States will soon be pointing its rockets toward Mars will doubtless be greeted with delight by space scientists.

After all, there are plenty of good reasons to mount such a trip. For a start, Mars is one of the few accessible places beyond Earth that could have sustained life. Though a freeze-dried desert today, it was once warm and wet, with lakes, rivers, active volcanoes and a thick atmosphere - all conditions conducive to life. Microbes might even remain alive there, lurking in liquid aquifers deep beneath the permafrost.

If life began from scratch on both Mars and Earth separately, then evidence for a second genesis would await us, providing a heaven-sent opportunity to compare two bio-systems and learn how life emerges from non-life. And if life were found to have started twice within the solar system, it would signal that the laws of nature are inherently bio-friendly, implying a universe teeming with life.

An alternative possibility is that life started on Mars and spread to Earth inside material blasted into space by the impact of comets crashing into the Martian surface. Mars and Earth trade rocks, and hardy bacteria could have hitched a ride to seed our planet with microbial Martians. Just possibly the journey was reversed, with life starting on Earth and hopping to Mars. Though such cross-contamination would compromise hopes of identifying a genuine second sample of life, it would still represent a biological bonanza, enabling scientists to study two versions of evolution. The economic and practical benefits would be incalculable.

Mars is alluring in another respect. Alone among our sister planets, it is able to support a permanent human presence. As Robert Zubrin of the Mars Society has remarked, it is the second safest place in the solar system. Its thin atmosphere provides a measure of protection against meteorites and radiation. Crucially, there is probably the water, carbon dioxide and minerals needed to sustain a colony.

And yet the scientific community's enthusiasm will surely be tempered by skepticism. Scientists, it's worth remembering, rejoiced when President George H. W. Bush unveiled a Mars project in 1989. The same scientists then despaired when the plan quickly evaporated amid spiraling projected costs and shifting priorities. Of course, the project's demise should not have surprised anyone. Back then, a manned expedition to Mars

came with a price tag of of more than \$400 billion, a sum that makes the cost of the Apollo Moon landings seem like small change.

Why is going to Mars so expensive? Mainly it's the distance from Earth. At its closest point in orbit, Mars lies 35 million miles away from us, necessitating a journey of many months, whereas reaching the Moon requires just a few days' flight. On top of this, Mars has a surface gravity that, though only 38 percent of Earth's, is much greater than the Moon's. It takes a lot of fuel to blast off Mars and get back home. If the propellant has to be transported there from Earth, costs of a launching soar.

Without some radical improvements in technology, the prospects for sending astronauts on a round-trip to Mars any time soon are slim, whatever the presidential rhetoric. What's more, the president's suggestion of using the Moon as a base - a place to assemble equipment and produce fuel for a Mars mission less expensively - has the potential to turn into a costly sideshow. There is, however, an obvious way to slash the costs and bring Mars within reach of early manned exploration. The answer lies with a one-way mission.

Most people react with instinctive horror at the suggestion. I recall my own sense of discomfort when I met an aging American scientist who claimed to have trained for a one-way mission to the Moon in the pre-Apollo days. And in the case of the barren Moon, that reaction is largely justified. There is little on the Moon to sustain human life. Mars, however, is a different story. Because of the planet's relatively benign environment, it is theoretically able to support a permanent human presence. If provided with the right equipment, astronauts would have a chance of living there for years. A one-way trip to Mars need not mean a quick demise.

Every two years the orbit of Mars creates a window of opportunity to send fresh supplies at a reasonable cost. An initial colony of four astronauts, equipped with a small nuclear reactor and a couple of rover vehicles, could make their own oxygen, grow some food and even initiate building projects using local raw materials. Supplemented by food shipments, medical supplies and replacement gadgets from home, the colony could be sustained indefinitely. To be sure, the living conditions would be uncomfortable, but the colonists would have the opportunity to do ground-breaking scientific work and blaze a trail that would ensure them a permanent place in the annals of discovery.

Obviously this strategy carries significant risks in addition to those faced by a conventional Mars mission. Major equipment failure could leave the colony without enough power, oxygen or food. An accident might kill or disable an astronaut who provided some vital expertise. A supply drop might fail, condemning the colonists to starve in a very public way.

Even if nothing went wrong, the astronauts' lives would certainly be shortened by the harsh conditions. The lower gravity would create long-term medical problems and the cosmic radiation that penetrates the thin atmosphere is bound to increase the risk of cancer. Add in the debilitating effects of general privation, and the lack of sophisticated medical equipment, and the prospects for longevity look slim.

Would it be right to ask people to accept such conditions for the sake of science, or even humanity? The answer has to be yes. We already expect certain people to take significant risks on our behalf, such as special forces operatives or test pilots. Some people gleefully dice with death in the name of sport or adventure. Dangerous occupations that reduce life expectancy through exposure to hazardous conditions or substances are commonplace.

A century ago, explorers set out to trek across Antarctica in the full knowledge that they could die in the process, and that even if they succeeded their health might be irreversibly harmed. Yet governments and scientific societies were willing sponsors of these enterprises. Why should it be different today?

Who would put their hand up for a one-way ticket to Mars? I work among people who study astrobiology and planetary science, and there is no lack of eager young scientists who would sign up

right now, given half a chance. But it would make more sense to pick mature, older scientists with reduced life expectancy. Other considerations, like weight, emotional stability and scientific credentials, would of course have to be factored in.

The early outpost wouldn't be left to wither and die. Rather, it would form the basis for a much more ambitious colonization program. Over the years new equipment and additional astronauts would be sent to join the original crew. In time, the colony would grow to the point of being self-sustaining.

When this stage was reached, humanity would have a precious insurance policy against catastrophe at home. During the next millennium there is a significant chance that civilization on Earth will be destroyed by an asteroid, a killer plague or a global war. A Martian colony could keep the flame of civilization and culture alive until Earth could be reverse-colonized from Mars.

Would NASA entertain a one-way policy for human Mars exploration? Probably not. But other, more adventurous space agencies in Europe or Asia might. The next giant leap for mankind won't come without risk.

Paul Davies, professor of natural philosophy at the Australian Center for Astrobiology, is author of "The Fifth Miracle: The Search for the Origin and Meaning of Life."

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

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## New On Sign Historical Group

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<http://project1947.com/shg/resource.htm>

New resource material and documents are now available on the Sign Historical Group (SHG) website.

Dr. Willy Smith made several contributions to the Sign Historical Group among them, a number of files belonging to Brazilian researcher Dr. Olavos Fontes. These files, mostly English language material, given by Fontes' widow to Dr. J. Allen Hynek. An inventory of the donated Fontes' material is available at the SHG website:

<http://project1947.com/shg/fontesinv.html>

Additional material and URLs augment the material in the inventory.

In April 1952, Col. Sanford H. Kirkland, Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center and 1Lt. Edward Ruppelt head of the newly named Project Blue Book attended a meeting of the Civilian Saucer Investigations-Los Angeles (CSI-LA). Present were a number of CSI-LA officials included German rocket expert, Dr. Walter A. Riedel, Project Engineer at North American Aviation. Also present were writers from both Time and Life magazines and other reporters. A full transcript of the meeting with a briefing about the USAF UFO investigations and questions from the attendees was made by the CSI-LA secretary. SHG is proud to present this historic document. Also, the full run of the CSI-LA publications from September 1952 to Winter 1954 are available here also. A brief report on the meeting with CSI-LA also appeared in Project Blue Book Status Report #6 which is also presented here. Final a Central Intelligence Document from 1953 reports on a CIA interview with Dr. Riedel about his interest in UFOs and CSI-LA.

<http://project1947.com/shg/csi/index.html>

In addition new materials or revisions have been added to the "Filing in the Gaps" sections for years 1946 to 1955.

<http://project1947.com/fig/>

New items are coming soon to both the SHG and Project 1947. Several projects are nearing completion.

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Golubic

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 02:26:46 -0500  
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UFO's 101

The scientific UFO community should have pressed harder to establish some situational based thresholds for proof of UFO reality, of which, there can be many levels of proof that approach and suggest unconventional behavior beyond our ability.

EXAMPLE A: Ours vs Theirs, in space... can easily be sorted based upon objective observational criteria:

- 1) In space, Meteors/Meteoroids behave this way... all objects in free fall, moving within a gravitational field at constant velocity, will have, if captured by the planet's field, an elliptical or circular trajectory. And, if not, a parabolic one.
- 2) In space, manufactured objects, escaping the earth's gravitational field and under acceleration (thus having an internal energy source... a propulsive means: ET or us), will have a hyperbolic trajectory.

Since NORAD can, with enough data points, separate trajectory types based upon their flight geometry (parabolic vs hyperbolic), one can easily determine which objects have an internal source of energy and which do not. Since we seldom make objects that escape the earth's gravitational field, one can determine, with some assurances, which are ours and which are theirs!

In addition: if an object in space, near the earth's gravitational influence, moves with a straight-line trajectory... then it either, negates the effects of the gravitational field (not ours), or has two thrust vectors acting simultaneously ... one at the bottom (typical) and another coming off the side somewhere to counter one of the geometric arcs mentioned above... still unusual and atypical wouldn't you say?

EXAMPLE B:

Ours vs Theirs, in earth's atmosphere/on the ground... can be sorted out through several cumulative observations and by meeting certain test thresholds... based upon:

- 1) Conventional speeds/velocities vs Unconventional ones.
- 2) Conventional accelerations vs Unconventional ones.

3) Conventional movement patterns vs unconventional ones.

4) Presence of short lived (get to the landing site quickly) neutron flux or radiation induced transmutation of elements in soils vs none... presence of radiation is not proof... BUT determining the radiation SPECTRUM is! Anyone want to buy me a few spectrum analyzers and fly me to UFO landing sites?

5) The presence of sonic boom vs it's absence could indicate the use of a dynamic electrostatic/electromagnetic field, i.e. ET craft could pump the atmosphere around themselves by controlling both the volume of air mass movement and the problematic air separation (no eddies) by charge induced electromagnetic displacement of the atmosphere (a propulsive means too)... if you have enough energy available... why not get there faster?

6) Energy density determinations... if the UFO demonstrates, through movement and/or energy emission (energy expended per increasingly smaller time scales... thus power expended), at scales beyond the physical size of the craft to contain them, as compared to what we have, then this would also be an extraordinarily useful piece of proof-trending information.

7) Plasma (emmission/absorption) light spectra... studying LITS? So, who ever said studying them would be a bad idea or a waste of time?

8) Physical location of radar contact is physical proof, either of the presence of a metallic craft or an ionization potential that scatters electromagnetic energy... And, if an object, displaying such behavior, reacts and maneuvers in response to our aircraft and/or has the above attributes... it isn't just a PLASMA but intelligent too!

EXAMPLE C:

Application of all the above in combination. The greater the number of thresholds met, the more probable the net unconventional outcome becomes.

In light of this.....

Can't we be reasonable and believe in much of the witness testimony if it meets, reveals, and even hints at (Internally or externally) data consistent with above criteria? Doesn't it compel us to move forward instead? Of course, we have to ask witnesses the right questions under the influence of the right architectural framework. But, do we even have one yet?

So, can we all please, just for once, get on the same science page and strive for the right types of information through consistent application of the same types of filtering? Maybe after taking this step, we can be mature enough and believed enough to take on the abduction phenomena using another mutually established filter consistent with the scientific method. We can't, as Stan rightly determined (that I've also stated elsewhere), put a UFO in a box and tweak all the knobs... so we have to apply the correct, mutually acceptable, situational-filter (Science) to measure the phenomena at hand... this is still the application of The Scientific Method!

And, if we can't believe a single competent witness, then we have a serious aberration in our thinking process and a huge counter conspiracy to all observational methods! On the other hand, if we believe many of our witnesses, and their observances fit or model Physics principles, then we can hardly label their testimony as one big cumulative mistake. Instead, we must continue to ask questions and obtain reasonable and juxtaposing answers to them... and ETH is definitely one of them!

Sincerely,

Victor Golubic

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>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 12:20:44 -0600  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>Stan, Warren, Ian and List

>Truce. I can't compete with you. You guys have been debating the  
>best for too long. I certainly don't want to be your enemy.

>I still believe that there is room to do inward and outward  
>searches. Shostak and his like might not believe, but I do.  
>However they feel, I'm fairly certain that they don't represent  
>the majority of SETI 'Buffs'.

>I think it's at this point that we merely 'agree to disagree'.

>With sincerest respect,

Terry,

No offense was taken, and hopefully none given, merely a  
discussion in opposing views. I personally have no problem with  
SETI "doing what they do"; in fact I have almost 5000 hours  
logged into their screensaver!

My problem is when you are talking about elephants it's rather  
frustrating when the person your talking to (e.g., SETI) ignores  
the one sitting on the sofa!

Separately, in regards to evidence, proof, etc., to the UFO  
phenomenon "most" of the questions and answers to them were  
given over 50 years ago, only the faces have changed.

Warmest Regards,

Frank Warren

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## Hubble Telescope's Mission Comes To An End

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:48:08 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 09:44:24 -0500  
Subject: Hubble Telescope's Mission Comes To An End

Source: SIFY News

<http://sify.com/news/scienceandmedicine/fullstory.php?id=13363008>

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Saturday, 17 January , 2004, 15:29

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"It was a question of looking at the risk elements involved to support the mission," Grunsfeld said. Hubble depends on periodic service calls by spacewalking astronauts who upgrade its equipment and replace or repair its gyroscopes and batteries. It was unclear how long the telescope would continue to function without the 2005 supply mission.

"It could die tomorrow, it could last to 2011," Dr Steven Beckwith, director of the Space Telescope Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, was quoted as saying in The New York Times. NASA had no further trips to the Hubble planned until a final "close-out mission" in 2010.

Friday's announcement marked the first change to an existing NASA mission since President George W. Bush two days earlier announced new directions for the space program, saying he wants to send manned missions to the moon from 2015, and eventually to Mars and beyond. But the space agency was allocated only an additional billion dollars over five years, in addition to its annual budget of 15.4 billion dollars, to work toward that goal.

The decision to stop servicing the Hubble devastated scientists, since the telescope has provided a wealth of information and stunning images of the universe since being dropped off in space in April 1990. Among its achievements, Hubble has established the age of the Milky Way at between 13 and 14 billion years, helped gather evidence to support the Big Bang theory and provided the first convincing proof by an optical telescope of the existence of black holes. "It was a tough and painful decision, but given where we are now in terms of the flight of the space shuttle and the context of the national space policy outlined by President Bush, it was a decision we had to make," said Glenn Mahone, a NASA spokesman. NASA plans to put a new-generation orbital observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, into orbit in 2009.

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## Project NERVA

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:55:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 09:45:43 -0500  
Subject: Project NERVA

Hello All,

Obviously some thought has been given to the thought of going to Mars before. This is a website on Project NERVA:

<http://www.aemann.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/spacecraft/nerva/nerva.html>

Engage, er, enjoy.....

GT McCoy

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## Re: 'Crawling Sky' - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 11:20:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 12:38:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Crawling Sky' - Velez

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 11:19:42 -0600  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Regards,

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## Re: 'Crawling Sky' - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 12:50:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 14:39:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Crawling Sky' - Lehmborg

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
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Well - bang on, good sir! It seems that synchronicity continues  
to strike! <LOL>

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto: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.  
\$450.00 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, scorged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update -

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[v.s.o@prodigy.net](mailto:v.s.o@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 16:38:40 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 10:10:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update -

This is an interesting answering note from Bob Pratt:

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From: Bob Pratt  
To: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 12:17:47 -0500  
Subject: Mutes

Hello, Virgilio.

That mutilation report is very interesting, especially about the wind. I don't have any mutilation cases like that, but I did have a case in northeastern Brazil in which a farmhand was subjected to a tornado-like wind that he felt was trying to pull him upward, soon after he saw a box-like UFO. Here is what I wrote about his encounter in UFO DANGER ZONE, pages 33-35:

It took place about eleven o'clock one night in March 1991 as Jorge Fernando Sousa, forty-two, was guarding a field of tall grass to keep animals from eating it. The field is on the edge of Lake Apodi and next to the town of Apodi in western Rio Grande do Norte.

"I was sort of nodding off when I noticed this wind whirling around me," Jorge said when we visited Apodi six months after this hap--pened. "It was like a tornado and it was pulling on me. I was sitting down and it was trying to take me away. I began crawling and crouching, hanging onto the grass with both hands, trying not to be pulled up and trying to get away. I felt like I was flying but my feet never left the ground."

The grass was swirling, and dirt and debris were blowing around him. Curiously, the wind was both hot and cold.

"I was surprised by the heat," Jorge said. "It was a cold wind but I felt hot, and it made no noise. I think it was something very modern because it didn't make any noise."

Then he got an even bigger surprise as the area around him suddenly lit up. "I looked up and saw this big ball of light, sort of bluish-white like a fluorescent light."

The light was round and in the center of a square object thirty to forty meters above him. When the light turned on, the wind ceased and he no longer felt himself being pulled upward.

"The light reminded me of the cab of a big truck," Jorge said. "It was four to five meters wide and round like a drum. The light that came from the center part was brighter than the light around it. There was a noise like a cross between bees and a refrig--era--tor, but very quiet, a humming sound. I was very scared. I thought the light was going to take me away, and I started running."

He was four hundred meters away from his home on the edge of town and he ran all the way with the light following right behind him.

"The light was chasing me and when I got to my street it went away, rapidly. I've never been so afraid in my life."

When this incident began, Jorge had no light with him and he wasn't smoking. The UFO spotted him in the dark and created a cold "wind" that felt hot to him and pulled on him as he tried to get away from it. The incident lasted perhaps ten minutes, and for much of that time Jorge was fighting the "wind."

His eyes hurt for half an hour but he had no other aftereffects. It was nearly a month before he dared go back out at night again. I talked to him again in July 1993 and although he was still wary, he regularly goes to his field at night.

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And a new page on my web site ("UFOs Are Still Haunting the Valley of the Old Women" =96 the valley is in central Brazil) has this incident with some similarities. It is almost halfway down this page: <http://www.bobpratt.org/dasvale.html>

A more spectacular case occurred many years later in the village of Ba=FA, twenty-two kilometers north of S=E3o Vicente. The witnesses were three other children and their story came to us from Mercia Rodrigues, the math teacher and ufologist who lives in S=E3o Vicente.

"This happened on a moonlit night in January 1988," Mercia said. "The children involved were Adriana Goulart, eight, and her bothers, Djalma, twelve, and Claudio, ten. I heard the story some months later when Adriana came to live with me and worked as a babysitter.

"The night this happened, these children had to walk across the countryside to a place about six kilometers away. When they were walking through a pasture, a light appeared in the sky. Everything lit up. It was a very intense light of many colors. They were frightened. There was no place to hide, no trees or anything, but a cow was standing nearby and the three of them ran underneath the cow. It was frightened too and the light came very close. The children clung to each other and stayed hidden under the cow as the light kept going around and around in a circle above them. The cow was in a state of shock and she just stood there the whole time, not moving.

"The children felt a lot of heat from the UFO and Adriana said the wind was so strong as the light circled around that the grass was blown sideways."

Mercia said this went on for several hours before the light disappeared. "They were there the whole time until it got light. There wasn't anybody around, nobody there, just them and the cow."

If I hear of anything else, I=92ll pass it on.

Bob

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Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 10:12:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Having worked on the Nerva Program, 1966-1968, at Westinghouse  
Astronuclear Laboratory, I read the website with interest and,  
frankly, disappointment.

Not enough mention was made of the many successful test runs  
which were done in Nevada. Not enough credit was given to  
Westinghouse, Aerojet General and Los Alamos National Lab.

The biggest reactor - less than 7' in diameter and less than 6'  
long operated at a power level of 4400 megawatts which meant a  
very high power density. I was directly involved in the testing  
of the NRX A-6 at a power level of 1100 megawatts. It ran for a  
full 60 minutes limited only by the need for having enough  
hydrogen available for after shutdown cooling.

The problem was that NASA provided no leadership and no goal and  
had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

Stan Friedman

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### Re: US Politics: Betty and Barney Hill Incident

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 21:13:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 10:14:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: US Politics: Betty and Barney Hill Incident

>From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcoleman@maine.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO-Involved <[lcoleman@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcoleman@maine.rr.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 17:29:03 -0500  
>Subject: US Politics: Betty and Barney Hill Incident Revisited

>This item was newly posted on January 12, 2004 because of the  
>upcoming primary in New Hampshire, and, no doubt, due to the  
>fact the media knows that Betty Hill is ill and sadly dying.

> - Loren

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>INCIDENT in New Hampshire  
>About U.S. Politics, United States

>Barney Hill was a postal service dispatcher with an IQ of  
>140. Betty Hill was a child welfare worker for the state of New  
>Hampshire.....

><http://ufos.about.com/cs/famousufoevents/a/aa011204.htm>

Interesting article. But let me point out that although Betty, now 84, has been being treated for cancer, a recent note from her niece indicated that her tumor had shrunk considerably and was no longer considered malignant. I also had a Xmas card from her, so don't count her out yet. We are all dying... only a question of when, not if.

I notice that no mention is made in the article about the star map work done by Marjorie Fish.

I have some copies of the Zeta Reticuli Incident, the 32 page full color booklet by Terence Dickinson. Only \$5. postpaid from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958

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## Jung A Man In Two Minds

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 05:16:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 10:16:50 -0500  
Subject: Jung A Man In Two Minds

Source: Guardian Unlimited

<http://books.guardian.co.uk/departments/biography/story/0,6000,1124781,00.html>

January 17, 2004

A man in two minds

Jung: A Biography  
By Deirdre Bair

881pp, Little, Brown, =A325

In 1958, at the advanced age of 83, Jung published a book on UFOs. He told an interviewer that having studied them for "about 12 years ... I cannot even say whether they exist or not". He knew that even in addressing the topic he was risking, as he said, "his hard-won reputation for truthfulness, reliability and capacity for scientific judgement". But there was, he thought, at least one "remarkable fact" about UFOs worth the attention of someone of his profession: what were modern people in need of in their quest for extraterrestrial life? And yet when two close American friends went to Jung's home in Switzerland they were amazed to find the "sage of Zurich" telling them that flying saucers were "factual", and that he was not "in the least interested in psychological aspects ... or in factual information relating to the investigation of flying saucer reports". Jung was often, as he himself acknowledged, in at least two minds about things; and, as Deirdre Bair notes in her new and useful biography, he "never hesitated to explode in wrath when anyone crossed him". One of the things that seems to have made him most cross was the extent to which he was at war with himself. "Don't forget," he once said, in a memo rather more to himself than to anyone else, "I am definitely no philosopher, and my concepts are accordingly empirical and not speculative." It is an empirical fact that Jung, to his credit, was always more speculative than he wanted to be. Like everyone else, he hated being crossed because it exposed how at odds with himself he really was.

Science appealed to Jung because it seemed to offer some hope of a cure for the dividedness of his self; science kept alive the possibility that somewhere there was a consensus about what life was like, that somewhere and somehow there could be agreement about things. That nature, at least, could be an authority figure. Bair's story is a lengthy one, partly because Jung lived a long time - he died in 1961 at the age of 86 - and partly because Jung, unlike Freud, was an extremely active man. It is also an old-fashioned story, as Jung would have liked it to be: a 19th-century tale of the loss of religious belief and the quest for a good life without the traditional sops and guidelines. Not exactly Modern Man's Search of a Soul - one of Jung's characteristically high-flying and far-flung titles - but modern man's search for something to believe in to keep himself going.

Jung ended up calling it individuation - the now familiar willingness to become oneself, with the assumption that one has a self to become - but it was called different things throughout his life: his number two personality, his father (never his mother), Nietzsche, the unconscious, Freud, psychoanalysis, analytical psychology, alchemy, the collective unconscious, the soul. Jung's life, which is remarkable if only for the tenacity with which he struggled with himself, captures the imagination of people for whom life is only valuable, or even bearable, if they can find meaning in it.

Unsurprisingly perhaps, Jung's hunger for meaning, which allowed him to take religion rather more sympathetically than Freud did, was not always compatible with his over-stressed wish to be a scientist of the soul. Jung, in other words - and Bair's words are often instructive - is a magnet for many of our contemporary preoccupations; above all, how we have come to believe that we need to believe in something (or someone) in order to have good-enough lives. And why it is that once we want to believe, we are drawn to believe in the supernatural; in something that by definition has to be so much more powerful than we are ourselves. Jung seems to have suffered a life-long, catastrophic disillusionment that he was only a person. His remarkable work was a quest, among other things, to compensate for this.

The only son of two people who were both the 13th child in their respective families, Jung seems to have been born with a sense of ominous uniqueness. His mother, in Bair's vivid account, was an extremely unhappy, lonely and haunted woman. His adored father was a more or less failed Swiss pastor, a melancholic man of esoteric interests. Like everyone else Jung sounds like an uncanny combination of his parents: growing up with so much disappointment and superstition - two things that often go together - he found at first philosophy (Kant, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche) and then the newish science of psychiatry as at once a refuge from, and a bulwark against, his family. As a man very much of his time, with a fin-de-siècle appetite for the new that was also a cover-up for an obsession with the past, Jung both found and invented the then not so well-known Freud.

Inevitably Bair's biography is, like all the previous biographies of Jung, a before and after life in which he struggles to find himself, thinks he has found himself in Freud, and eventually becomes himself by recovering from his troubled relationship with the man he hoped would be his master. But Bair, rightly, sees that there was far more to Jung than his life-changing (and inevitable) disappointment with Freud. If her clichéd misgivings about Freud implicitly make Jung seem naive for having been impressed by this sex-obsessed authoritarian bigot, her one-sided approach at least has the merit of refusing to make Jung a footnote to psychoanalysis. Just as there was more to Freud than psychoanalysis, there was far more to Jung than his interest in Freud. Jung did the thing that most of Freud's followers were unable to do, and therefore never forgave him for doing: he made use of Freud's work without becoming a Freudian. That the idolator became an idol himself is, as ever, the sadder story. Jung himself ended up in need of more disciples than was good for him.

Throughout his life Jung was fearful about being misunderstood. What Bair refers to as the circularity in his writing - literally the way Jung, by his own admission, kept going round in circles, apparently uninterested in sequential argument - dismayed Jung himself. Each of his writings was, he wrote, "the attempt to bring the unsayable of the background into the objective world of science. All my works are commissions from the inside, so to speak."

Jung was adept at making people feel that there were amazing things inside them, things of cosmic significance. And unlike Freud, Jung knew from his own experience what it was to be really mad. He was never quite sure which of the two versions of himself he was most impressed by: the inspired, tormented eccentric, or the respectable, assured, bourgeois professional. What Bair intimates in her even-handed way is that we should not be quite as fascinated as Jung was by his own depths. That we might, for example, take seriously the fact that he married into one of the richest families in Switzerland; that he was overly impressed by all things English, especially the aristocracy; and that he had a passion for glamorous cars. Jung's lifelong fear of being misunderstood was more of an insistence that he be

taken only on his own terms. When Freud described Jung's book Psychological Types as "the work of a snob and a mystic", he may have underestimated just how important snobs and mystics were to Jung. Indeed Jung's work seems to suggest, often unwittingly, that mysticism is itself a form of snobbery, that spirituality might be the new elitism.

What people tend to want to know now about Jung is whether he was a Nazi sympathiser, and whether he was a womaniser. Bair is diligent and temperate in her examination of Jung's putative anti-semitism and implies, without quite saying so, that he was not a Nazi collaborator, and that to raise issues of racial identity, as Jung was more than keen to do, does not, in and of itself, make one a racist. That there are false notes and open questions here she never denies. About Jung's relationship with women she is far more reticent, though it is perhaps worth noting that she often makes Jung's wife, Emma, sound far more interesting than her husband.

If the question we are likely to ask of Freud now is "why was he so interested in sexuality?", the question we are likely to ask of Jung is "why was he so interested in himself?" Bair gives us lots of leads. And, like Jung himself, she has tried to be rather more empirical than speculative in her account. But the more we know about Jung the less real he becomes. About why this should be so, we can only speculate.

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## Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs

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Marshall eyes new spacecraft designs

Kent Faulk  
News staff writer

HUNTSVILLE - NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center will be dusting off some spacecraft designs as the space agency aims at returning man to the moon and eventually taking him to Mars, the center's director said Friday.

And some of those designs have a familiar shape - including versions of the old Marshall-developed Saturn V rocket that took men to the moon more than 30 years ago and derivatives of the space shuttle. Marshall developed and manages the engines and boosters for the shuttle fleet.

"We've done a lot of studies over a long period of time and certainly we'll be pulling those out and doing some more study," David King, director of Marshall, said Friday.

"There are benefits to Saturn V-type vehicles. There are benefits to evolving some of the programs that we have going on now with space shuttle," King said. "And we'll be looking at what the pros and cons are of using any of those ideas."

President Bush last week set a goal of finishing the space station by 2010, retiring the space shuttle fleet in 2010, establishing a permanent station on the moon by 2015, and landing men on Mars after 2030. He also set a goal of developing a Crew Exploration Vehicle that would go to the space station, the moon and beyond. NASA officials said the CEV would evolve as technology matures to tackle the missions.

NASA is looking at transitioning the space plane concept into the CEV concept.

Just exactly what Marshall's role will be in this new NASA endeavor still isn't crystal clear, but both King and Bill Readdy, NASA's associate administrator for space flight, said Friday that Marshall has the skilled work force and facilities to play a role in building the next generation of spacecraft.

One thing NASA engineers will have to do before looking at any specific rocket designs will be getting their "arms around" what the requirements are going to be for the CEV and how it will be launched, King said.

Helping set the requirements for that CEV will be the Orbital Space Plane program based at Marshall, King said. The space plane program has been working on developing a reusable spacecraft launched atop a non-reusable rocket that can shuttle a crew of four between Earth and the space station and do it

cheaper than the shuttle.

Designs for the Orbital Space Plane have been focused on a capsule. It's likely the CEVs that return men to the moon will be done with traditional chemical-fueled rockets, Readdy said. "We do need to develop new propulsion methods and electrical power generation to allow us to go beyond that," he said.

One of the potential innovations Readdy noted was nuclear electric propulsion, which Marshall has been researching.

Readdy said he thinks the Huntsville-based center would be involved in developing propulsion beyond smoke-and-fire rockets.

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## The Reading File

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January 18, 2004

The Reading File

By The New York Times

VISIONS OF MARS, PRICE NOT INCLUDED President Bush's speech last week announcing goals for a manned mission to Mars delighted many with the prospect of a new era of space exploration. But the plan had its critics, including some former astronauts and space agency officials, who wondered how much it would cost. Mr. Bush offered roughly \$12 billion, most of it taken from the existing NASA budget. This was far less than the estimated cost in 1989, when President Bush's father proposed a permanent base on the Moon and a manned mission to Mars.

In his new book, "Lost in Space: The Fall of NASA and the Dream of a New Space Age" (Pantheon), Gregg Klerkx, a former manager at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., which is dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, writes that NASA scientists pronounced the senior President Bush's vision technically feasible. All that was needed for people to reach Mars, they said, was a bigger space station, a new kind of rocket, a more powerful space shuttle and a way to mine oxygen from the moon's loose soil, or "regolith."

"And it could all be done," Mr. Klerkx sarcastically comments, "on schedule and on budget (making it an anomaly in NASA's history) for a mere \$400 to \$500 billion of taxpayer funds."

Whether or not this mission ever gets off the ground, however, it's a good bet that Mars and Martians (even if only bacteria) will continue to fascinate science fiction writers and interplanetary travel proponents, as it has at least since H. G. Wells published "The War of the Worlds" in 1898. Here are a few pages from the works of space dreamers.

"A Princess of Mars," by Edgar Rice Burroughs, published in 1913:

I opened my eyes upon a strange and weird landscape. I knew that I was on Mars; not once did I question my sanity or wakefulness.  
. . .

Springing to my feet I received my first Martian surprise, for the effort, which on Earth would have brought me standing upright, carried me into the Martian air to the height of about three yards. . . .

The man himself, for such I may call him, was fully 15 feet in height and, on Earth, would have weighed some 400 pounds. . . . And his mount! How can earthly words describe it! It towered 10 feet at the shoulder; had four legs on either side; a broad, flat tail, larger at the tip than at the root, and which it held straight out behind while running; a gaping mouth which split

its head from its snout to its long, massive neck.

"The Martian Chronicles," by Ray Bradbury, published in 1950:

June 2001:

It was so cold when they first came from the rocket into the night that Spender began to gather the dry Martian wood and build a small fire. He didn't say anything about a celebration; he merely gathered the wood, set fire to it, and watched it burn.

In the flare that lighted the thin air of this dried-up sea of Mars he looked over his shoulder and saw the rocket that had brought them all . . . across a silent black space of stars to land upon a dead, dreaming world. . . .

He watched the other men and waited for them to jump around and shout. It would happen as soon as the numbness of being the "first" men to Mars wore off. . . . But they stood thinking it, nevertheless, thinking of the honor and fame, while their lungs became accustomed to the thinness of the atmosphere, which almost made you drunk if you moved too quickly.

"Mission to Mars: An Astronaut's Vision of Our Future in Space," by Michael Collins, published in 1990:

Regardless of weather, the colors in the Martian countryside were spectacular. At one end of the spectrum, crystalline rock strata sparkled like diamonds in the sunshine. At the other extreme, black glass formed by lava flows was dull as asphalt. In between, the Red Planet lived up to its name. There was every variation of red, depending on the composition of the surface and the angle at which the sunlight struck it. Cliffs could be maroon at dawn and then lighten to crimson and blood red as the Sun rose.

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### Religious Sect Claimed 'First Cloned Baby'

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Religious Sect Claimed 'First Cloned Baby'

By Stephanie Condron, PA News

A religious sect last year claimed to have produced the world's first cloned baby.

But the announcement by the Raelian movement met with extreme scepticism from scientists and have not been backed by essential DNA proof.

The sect, which attracted world attention after making its claims, was founded in France in 1973 by former journalist Claude Vorilhon.

He says he met an alien who told him humans were extra-terrestrial creatures created in laboratories 25,000 years ago by aliens who had mastered genetic engineering.

Followers believe the only way to eternal life is through the replication of DNA. There is no such thing as the soul, but man can live on through cloning, according to the sect.

The Raelian movement claims a membership of 40,000 and has an international following. It founded the firm Clonaid in 1997 especially to clone humans.

Clonaid's managing director is Dr Brigitte Boisselier, a French scientist who became a Rael in 1992. She began running Clonaid in 1999.

She holds a master's degree in biochemistry, a doctorate in physical chemistry and another PhD in analytical chemistry. She is also a Raelian bishop.

US-based Clonaid unveiled a picture of a "cloned" baby in March last year.

The firm said it had recruited 10 couples for the project and that five of the women had become pregnant.

Eve, the first so-called clone was said to have been born to parents in the United States on Boxing Day, 2002.

A second baby girl was supposedly born to a Dutch lesbian on January 3, 2003 and a third, a boy, was allegedly born in Japan weeks later.

The fourth "cloned baby" was born to Saudi Arabian parents on January 27, the group claimed. It was claimed the fifth "cloned" child was born on February 4.

Many scientists have dismissed Clonaid's claims to have cloned

humans because, despite promises, it has not provided DNA proof.

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## CSICOP's Six Points Of Shame

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Rough Transcript of notes from Alfred Lehmborg's Ufological  
Obstacles

Segment on SDI #275 for January 17, 2004...

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I come tonight not to praise CSICOP, but to bury him! And I must caution the listener that it is not Skeptics I have a problem with or that I am merely bored with the rationality CSICOPians only pretend to dispense... skeptics are not the issue, are in comparison persons to be revered above all others, and are welcome company... honored team members... boon companions... the most interesting of us, the most knowledgeable of us, and the ones to instruct us the most! They are not to be confused with scurrilous skepti-bunkies, ponderous pelicanists, or insipid CSICOPians, the antagonists regarded in the rest of this segment!

It remains...

...A righteous pox on CSICOP, that "Committee for the Serially Insentient Commitment of Obdurate Persons", a collection of fringe flogging front-men and intellectually constipated imps of anti-science! Lately their ranks swell with the even more deceitful and cross-purposed, and their smug smirks of corn-fed contempt works its way through our cyberspace like an unhealthy mass worried uncomfortably through its electronic bowels.

A pox upon them, again.

They are not what they vociferously portray themselves to be! They provide for and nurture the informational void that the hapless only attempt to fill, and then they complacently demonize those hapless for their, many times, sincere attempts to address that unnecessary void that CSICOP founded and busily facilitates!

They've duplicitously set themselves up as a clearing house for hardnosed rationality and impartial science! They've populated their ranks with lettered ringers of dubious veracity! They've cloaked themselves in the too proud mantel of a convenient lap-dog science engineered to grind only the axes they contrive to grind! Axes of denial, Axes of denunciation, and Axes of refutation...

...Axes well ground and then fatuously brandished like righteous swords in an astonishing display of arrogant hubris (disguised as humble piety), they proclaim their six point covenant with the unwashed masses they despise, establish their thin veneer of trustworthy credibility, and publish their \*balanced rational worldview\* in a six point plan of stated intent, the subject of this piece. That six point plan is a fraud!

Like most frauds it is anything but balanced, actually. It is a canted mess of reflex denials, character assassinations, and bald duplicity. Let's look at that six point covenant, then, and examine each of the points in turn...

CSICOP's first point is especially stalwart sounding... fairly ringing with lofty ideals... nearly oozing good intentions, high standards, and best practice...

"1. Maintain a network of people interested in critically examining paranormal, fringe science, and other claims, and in contributing to consumer education."

One is immediately compelled to examine a \*demonstrated\* integrity of this aforementioned \*network\* of suggested efficaciousness. Founded by Dr. Paul Kurtz, a man constitutionally unable to perceive a difference between a UFO and a traditional leprechaun, this \*network\* seems, at first blush, to be a paragon of refined education, advanced experiential acumen, and incisive brainpower!

Predictably, as with everything else regarding CSICOP, appearances can be deceiving. Consider the unrelated and immaterial... Doctor's degrees of many of the CSICOPian principals, as in the case of Dr. Joe Nickell, and the ridiculously canted, assumptive and NON-networking remarks he's made (among significant others) as if it were he (...an English major!) that would proscribe what was and what was not acceptable to think about, for the rest of us. Dr. Nickell, sadly, is typical of the kind of person closely associated with CSICOP. What \*service\* is provided with this anti-network of canted expressions and immaterial persons?

The (overwhelmingly male and so affected) persons involved with CSICOP are a demonstrably canted lot decidedly incapable of balanced examination... if for no other reason than that there is so little investigation actually going on! Indeed, the word investigation is a component of the very acronym they use to identify themselves, forgetting that it is publicly touted that "investigation is the middle name" of your garden variety CSICOPian...

Still, it refrains from same! CSICOP, instead, prefers to portentously pronounce on what is acceptable thinking in the form of scientific sounding dictates of dubious veracity, disingenuous assumptive-ness, and biased incompleteness.

At it's head... and as typified by its adherents near that head, CSICOP is a conflicted entity driven only by the denial of hostile mal-educated ideologues and not a network of credible and balanced persons interested in critical examinations of anything but its own obtuse agenda. It is a network only of obstinate denial, conflicted cant, and obvious bias! Verily, and at the last, the hapless consumer is ill served!

The CSICOPian second point is another insult to our aggregate intelligence...

"2. Prepare bibliographies of published materials that carefully examine such claims."

"Careful examination" of paranormal claims is airily abandoned in the production of bibliographies heavily (even admittedly!) stacked with researchers who toe the CSICOPian party-line. Since the very beginning (and as typified by the Dennis Rawlins imbroglio over the "StarBaby" paper) research critical \*of\* or in opposition \*to\* that CSICOPian party-line remain with convenient and very limited citation in these not so efficacious \*bibliographies...\* or why was "StarBaby" published in "Fate" and not in the "Skeptical Inquirer". Additionally, Why can't Dr. David Rudiak get a peer review for his Mogul Work in the same canted rag?

...On to the third point:

The third point would be more funny were it not for the dire implications it makes regarding a complete and balanced research outside the cloistered CSICOPian paradigm CSICOP would promote ...and insists upon...

3. Encourage research by objective and impartial inquiry in areas where it is needed. (emphasis mine...)

This is rolling-on-the-floor-and-clenching-near-incontinent-cheeks-together laughable! Where can your garden variety CSICOPian not be shown to be anything but tediously subjective regarding every aspect of their conduct... and corrosive

performance of that conduct? Where is their \*encouragement\* possible given their character assassinations and reflex research discriminations? Their hoaxes and ringer placements? Their campaigns of ideological suppression and sponsor intimidation? Their bullying, their individual harassment, and their tyrannous aggravation?

How is a person with an alternative thought \*encouraged\* in such atmosphere, or in the scurrilous actions of famous stage-clowns like Penn and Teller who lied to their guests, otherwise misrepresented their scurrilous intentions, and made them all look like, buffoons, nut-bags and public whackos? What manner of "Bull-Shit" (-Their choice of title) is that? CSICOP is far-from 'objective', miles away from 'impartial', and, decidedly not the best- choice to decide where 'inquiry is needed.' They perform a treacherous disservice, at best, to suggest that they do!

The fourth point is key to the infrastructure of institutional infidelity and the transmission of its ignoble CSICOPian meme!

"4. Convene conferences and meetings."

Oh... they do enough of that! Rest assured. They encourage all sorts of little splinter groups to grow up, clone-like, in their image... other busy imps to caper around the book-burning fire... harsh infernos where reputations get burned at the stake and where the catechisms of the jealous status quo are rehearsed in the flickering light and stinking smoke...

No, any resemblance to balanced "conferences and meetings" is dissolved in the Ad Hominem attacks, derisive ridicule, and easy dismissal of the opposition thinker at these meetings. Audiences are encouraged to laugh and the provoking speaker is visibly pleased with the expression of that laughter it's been reported. Sounds more like a college frat party, than a meeting of serious, hardnosed intellectuals.

Clearly these meeting are \*coven conferences\* described by some as Scientific "Inquisition" assemblies. Their purpose is to dictate thought, proscribe their canted eschatology, and rehearse their \*approved\* scripture. All hail Doctors Kurtz and Shermer, our teachers, leaders, and holders of the guiding light!

The fifth point proves that their intimated balance is a self-admitted fraud!

"5. Publish articles that examine claims of the paranormal."

Asked previously and answered! "Examine" how, given that there is so little (if any) investigation, going on, to support an examination. Besides, what further needs to be said than that their publishing accomplishments include the churlish screeds of one Kal K. Korff? 'Nuff said!

The sixth and final point provokes in me a keen astonishment that a card carrying CSICOPian can ever behold his own reflection in a mirror!

"6. Do not reject claims on a priori grounds, antecedent to inquiry, but examine them objectively and carefully."

"A priori" means:

1. Proceeding from a known or assumed cause to a necessarily related effect; deductive.

A priori, flatly, suggests the exact opposite of a process of going where the data might lead the aspiration of any true scientist! The history of CSICOP is, again flatly, rich with the direct antithesis of "following the data." They are patent cherry-pickers for evidence that supports their contentions and, by admission, dismissive of evidence that doesn't support their contentions. This is widely and competently reported. So, in this sense they are very "a priori" when they very unctuously proclaim... that they are not!

A priori also means: 2a. Derived by or designating the process of reasoning without reference to particular facts or experience, or, b. Knowable without appeal to particular

experience.

The particular experience (or bias) of your friendly neighborhood CSICOPian is very much a factor in their, so-called, inquiry! Claims are measured first with a rubric of: can that claim first be \*true\* or not! That which is determined to be incapable of \*truth\*, to begin with (by dictate of fiat), is removed from serious consideration and ridiculed! "UFOs cannot exist," first, so an inquiry regarding whether they exist or not, is moot! They can't happen... period, without regard to conflicting evidence of any type. They make up their minds about a question, and prosecute that, without once validating the question, which, facilitating them, must remain unasked. They are very much a priori in this sense, too. ...and they say that they are not...

Finally. A priori means:

3. [The Determination] made before or without examination; not supported by factual study.

The preceding is the obvious method of the garden variety CSICOPian, who has made up his mind, thank you very much, and would prefer not to be confounded with the facts, if you'd please. =Forget= that this is proclaimed by the concerned to be "not so," ...a priori describes them perfectly. "A priori," and not "investigation" would appear to be their middle name. Additionally "careful and objective" are duplicitous malapropisms they employ, words carefully chosen to mask a very real agenda of \*think-cloaking\*, acrimonious axe-grinding, and rank intellectual fascism.

Clearly, a reasonable assessment of these six points, then, shows them to be more CSICOPian artful dodge... than stated aims to which they might bravely aspire! They are red herrings scripted to deceive and mislead, not to edify and enlighten!

CSICOP's six points of shame are carnival hucksterisms, empty platitudes to get you into their big CSICOPian tent for the scientific (sic) revival meeting! Once there, smooth faced scient-evangelists like (the hugely disappointing!) Penn and Teller, the not so amazing Randi, or the bellicose and whiney Dr. Nickell... can perform their unbalanced slights of hand! Now these guys, among others, are just slick scientific-scripture pounding frauds with ulterior motives. They front an organization of similar myopic intellectualists, little men who steadfastly assert to the worried credulous that there is a place for \*everything\*, and everything (read 'everybody'!) should be in its place!

I see them as spiritless men for a soulless organization as bereft of imagination as they are of creativity. It's no stretch that they are the nineteenth century proponents for the new dark ages threatened in our... 21st century.

Now I'm not a scientist, but an artist and a poet (...forgetting I was raised by a scientist and been around them all my life, and that I have a deep respect, admiration, and appreciation for the rules of science), I can call these CSICOPians as I see them, smug proponents of unbrave institutional evil, a scourge of canted intellect, and a hurdle to the rising and advancing of the human spirit a torpedo for our potential!

As with other dark-age producing tyrants of the past, I patiently await the eventual demise of planet CSICOPia and I further anticipate the strident repudiation of their unctuous six point covenant of bald misdirection and oily obfuscation. Their covenant, finally, is a farce.

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## Mind Control

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Greetings List,

It's becoming quite disturbing the volume of data regarding mind control experiments of the past 80 years or so.

Just a glance at the data involving our own government as well as private experiments it's becoming quite clear that the public at large have been and continue to be victims of those of ill will bent on dominating us via programming and reprogramming. Chemical, pain, electronics.

It's a miracle we're even able to play crossword puzzles.

Actually it goes back much further. Thousands of years, yet luckily there are those scientists, historians and brave souls who provide information that allows one to break the mold.

As for UFOs, the people that report them and the people who claim to have been abducted by 'aliens' it's not as scary as the harm we do to one another on a daily basis anyway. Sure there are those that claim 'aliens' created us, have been manipulating history, behind every scam from spray on hair to 'fish finders'.

Something is very screwy here. Methinks we all need to take a step back and look at how easy it is to sell snake oil nowadays and how easy it is to control the attention direction of the public.

Are we sure Goebbels is dead?

Best,

Greg

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>Subject: Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs  
  
>Source: The Birmingham News - Alabama  
  
><http://www.al.com/news/birminghamnews/index.ssf?/base/news/107433454865791.xml>  
  
>01/17/04  
  
>Marshall eyes new spacecraft designs

<snip>

Hello List.

I have a question. Will we ever get away from the roman candle launch vehicles?

Let us assume for one minute that UFOs as we understand them do actually exist.

Let us take another step forward and assume that this country in some aspect of their military/scientific establishment has managed to get their hands on and even flown these vehicles.

Why the heck do we need to continue pouring billions upon billions of dollars into the advanced "roman candle?"

Am I the only one who thinks this is stupid?

At this rate, we will not achieve faster than light travel for another 500 years.

Are we content to be children stranded on this "Island Earth" while other civilizations, who the skeptics, doubters, humanists even deny exist, continue to traverse the vast distances of the Universe.

Some may think I have lost contact with reality: that I am a dreamer. Well, that is OK. It has been these type people who have brought us to where we are today; wherever that is.

I would rather be a dreamer than a hard core skeptic or a person who goes on line and bitches and points fingers at others in an effort to expand their own Ego...to a giant balloon of self importance.

I am sometimes ashamed to be associated with humanity. We are such a dark, dreary race.

Is it any wonder why life in the Universe would avoid us? Why would they want us and our beastly mentality out there, traveling among their worlds?

Perhaps I have just answered my own question as to why we are still using "Roman Candles" to give the appearance of great technological advances.

Mike Christol

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 12:08:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 09:51:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Gehrman

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:12:42 +0000  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>Damned if I can figure out why you find that "curious". The  
>simple answer is that your values and mine obviously are not the  
>same. I think Corso was either a liar, a fraud, or manifestly  
>self-deluded. The content of his book is full of whoppers that  
>anyone of a scholarly bent can easily identify.

Richard,

Have you read "The Day After Roswell"?

Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're supposed to have some evidence. Why not include a few examples you find particularly worrisome as evidence that he lied about the events he described.

Yes he made some mistakes; don't we all? And there is also absolutely no evidence that he was a fraud.

<snip>

>I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but >somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by >Birnes,

So Birnes is a liar and fraud, too? And your evidence is?

>are much more important and having a much more negative >effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists.

Corso hasn't had any "negative effect on the field" as far as I can see. Perhaps you could elaborate on this?

>Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials,

That's right! All his credentials were legitimate.

>book therefore tends to influence people who may not be >as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

First you need to read the book too evaluate his story and that's something very few on this list have done. So don't bother answering this post if you haven't.

>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to >either senility or manipulation by others.

Again which whoppers?

>Have at it, my friend. I won't be there.

Of course not. You've made up your mind. I can understand that. But I'd think you'd jump at the chance to tell Birnes what you

think of him and his fraudulent book, face to face.

Ed

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 17:09:51 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 10:49:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Groff

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:26:41 -0800  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 12:20:44 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>Stan, Warren, Ian and List

>>Truce. I can't compete with you. You guys have been debating the  
>>best for too long. I certainly don't want to be your enemy.

>>I still believe that there is room to do inward and outward  
>>searches. Shostak and his like might not believe, but I do.  
>>However they feel, I'm fairly certain that they don't represent  
>>the majority of SETI 'Buffs'.

>>I think it's at this point that we merely 'agree to disagree'.

>>With sincerest respect,

>Terry,

>No offense was taken, and hopefully none given, merely a  
>discussion in opposing views. I personally have no problem with  
>SETI "doing what they do"; in fact I have almost 5000 hours  
>logged into their screensaver!

Thanks Frank,

I've got nearly 5 years of CPU time logged in but I haven't  
processed any WU since I began beta testing BOINC. My PC simply  
won't run both efficiently.

Terry

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## Re: Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update -

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami@prodigy.net](mailto:ufomiami@prodigy.net)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 19:14:27 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 11:37:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Argentine Cattle Mutilation Update -

Hi All,

During our investigation of Filiberto Cardenas, a Cuban exile abducted in January 3, 1979, my wife Maria Elena also had an experience with a strong wind like a tornado. Here is an abstract taken from our book UFO Contact From Undersea, pages 119-123

The Experience of Maria Elena:

"On Monday February 19, 1979, about 6:30 in the morning, Filiberto Cardenas called us on the telephone. He immediately informed me that they (the extraterrestrial) had said that he could bring me and other persons to the place where his abduction had taken place, and that I should go and meet the extraterrestrial."

"At 11:30 PM, the telephone rang and it was Filiberto saying that it was now the time to go to the place where he was abducted."

"Upon entering Filiberto's house I came to realize my suspicions about who the other person would be. It appeared to be the parapsychologist Patricia Hayes. Patricia had been since the first days near Filiberto experimenting and also studying the case."

"At 12:00 midnight we went out to meet them. Before arriving we could see the sky through the car window. It was clear and full of stars. I studied them and thought, which of them could be a UFO. Upon arriving at the entrance to the side road, Filiberto put out the lights of the auto proceeded along the road until we arrived at the place where the first abduction occurred. The place was well known to me, having been there in the company of Virgilio many times. Sometime we had waited until sunrise. For this reason we were not in the least afraid. I was more curious about what might happen. Also I didn't want to unduly influence anything. Patricia asked me if I didn't feel a certain heat at one side of the road more than the other. I answered yes but very slowly. Some time passed and it became apparent that fear was growing in Patricia. I was amazed that I didn't feel the same thing."

"Finally Filiberto appeared in the darkness and came up to the car, and we asked him, 'Did you see anything?' He answered no, that he only had felt a little heat on one side of the road, but nothing else. Then Filiberto discovered a mark in the form of a cross that had been painted on the asphalt of the road. This mark had been made by surveyors tracing a curve at the end of the road. Filiberto asked me to stand in the middle of the cross and so I did. I don't know why but I stood erect, closed my eyes and my ears, and commenced to ask that they come and appear at that time. I was in the act of doing that when there immediately commenced to blow a strong wind that beat the trees on the other side of the road. Every moment the force of the wind increased. Soon I became afraid and opened my eyes, turned to the others and said, 'What is happening? Why is the wind so strong?' In the confusion one could see Patricia, who up to this moment had been at my side, give one jump and was standing at the side of

Filiberto who was some 15 feet from me. In our faces one could see surprise and a little fear on the part of Patricia. In those seconds I didn't know whether I wanted to go toward them or remain where I was standing. Then I decided to go toward them, and I note as I walked that I felt a little seasick. I could see that my feet were not standing on the road! At first I attributed this to having smoked a cigarette, something that I do not do frequently. The calm returned again and the trees returned to stationary shadows of the night."

"We had not gone but a few meters when, looking through the car window toward the shrubs, I saw some eyes that looked at me. I continued looking until I lost them in the obscurity of the distance."

"When we were, after returning, in the house of Filiberto, he called me aside and asked insistently if I had seen anything. I was afraid to tell him anything and so I denied it. Filiberto, with tears in his eyes asked me if I was telling him the truth. He judged that he had seen me, when I was standing on the cross and the wind was strong, elevated some ten inches from the road. I thought this explained the seasickness and hope I felt when I walked toward the others. But 'THE EYES'...'Really, didn't you see them?' I took a little time before I affirmed those things. Today I am sure that what happened was a very strange experience."

Any comments?

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

From: Joyce Aldrich-Halfin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:16:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 12:10:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:55:07 -0800  
>>Subject: Project NERVA

>The problem was that NASA provided no leadership and no goal and  
>had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
>needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
>Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

Well, even with a goal and leadership and direction, which has  
now become clearer, it'll get cancelled, but not by any earthly  
power.....

Someone asked me, today, what I thought of the Americans wanting  
to put a base on the Moon, and subsequently, sending a manned  
ship to Mars.

I didn't give my answer much thought. I simply blurted out that,  
because the intention behind the proposed base is just one more  
step towards the Americans wanting to take over the world and  
control its' resources (kind of like Pinky and the Brain) that  
no extraterrestrial, with a conscience, will allow it to happen.  
It'll be "Enough of this nonsense..." and then they'll just put  
a quick end to this ridiculous venture.

Yeah, whether it's ETs or God's Legions of Angels, nobody will  
be going to the Moon, Mars or anywhere, without good intent.

Joyce Aldrich-Halfin

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## Re: Project NERVA - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:58:52 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 12:24:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Speiser

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:55:07 -0800  
>>Subject: Project NERVA

>>Obviously some thought has been given to the thought of going to  
>>Mars before. This is a website on Project NERVA:

>><http://www.aemann.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/spacecraft/nerva/nerva.html>

>>Engage, er, enjoy.....

>Having worked on the Nerva Program, 1966-1968, at Westinghouse  
>Astronuclear Laboratory, I read the website with interest and,  
>frankly, disappointment.

>Not enough mention was made of the many successful test runs  
>which were done in Nevada. Not enough credit was given to  
>Westinghouse, Aerojet General and Los Alamos National Lab.

>The biggest reactor - less than 7' in diameter and less than 6'  
>long operated at a power level of 4400 megawatts which meant a  
>very high power density. I was directly involved in the testing  
>of the NRX A-6 at a power level of 1100 megawatts. It ran for a  
>full 60 minutes limited only by the need for having enough  
>hydrogen available for after shutdown cooling.

>The problem was that NASA provided no leadership and no goal and  
>had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
>needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
>Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

Stan:

Your post reminded me of another James McGaha vignette which may  
or may not be relevant.

I was attending some kind of UFO conference, one of my first, I  
think it was here in Phoenix back in the mid-eighties. You were  
scheduled to give a talk. Don't ask me how, but I wound up  
sitting between McGaha and Robert Sheaffer. I naturally  
overheard this exchange:

McGaha: Is he really a nuclear physicist?

Sheaffer: .....sort of.....

This says more about Sheaffer than McGaha, but I thought it was  
interesting (and amusing.... well, sort of...)

==JJS==

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## New \*U\* Database Maps Online

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET](mailto:larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:57:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 12:26:49 -0500  
Subject: New \*U\* Database Maps Online

Hello all:

I haven't been asleep here, just working on new pages for my \*U\* UFO Database website.

The Thematic Maps menu page is remodeled:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/THEMEMAPS.html>

I moved two decades maps there, and created some new ones.

First is a map of pre-1940s UFO sightings which show on both sides of the Atlantic. Data is sparse then, so I lumped in everything from 593 BC to December of 1939.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/PRE1940.html>

Next is the entire decade of the 1940s in North America. There are two maps actually, the top one shows all data, the bottom one is the same map with only two months data removed, i.e. without June-July 1947. The contrast of 118 versus 120 months is obvious:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM40S.html>

Then comes the 1950s. Again two maps, the bottom map has data from several waves removed; i.e. without the wave months of 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1957. The contrast is less obvious than the 1947 comparison.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM50S.html>

The maps for the 1960s do not remove wave months, but display North America and Europe instead. Romania shows lots of events, Germany scarcely any.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/1960S.html>

Maps for the 1970s are for Europe and North America again. The missile-silo sightings of North Dakota (1960s) have shifted hundreds of miles West, well into Montana (1970s).

Maps for the 1980s and 1990s have been up on my site all along.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM80S.html>

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM90S.html>

I hope you have time for a nice browse. Comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 20:14:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 11:58:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Speiser

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:50:30 -0000  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>"In other words, if our radio telescopes pick up ET, you'll  
>quickly be reading about it in the papers. And because so many  
>among the populace are convinced that aliens exist (even to the  
>point of being blas=E9), there's little chance of rioting in the  
>streets."

>I'm glad you're confident about that Seth. I'm not. He is  
>arriving at a conclusion based purely on the evidence of opinion  
>polls without for a moment stopping to consider Human thought  
>processes and emotions. What people say and then do are two  
>different things. Ask any political pollster.

Well, let's stop and think, Stuart...do you actually think  
people will "riot in the street" if a little bleep is heard on a  
radio set in a shack in New Mexico, representing an intelligence  
trillions of miles away that may in fact no longer exist? "Run  
for your lives! There's an intelligent race on a planet circling  
Tau Ceti! (Or there was 12 years ago...)" I think he makes a  
good point that we are more sophisticated about the prospect  
than we were, say, in 1938.

>And

>"Mind you, some people, particularly in the United States (where  
>belief in government conspiracy is considered a mark of  
>political sophistication) are sure that a SETI detection would  
>be hushed up rather than let loose on a labile public."

>"I am amused by this paranoia. Most SETI experiments, including  
>all of the US efforts, are privately funded, and the government  
>has no involvement. More to the point: there is no policy of  
>secrecy within the research community, which means that - even  
>as an interesting signal is being received - the scientists will  
>be excitedly e-mailing friends and relatives."

>"I've seen this process in action on a few occasions, when our  
>experiment has been briefly fooled by picking signals from space  
>probes. These messages from robots that we have sent to the edge  
>of the Solar System have many of the hallmarks we expect from an  
>alien signal. While my colleagues I were looking wide-eyed at  
>the computers, I noted the government showed no interest. The  
>media, on the other hand, did."

>"And even those who believe in a government conspiracy over UFOs  
>could hardly claim the same for SETI. A signal from space is not  
>exactly something you can stack up in a secret hangar or hide  
>behind six layers of barbed wire in the desert. A SETI signal  
>can be easily confirmed and will be impossible to hide. There  
>was a parallel in the seventeenth century. When clerics forced  
>Galileo to desist from publishing his discoveries of Jupiter's  
>large moons (a strong proof that the earth was not the centre of  
>the Universe), he reputedly swallowed hard and muttered that  
>"still, it moves." In other words, the evidence for his  
>discovery was sitting in the sky awaiting confirmation by anyone

>with a cheap telescope and a few minutes time. The same is true  
>of a SETI signal: the word will be out, and fast"

>I think he's been watching "Contact" again. I dunno. The most  
>monumental scientific discovery ever, affecting every single  
>Human Being on the planet, being left to a bunch of moth-eared  
>scientists? It's probably possible, but likely? Even if he is  
>right, is he not guilty of underestimating the political  
>process? This may be his life's work and contact will of course  
>be of tremendous personal significance for him, and rightly so,  
>but he is looking at this through tunnel vision and ignoring  
>what seems to me to be a much larger and broader picture. The  
>implications would be so immense that they are almost  
>unimaginable at the moment and if he thinks that politicians are  
>not going to want to control the scenario big time, then he is  
>not in the real world.

Stuart: How would you "control" something like this? Pretend  
your the chief of the Public Information Control Politburo or  
whatever, what safeguards would you set in place that would  
ensure that the word never got out that an ET signal had been  
received? Remember that the signal is audible around the planet,  
and that protocols are in place to double and triple and  
quintuple-check the data with scientists in far-flung  
territories. And most scientists want that Nobel on their shelf.  
I submit that there isn't the slightest possibility of keeping  
such a monumental occurrence under wraps. Now, if you want to  
claim that the politicians will put their own spin on the issue,  
you'll get no argument from me. But you'll get so many  
politicians and publicity-hounds hawking so many different spins  
that it will all cancel itself out, and we'll each be left with  
our own personal contemplations...which, after all is said and  
done, will be the most meaningful and far-reaching result of  
such a development.

>Unfortunately his remark above about the  
>government showing no interest in false signals either suggests  
>they know something he doesn't or it displays the government's  
>attitude towards SETI.

How does he know the government "showed no interest"? Perhaps no  
overt interest, no MIBs showing up at the installation, no  
interrupted telexes, etc., but I would venture to guess that  
there are departments at CIA, NSA, and the local DC think tanks  
whose job it is to pore over the printouts and data sheets. God,  
I would hope so! Otherwise, I want my tax money back!

>He presents a jolly, naive picture of Human euphoria. Perhaps he  
>is forgetting the inconveniences that might immediately follow.  
>If he's at Arecibo, there may be no flights off the island.

Now who's watching too much "Contact"?

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## Re: Mind Control

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <[geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fastdog.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:09:28 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 12:28:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mind Control

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 11:09:49 EST  
>Subject: Mind Control

>It's becoming quite disturbing the volume of data regarding mind  
>control experiments of the past 80 years or so.  
>Just a glance at the data involving our own government as well  
>as private experiments it's becoming quite clear that the public  
>at large have been and continue to be victims of those of ill  
>will bent on dominating us via programming and reprogramming.  
> Chemical, pain, electronics.

Government sponsored experiments on unwitting victims are  
covered at The WHY? Files - see "MK Ultra":

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

Geoff Richardson

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## Re: Mind Control - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <[lists@kochkyborg.de](mailto:lists@kochkyborg.de)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 17:31:08 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 14:59:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mind Control - Koch

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 11:09:49 EST  
>Subject: Mind Control

>Are we sure Goebbels is dead?

Yes, you can be absolutely sure!

But he has living offspring consisting of flesh, a skull and bones.

Joachim Koch  
Berlin

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## Re: Mind Control - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor@perceptions.couk.com](mailto:editor@perceptions.couk.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:56:13 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:02:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mind Control - Dickenson

>From: Michael Christol <[spachopr@bellsouth.net](mailto:spachopr@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 11:25:29 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs

>Is it any wonder why life in the Universe would avoid us? Why  
>would they want us and our beastly mentality out there,  
>traveling among their worlds?  
>Perhaps I have just answered my own question as to why we are  
>still using "Roman Candles" to give the appearance of great  
>technological advances.

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 11:09:49 EST  
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>Something is very screwy here. Methinks we all need to take a  
>step back and look at how easy it is to sell snake oil nowadays  
>and how easy it is to control the attention direction of the  
>public.  
>Are we sure Goebbels is dead?

Two questions - maybe one answer.

Q1

Readers of 50 years reports see most common UFO description is clearly of an inertia-less vehicle (i.e. "falling-leaf-motion"/"impossible-hiG-maneuvers"/high radiation "exhaust" etc).

Such vehicle could switch-off or even reverse field causing inertia (gives falling-leaf motion); subsequent inertia-shielded acceleration is virtually unlimited.

Indications: maybe we're close to perfecting use of rotating magnetic fields (gives high radiation "exhaust") to control inertia.  
(try "jets + uef" in Google).

Q2

It's clear that those motivated to want power (our "leaders") are strongly motivated to abuse power. Why else would they want power - to help the poor? You must be joking! Just check the record.  
( "why does scum rise" in Google)

Indications: seems that "security" and "military" have been experimenting in political control ("mind control") for maybe 30 - 50 years, often by using UFO flaps.  
( "psyche storms" in Google).

Seems our "leaders" might want to suppress or cover-up real science discoveries, preferring to develop subjugation technology instead.  
( "genes7c" in Google)

Conclusion: looks like we need more human evolution - fast.

Regards,

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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## We Must Continue The Quest To Outer Planets

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 09:46:48 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:08:22 -0500  
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Source: The Financial Express

[http://www.financialexpress.com/fe\\_full\\_story.php?content\\_id=3D50769](http://www.financialexpress.com/fe_full_story.php?content_id=3D50769)

January 19, 2004

Interview: Kanna Rajan

We Must Continue The Quest To Outer Planets To Discover Our  
Origins

Nivedita Mookerji

NEW DELHI: This India-born computer scientist has a key role to play in NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) \$820-million robotic Mars Exploration Rover (MER) project. Principal investigator and project lead for the Mars Mission's on-ground software effort, Kanna Rajan, in an interview to eFE, talks about the IT initiatives in MER, role of artificial intelligence in it, relevance of such missions and more. While one of the two rovers, Spirit, has already rolled down on the surface of Mars, the other one, Opportunity, is scheduled to land on the opposite side of the Red Planet on January 24. Excerpts from the interview:

How would you describe the software that you and your team developed for the Mars mission?

The software that we developed, called MAPGEN (Mixed-Initiative Activity Plan GENERator), is a decision-support system. It aids a human operator take decisions within a complex and stressful command environment. Essentially, a human operator (whose position is called a TAP or Tactical Activity Planner) is given the task of taking on a large number (in hundreds) of scientific activities that the mission scientists on MER would like the rover to do. These are activities which use the onboard capabilities of the rover, using its suite of 9 major instruments on board (the Panoramic (PanCam), Navigation (NavCam) and Hazard Avoidance (HazCam) Cameras, Mini Thermal Emission (MiniTES), Mossbauer (MB), Alpha Proton X-Ray Spectrometer (APXS) and the Rock Abrasion Tool (RAT) being the most important ones).

In addition, the mere fact that this is a rover and can move, implies that mobility is another element in the way scientists can use the platform to do their science.

How else is your work on this software, MAPGEN, mission-critical? When scientists decide on doing a particular kind of science (for example, to use the MiniTES to do an atmospheric sky campaign which involves sampling the Martian sky every 20 minutes or so for about two hours by pointing the MiniTES up), there are constraints on when the instrument can be used. It doesn't make sense, for example, to do such a campaign at night; but more so when the sun is either rising or setting. It is here that MAPGEN's strength comes into the picture - it produces an initial plan automatically, using state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques that we've been working on at NASA Ames Research Center over the last 10 years. The effort has been

towards producing a conflict-free plan.

Could you explain "conflict-free"? It is conflict-free in terms of activities that do not clash. For example, MAPGEN automatically ensures that a PanCam picture is not taken when the rover is moving, since that may not only draw on too much power from the rover's batteries, but could also produce blurry pictures.

Having said that, it is only a very brief description and does not do justice to why precisely we built this system.

How is MER a breakthrough, from the point of view of technology? MER is the first mission in NASA's history with such a tight commanding cycle - about 16.5 earth hours as against days or even weeks to produce a command load. Command load is a set of instructions to command a spacecraft. Also, MAPGEN is the first artificial intelligence-based system to command a spacecraft on the surface of another planet, after the rovers exit the lander platform.

Please elaborate on how artificial intelligence (AI) is being used in the project.

To be very clear, there is no documented AI system on board the rover (that I'm aware of). Our system is based on the ground and works in concert with a human operator (the TAP). However, the backend of this MAPGEN system, called a Planner (i.e. an automated piece of software), was the same system that flew on board and controlled a spacecraft in 1999. That was another historic milestone in NASA's history, and flew on board the "Deep Space One" spacecraft as part of the Remote Agent Experiment (RAX). I was one of the six principal scientists to have designed and built that system. We are now demonstrating that the planner we used onboard in 1999, can be used on the ground aiding a human operator.

How much has been invested towards software development for the mission? The overall mission cost is about \$820 million and includes everything. Software for the entire mission is probably quite expensive, but my budget was about \$3.5 million spread over three-and-a-half years of development and deployment.

Moving away from Mars, how do you think information technology has impacted space science over the years? The impact of IT on space science has been phenomenal. Space agencies the world over are essentially hardware-centric. In the past, it was the reliability of the hardware to be able to withstand and survive the harsh environments of outer space that were the focus of attention, not to mention the propulsion. Slowly, as the hardware is better understood and the infrastructure to produce it has become more robust and common (in a way), the emphasis is now slowly but steadily shifting to doing more with the hardware, in software.

Can you tell us how exactly that's happening? For example, we've been building spacecraft for quite a while now. But until we flew RAX, no one had had the temerity to make the spacecraft completely autonomous (with no human intervention). And it was software that enabled us to put the smarts onboard this small spacecraft and really make it a robot in space, to some extent fulfilling the fantasy of Arthur C Clarke in 2001: Space Odyssey. This is not the only way in which IT has impacted space. But this is one personal view that I've had a contribution in.

Please give us an idea as to how some other areas of space sciences have been impacted by IT? There are more distinct and prolific uses of IT and that has to do with the way we visualise the data (both engineering and science) that comes back from spacecraft in distant reaches of our universe. I'm sure you've seen the wonderful pictures the Hubble Space Telescope has been sending down over the years. A lot of that visualisation of space occurs through advanced algorithms in scientific visualisation and numerical computing. NASA's Terra spacecraft which is Earth-pointing, returns a humungous amount of data that are stored in vast computing servers on Earth for processing and understanding our climatic patterns, among other things.

Space and data are now so inter-related, that IT is now an integral part of space science. We've, however, yet to make a

more determined leap to making the software on board spacecraft more smart. This is something that space agencies will have to do in the coming decades quite a bit, given the complexity of missions on our drawing boards.

What, according to you, is the relevance of this Mars mission? The fundamental reasons we're doing this (and upcoming) NASA missions to Mars is to follow the water. Previous NASA missions have found tantalising evidence of the presence of water on the Red Planet.

The belief within the exo-biology community (those who study alien life forms or their likelihood in outer space) is that water would be a key ingredient in sustaining life. The reasoning is that if water exists (or existed in some form in the past), then life exists (or could have existed). If so, it makes sense to follow the water and see what comes out of it. That is the prime motivation of this mission.

Future missions, depending on the scientific results from this one, could be used to figure out how to use Mars for human habitat when (not if) humans will live on that planet for extended periods of time. Finding the origins of life tells us who we are and how we got here. Mars could provide valuable clues to our existence and consequently tell us more about ourselves. It is, therefore, crucial for us to go not just to Mars, but continue on the quest to the outer planets and discover our origins. This is a small but important step in that direction.

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## Mars Spirit Rover Picture Analysis

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 10:58:19 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:02:48 -0500  
Subject: Mars Spirit Rover Picture Analysis

Source: AboveTopSecret News Network

<http://www.atsnn.com/story/30048.html>

January, 18 2004

Mars Spirit Rover Picture Analysis

This article is a brief summarised explanation of how the PanCam on the Mars Spirit Rover operates, in relation to the strange appearance of the calibration sundial in some pictures. The question was first raised by ATS member AArchAngel, and has been discussed at length in this AboveTopSecret forum thread and ATSN story:

thread

In this thread I will attempt to summarise my posts to the larger thread.

What are you talking about?

Ok, the initial alarm was raised after it was noticed that the color-calibration sundial mounted on the rover, looked quite markedly different in the Mars-Panorama shots compared to its regular appearance.

Immediately wide-ranging theories began to pop up. At this stage I knew very little of the particulars of the PanCam so I decided to go and see what the Horses mouth had to say. I sent out a swag of emails to the NASA marsrover team, the Athena Instrument team at Cornell University, and the long shot, an email to Assoc. Professor James Bell. Who is the Pancam Payload Element Lead for the mission.

Now, getting no response from the Athena team, and an automated response from the NASA team. I was amazed and delighted to see that Dr. Bell had indeed taken the time out of his busy schedule to help explain this quirk in the panorama pictures. His email response is below:

quote: Thanks for writing. The answer is that the color chips on the sundial have different colors in the near-infrared range of Pancam filters. For example, the blue chip is dark near 600 nm, where humans see red light, but is especially bright at 750 nm, which is used as "red" for many Pancam images. So it appears pink in RGB composites. We chose the pigments for the chips on purpose this way, so they could provide different patterns of brightnesses regardless of which filters we used. The details of the colors of the pigments are published in a paper I wrote in the December issue of the Journal of Geophysical Research (Planets), in case you want more details...

All of us tired folks on the team are really happy that so many people around the world are following the mission and sending their support and encouragement...

Thanks ,

Jim Bell  
Cornell U.

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## Re: Project NERVA - Velez

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:06:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Velez

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>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:16:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:55:07 -0800  
>>>Subject: Project NERVA

>>The problem was that NASA provided no leadership and no goal and  
>>had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
>>needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
>>Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

>Well, even with a goal and leadership and direction, which has  
>now become clearer, it'll get cancelled, but not by any earthly  
>power.....

>Someone asked me, today, what I thought of the Americans wanting  
>to put a base on the Moon, and subsequently, sending a manned  
>ship to Mars.

>I didn't give my answer much thought. I simply blurted out that,  
>because the intention behind the proposed base is just one more  
>step towards the Americans wanting to take over the world and  
>control its' resources (kind of like Pinky and the Brain) that  
>no extraterrestrial, with a conscience, will allow it to happen.  
>It'll be "Enough of this nonsense..." and then they'll just put  
>a quick end to this ridiculous venture.

>Yeah, whether it's ETs or God's Legions of Angels, nobody will  
>be going to the Moon, Mars or anywhere, without good intent.

Hello Joyce, All,

I really hate to rain on your parade but... New-Agers are fond of attributing and projecting all manner of benevolent and protective feelings and intentions on ET. This new post from you only serves to further propagate that unsubstantiated 'belief system.' I wanted to post a rebuttal to it that would appear along side of yours in the archive.

Questions for the 'benevolent' ET crowd:

There has been no evidence at all that whoever or whatever is behind the UFO/ET phenomenon is "benevolent" or harbors any form of nurturing or protective feelings/intentions towards human kind. Quite the contrary is true.

If anything, ET has demonstrated indifference, and even cruelty toward life-forms on earth. ie; human abductions/kidnapping and human/animal mutilations etc. If those who propose that ET has



been around all along are right, then you can add interference to the list of crimes against humanity. Think about it. What has "ET" actually and consistently demonstrated toward humanity?

Is it "benevolent" or something else? Self-serving and even selfish maybe? You arrive at your own conclusions. But based on what little evidence we do have, ET has demonstrated that it could give less than a rats ass about what happens to the fate of say, six million Jews between the years of 1939 and 1945. In fact, ET has itself joined in the orgy by kidnapping and experimenting on thousands of human beings without any consideration for its effect on the life of the individuals involved.

If ET was/is here to somehow direct, nurture and protect mankind they have done a miserable job of it. ET could have stepped in at any time before or during one of the World Wars. If for no other reason, to prevent the decimation of the coveted human gene pool by mindless, senseless self-destruction.

And again, what about the Holocaust? Where was ET while millions of human beings were being systematically eradicated en masse. From what little evidence we have of ET's activities during that time in human history, rather than helping or saving mankind from its own stupidity and folly, ET was buzzing around our military aircraft in what were referred to as 'Foo-Fighters.' In short, whenever it counted, ET just sat back and played the fiddle. According to 'some' reports, ET watched as \*Dresden burned. (\*There was a UFO report that coincided with the burning of Dresden.)

One more if I may. Just a few years ago millions; men, women, children, were laid to waste in an orgiastic blood-bath. (Africa) From what we know, ET landed in a school yard in Africa and managed to scar the ca-ca out of a bunch of school girls. (and a couple of their instructors.) Where is the sense or sanity in any of that behavior. Both on the part of humanity and ET! Pull-eeze! If ET was any kind of benevolent 'space-brother' here to guide or direct mankind, they would have stepped in many moons ago and prevented some of the most senseless slaughter and waste in human history.

"Non interference directive" you say? That's Star Trek, man. Assuming that ET psychology is so close to human psychology that 'we' (human beings) can figure out what ETs motives or motivations are is egotistical in the extreme and a dangerous form of speculation.

ET (for all any of us know) could be an emotionless assemblage of biological and mechanical components. Incapable of any 'human' behavior or even thought process. Please stop propagating the baseless illusion that ET (if it exists here on earth at all!) is somehow watching over us. Or protecting us in some way.

If anything... ET appears to be interacting with humanity for its own purposes. For its own benefit. Not ours.

John Velez  
Abductee

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## Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

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Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

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>>>Obviously some thought has been given to the thought of going to  
>>>Mars before. This is a website on Project NERVA:

>>><http://www.aemann.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/spacecraft/nerva/nerva.html>

>>>Engage, er, enjoy.....

>>Having worked on the Nerva Program, 1966-1968, at Westinghouse  
>>Astronuclear Laboratory, I read the website with interest and,  
>>frankly, disappointment.

>>Not enough mention was made of the many successful test runs  
>>which were done in Nevada. Not enough credit was given to  
>>Westinghouse, Aerojet General and Los Alamos National Lab.

>>The biggest reactor - less than 7' in diameter and less than 6'  
>>long operated at a power level of 4400 megawatts which meant a  
>>very high power density. I was directly involved in the testing  
>>of the NRX A-6 at a power level of 1100 megawatts. It ran for a  
>>full 60 minutes limited only by the need for having enough  
>>hydrogen available for after shutdown cooling.

>>The problem was that NASA provided no leadership and no goal and  
>>had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
>>needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
>>Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

>Your post reminded me of another James McGaha vignette which may  
>or may not be relevant.

>I was attending some kind of UFO conference, one of my first, I  
>think it was here in Phoenix back in the mid-eighties. You were  
>scheduled to give a talk. Don't ask me how, but I wound up  
>sitting between McGaha and Robert Sheaffer. I naturally  
>overheard this exchange:

>McGaha: Is he really a nuclear physicist?

>Sheaffer: .....sort of.....

>This says more about Sheaffer than McGaha, but I thought it was  
>interesting (and amusing.... well, sort of...)

For some people the only nuclear physicists are those with PhD degrees who teach at a university. My job title for several jobs in industry was nuclear physicist. But you know the old line.. those who can do.. those who can't, teach -)

In checking on McGaha I found his BS from Georgia Tech was in General Management.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs - Hatch

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 16:10:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs - Hatch

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 05:42:47 -0800  
>>Subject: Marshall Eyes New Spacecraft Designs

>>Source: The Birmingham News - Alabama

><http://www.al.com/news/birminghamnews/index.ssf?/base/news/107433454865791.xml>

>>01/17/04

>>Marshall eyes new spacecraft designs

>I have a question. Will we ever get away from the roman candle  
>launch vehicles?

>Let us assume for one minute that UFOs as we understand them do  
>actually exist.

>Let us take another step forward and assume that this country in  
>some aspect of their military/scientific establishment has  
>managed to get their hands on and even flown these vehicles.

>Why the heck do we need to continue pouring billions upon  
>billions of dollars into the advanced "roman candle?"

>Am I the only one who thinks this is stupid?

>At this rate, we will not achieve faster than light travel for  
>another 500 years.

<snip>

Hello Michael:

Jet/Rocket propulsion is definitely 'retro' when compared to the  
performance of reported UFOs.

If we had such technology, I'm sure we would be using it. I  
suspect it will take new physical principles yet to be  
discovered.

I would bet there is a Nobel prize waiting for whoever invents a  
better way to propel spacecraft, and that any number of  
scientists are hard at work on it, or have at least tried.

Best

- Larry

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## Re: Project NERVA - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:33:18 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 07:27:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Lehmborg

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:50:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:58:52 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>degrees who teach at a university. My job title for several jobs  
>in industry was nuclear physicist. But you know the old line..  
>those who can do.. those who can't, teach -)

>In checking on McGaha I found his BS from Georgia Tech was in  
>General Management.

>Stan Friedman

...Oh Gawd! A \*business\* major? ROFL!

By the way Mr. Friedman, any word on whether a transcript or  
recording of that debate will be available?

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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.  
\$450.00 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: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:00:12 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 07:31:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 12:08:06 -0800  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:12:42 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>>Damned if I can figure out why you find that "curious". The  
>>simple answer is that your values and mine obviously are not the  
>>same. I think Corso was either a liar, a fraud, or manifestly  
>>self-deluded. The content of his book is full of whoppers that  
>>anyone of a scholarly bent can easily identify.

>Richard,

>Have you read "The Day After Roswell"?

>Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're  
>supposed to have some evidence. Why not include a few examples  
>you find particularly worrisome as evidence that he lied about  
>the events he described.

>Yes he made some mistakes; don't we all? And there is also  
>absolutely no evidence that he was a fraud.

><snip>

>>I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-  
>>semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but  
>>somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by  
>>Birnes,

>So Birnes is a liar and fraud, too? And your evidence is?

>>are much more important and having a much more negative  
>>effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists.

>Corso hasn't had any "negative effect on the field" as far as I  
>can see. Perhaps you could elaborate on this?

>>Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials,

>That's right! All his credentials were legitimate.

>>book therefore tends to influence people who may not be  
>>as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

>First you need to read the book too evaluate his story and  
>that's something very few on this list have done. So don't  
>bother answering this post if you haven't.

>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>either senility or manipulation by others.

>Again which whoppers?



>>Have at it, my friend. I won't be there.

>Of course not. You've made up your mind. I can understand that.  
>But I'd think you'd jump at the chance to tell Birnes what you  
>think of him and his fraudulent book, face to face.

>Ed

Ed,

You take the Sophistry Award hands down for this little gem. Not only do you put words in my mouth right and left, but also you make a totally false assumption (that I have not read the book) and proceed to argue as if your false assumption were a given truth. I doubt that any rational discussion is possible, because clearly your mind is made up.

If you really believe that the Roswell and other secret UFO files were left around unguarded in a Pentagon office where they could be discovered by a Colonel with no "Need to Know." that Corso actually charged around Washington wielding a .45 and crashed into offices and confronted his self-perceived "bad guys," that Corso single-handedly saved the planet from alien invasion, that Corso was anything but a minor flunky on the National Security Council, than I feel sorry for you.

I gave several options (not just the "liar" option) for Corso, also in my final paragraph which you conveniently snipped. As for Birnes, where did I say he was a liar? Publishers publish all sorts of crap that they don't necessarily believe in (in case you haven't noticed), but in his case he appears to actually believe these wild tales. Publishers are in it for the money (or haven't you noticed?)

What is your excuse?

- Dick

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## Re: New \*U\* Database Maps Online - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:18:06 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 07:37:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: New \*U\* Database Maps Online - Hall

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET](mailto:larryhatch@SYSMATRIX.NET)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:57:49 -0800  
>Subject: New \*U\* Database Maps Online

>I haven't been asleep here, just working on new pages for my \*U\*  
>UFO Database website.

>The Thematic Maps menu page is remodeled:

<snip>

>The maps for the 1960s do not remove wave months, but display  
>North America and Europe instead. Romania shows lots of events,  
>Germany scarcely any.

><http://www.larryhatch.net/1960S.html>

>Maps for the 1970s are for Europe and North America again. The  
>missile-silo sightings of North Dakota (1960s) have shifted  
>hundreds of miles West, well into Montana (1970s).

>Maps for the 1980s and 1990s have been up on my site all along.

><http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM80S.html>

><http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM90S.html>

>I hope you have time for a nice browse. Comments and suggestions  
>are welcomed.

>Best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

Larry,

I am just wondering why your 1960s work gives 1965 as a wave,  
when the real wave started in 1966 and reached a major peak in  
1967 (at least in the U.S., but also notably in Australia,  
England, and elsewhere).

You will be receiving a copy of my new publication for the Fund  
for UFO Research hopefully this spring, which is an in-depth  
study and analysis of the humongous 1966-67 wave. (Some of it is  
in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, which you may not have come to  
yet.) The data for the 1966-67 wave are awesome, mind-boggling -  
you will see.

Best regards,

Dick

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## Re: Project NERVA - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:53:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 07:40:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Speiser

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:50:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:58:52 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
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<snip>

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>>>had no idea what to do with the system. The program desperately  
>>>needed an Admiral Rickover to provide leadership and direction.  
>>>Without a goal, programs get cancelled. It was.

>>Your post reminded me of another James McGaha vignette which may  
>>or may not be relevant.

>>I was attending some kind of UFO conference, one of my first, I  
>>think it was here in Phoenix back in the mid-eighties. You were  
>>scheduled to give a talk. Don't ask me how, but I wound up  
>>sitting between McGaha and Robert Sheaffer. I naturally  
>>overheard this exchange:

>>McGaha: Is he really a nuclear physicist?

>>Sheaffer: .....sort of....

>>This says more about Sheaffer than McGaha, but I thought it was  
>>interesting (and amusing.... well, sort of...)

>For some people the only nuclear physicists are those with PhD  
>degrees who teach at a university. My job title for several jobs  
>in industry was nuclear physicist. But you know the old line..  
>those who can do.. those who can't, teach -)

And those who can't teach... teach gym.

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>General Management.

A Major managing Generals? This really is the New Air Force.....

==JJS==

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## Re: Project NERVA - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 14:41:12 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 07:42:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Rudiak

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:50:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

>>From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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Stan and List,

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And, it seems, those who can neither do nor teach become  
debunkers. 8-)

>In checking on McGaha I found his BS from Georgia Tech was in  
>General Management.

No surprise, since his list of "scientific" arguments proving  
UFOs impossible were all scientific nonsense.

McGaha, e.g., claimed that a VW size object accelerated to  
1/10th light speed would take more energy than generated by  
humanity in all history.

As I pointed out in my last post on the subject, a simple  
calculation shows its more like the energy generated by the  
world today in about 10 hours.

Here's another interesting statistic: it's about the energy in  
the food humanity eats in less than 2 weeks - hardly an  
"impossible" amount at all.

David Rudiak

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## CI: A Very Weird Rock

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 21:46:58 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 08:32:42 -0500  
Subject: CI: A Very Weird Rock

Cydonian Imperative  
1-20-04

A Very Weird Rock  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

[image]

Close-up of the "Rectangle Rock," featuring  
rectangular opening and unusual "varnish" on top.

Possibly the most intriguing of the various rocks photographed  
thus far by the Spirit rover is a roughly columnar chunk with a  
clearly defined rectangular opening. The close-up view above  
suggests that the rectangle could be surprisingly deep. Also of  
interest is the piece lying in the dirt directly behind the  
"Rectangle Rock"; it appears to have cleanly broken off of the  
main body, allowing researcher Bryan Butcher to reconstruct its  
likely original appearance. Notice the unique speckled "varnish"  
effect on the rock's top. Interestingly, the "non-varnished"  
surfaces of the Rectangle Rock are noticeably darker than other  
rocks in the area.

[image]

Plausible reconstruction of the "Rectangle Rock" by  
Bryan Butcher.

Some have inevitably claimed that the abundant interestingly  
shaped rocks at the Spirit site somehow comprise proof of  
artificial origin. In my view, such a conclusion is grossly  
premature, largely based on selective use of "enhanced" and  
enlarged imagery. Nonetheless, the Rectangle Rock - and other  
rocks with unusual angular cavities - invite a close look by the  
Spirit rover. They could represent a water-driven crystalline  
process or even the action of simple organisms.

The displaced rear portion of the Rectangle Rock, as  
demonstrated by Butcher, may have been caused by expanding water  
ice - perhaps in the relatively recent past - in which case one  
would assume JPL would take an active interest in such  
fractures. Disappointingly to growing numbers of Martian rock-  
hounds, Spirit has been piloted away from the unusual  
rectangular opening, leaving us to wonder how deep it goes and  
what might have caused it to form.

-end-

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## Re: Project NERVA - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 01:07:12 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 08:41:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Gates

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 13:47:03 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: Joyce Aldrich-Halpin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:16:22 -0500  
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>>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 05:55:07 -0800  
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>>Well, even with a goal and leadership and direction, which has  
>>now become clearer, it'll get cancelled, but not by any earthly  
>>power.....

>>Someone asked me, today, what I thought of the Americans wanting  
>>to put a base on the Moon, and subsequently, sending a manned  
>>ship to Mars.

>>I didn't give my answer much thought. I simply blurted out that,  
>>because the intention behind the proposed base is just one more  
>>step towards the Americans wanting to take over the world and  
>>control its' resources (kind of like Pinky and the Brain) that  
>>no extraterrestrial, with a conscience, will allow it to happen.  
>>It'll be "Enough of this nonsense..." and then they'll just put  
>>a quick end to this ridiculous venture.

Hi Joyce, John,

If you read the articles about "why" we want to go to the moon,  
you will find that scientists think the moon is rich in some  
Helium isotope which will provide a natural energy source for us  
earthlings. The comment was that with a 30 ton shuttle load of  
the Isotope could provide enough energy for a city or a country  
for a year.

John makes an excellent point later in the post and has good  
questions for the benevolent ET crowd. As John so capably points  
out we have no evidence for so called benevolent space brothers  
whose only goal in the universe is to help man kind solve all of  
its problems, whether that be energy, water, war or whatever.

Cheers,

Robert

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Hi Jim,

Of course you don't have to be a scientist to run a science

project. General Groves comes to mind. You know - the Manhattan Project? I think he was an enginner.

And Stan, would the Nerva program have helped the present day situation-specifically the trip to Mars? I know it probably wouldn't wash as a launch vehicle to LEO - particularly with the public - but what about assembly of the nuclear rockets in space and being used for the heavy work? It looks like NASA is re-inventing the wheel by looking at the Saturn 5 again.

Don Ledger

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## Articles For New Site?

From: Philip Mantle <[suemantle@ntlworld.com](mailto:suemantle@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 14:35:16 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 10:20:42 -0500  
Subject: Articles For New Site?

Dear Colleagues,

A friend of mine by the name of Philip Shipley is starting a new web site and he's looking for all things 'paranormal'. If you've got an article or a news item that you'd let Philip use on the site then you can e-mail him at the address below. The web site in question is: [www.theakfiles.com](http://www.theakfiles.com)

The site in question has nothing at all to do with me and I'm only the messenger on this occasion.

Articles/news items to:

Philip Shipley

[philfortbook@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philfortbook@yahoo.co.uk)

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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## Mars Rover Meets Its First Rock

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20 January 04

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## "Sky Lights"

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 10:28:13 -0500  
Subject: "Sky Lights"

I'll be damned! And this time through a tooth ache and a head cold!

Outside briefly to check the night sky I saw another UFO - oddly moving light, varying heading and rate of movement - went inside and was compelled to lay \_this\_ right down... it's called "Sky Lights".

I'm making no claims, but it feels odd none the less. What would you have me say? Does reality have to show up in a test tube?

<http://www.alienview.net/3rdMT.ram>

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto: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. \$450.00 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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### Police Probing 'Mystery Assaults' On Hawking

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Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:10:32 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 11:07:40 -0500  
Subject: Police Probing 'Mystery Assaults' On Hawking

Source: The Independent Online - UK

[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click\\_id=24&art\\_id=gw1074503340303B216&set\\_id=1](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click_id=24&art_id=gw1074503340303B216&set_id=1)

January 19 2004

Police probing 'mystery assaults' on Hawking

London - Stephen Hawking, the severely disabled British scientist renowned for his theories on cosmology, has suffered "a series of mystery assaults", the Daily Mirror reported on Monday.

Hawking, 62, was under close surveillance in hospital in Cambridge, where he was being treated for an unrelated bout of pneumonia, the tabloid said.

It said that Hawking's three children and nurses who have cared for him feared he could be the victim of the controversial Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, in which sufferers harm others to draw attention to themselves.

Police confirmed they were "investigating an allegation of assault on a 62-year-old man from Cambridge".

'He was being treated for an unrelated bout of pneumonia' The Mirror said the second police investigation in four years had been launched into the claims and that they were seeking to interview Hawking's wife Elaine, 53.

"The family are worried sick. They've been suspicious for some time someone has been harming Stephen," a source told the Mirror.

Hawking, the author of A Brief History of Time, is paralysed by motor neurone disease, needs round the clock care and speaks with a computerised voice box.

The Mirror reported that during the hot weather last summer, the scientist was left stranded in his wheelchair in the garden of his home on the hottest day of the year, suffering severe heatstroke and sunburn.

It added that recent injuries he has suffered included knocks and bruises which did not require hospital care, but that his children - Robert, 37, Lucy, 31, and Tim, 24 - were concerned.

According to the report, police dropped an earlier investigation after Hawking refused to co-operate with their inquiries, insisting his home life was private.

Hawking left his wife of 26 years, Jane, now 57, in 1990 and married his current wife five years later.

- Sapa-dpa

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 11:10:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 20:14:38 -0700  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:50:30 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>"In other words, if our radio telescopes pick up ET, you'll  
>>quickly be reading about it in the papers. And because so many  
>>among the populace are convinced that aliens exist (even to the  
>>point of being blas=E9), there's little chance of rioting in the  
>>streets."

>>I'm glad you're confident about that Seth. I'm not. He is  
>>arriving at a conclusion based purely on the evidence of opinion  
>>polls without for a moment stopping to consider Human thought  
>>processes and emotions. What people say and then do are two  
>>different things. Ask any political pollster.

>Well, let's stop and think, Stuart...do you actually think  
>people will "riot in the street" if a little bleep is heard on a  
>radio set in a shack in New Mexico, representing an intelligence  
>trillions of miles away that may in fact no longer exist? "Run  
>for your lives! There's an intelligent race on a planet circling  
>Tau Ceti! (Or there was 12 years ago...)" I think he makes a  
>good point that we are more sophisticated about the prospect  
>than we were, say, in 1938.

Hi Jim,

I can't share your confidence and I think you're making a judgement based on your own values and beliefs and the way you see the world. The real point is, we just don't know but to glibly dismiss it is not acceptable to me. You could be right and I could be being a bit of an old woman about it all, but to me, the world is a far "madder" place than it was back in '38. There is considerably more mental illness and stress and dysfunction now than ever before and at the very least, even if there isn't any actual "rioting in the streets", there will unquestionably be a degree of social unrest. Remember Heavens Gate et al and that was in "peace time".

And on the subject of Orson Welles, I don't think we heap anything like enough opprobrium upon his head. He set the template and we've all been paying for it since.

<snip>

>>I think he's been watching "Contact" again. I dunno. The most  
>>monumental scientific discovery ever, affecting every single  
>>Human Being on the planet, being left to a bunch of moth-eared  
>>scientists? It's probably possible, but likely? Even if he is

>>right, is he not guilty of underestimating the political  
>>process? This may be his life's work and contact will of course  
>>be of tremendous personal significance for him, and rightly so,  
>>but he is looking at this through tunnel vision and ignoring  
>>what seems to me to be a much larger and broader picture. The  
>>implications would be so immense that they are almost  
>>unimaginable at the moment and if he thinks that politicians are  
>>not going to want to control the scenario big time, then he is  
>>not in the real world.

>Stuart: How would you "control" something like this? Pretend  
>your the chief of the Public Information Control Politburo or  
>whatever, what safeguards would you set in place that would  
>ensure that the word never got out that an ET signal had been  
>received? Remember that the signal is audible around the planet,  
>and that protocols are in place to double and triple and  
>quintuple-check the data with scientists in far-flung  
>territories. And most scientists want that Nobel on their shelf.  
>I submit that there isn't the slightest possibility of keeping  
>such a monumental occurrence under wraps. Now, if you want to  
>claim that the politicians will put their own spin on the issue,  
>you'll get no argument from me. But you'll get so many  
>politicians and publicity-hounds hawking so many different spins  
>that it will all cancel itself out, and we'll each be left with  
>our own personal contemplations...which, after all is said and  
>done, will be the most meaningful and far-reaching result of  
>such a development.

My apologies Jim - I didn't make myself clear in my original  
post. I wasn't intending to suggest that in the event of a  
signal that massive attempts would be made to hush it up. I  
meant that politicians, IMO, would be very unlikely to leave the  
news of the announcement to SETI. I'm sure for example that Bush  
is no different to Tony Blair (my Prime Minister) and Blair goes  
out of his way, like all Prime Ministers before him, to attach  
himself to the current and immediate "hot item" in order to  
garner public favour and grab the glory.

>>Unfortunately his remark above about the  
>>government showing no interest in false signals either suggests  
>>they know something he doesn't or it displays the government's  
>>attitude towards SETI.

>How does he know the government "showed no interest"? Perhaps no  
>overt interest, no MIBs showing up at the installation, no  
>interrupted telexes, etc., but I would venture to guess that  
>there are departments at CIA, NSA, and the local DC think tanks  
>whose job it is to pore over the printouts and data sheets. God,  
>I would hope so! Otherwise, I want my tax money back!

Not only do I agree but I would suggest that the NSA would  
probably know about any signal received well before SETI might.

>>He presents a jolly, naive picture of Human euphoria. Perhaps he  
>>is forgetting the inconveniences that might immediately follow.  
>>If he's at Arecibo, there may be no flights off the island.

>Now who's watching too much "Contact"?

Well, it's a very good film and in my estimation the best ever  
made on the ETH! I truly admire your faith in Mankind's ability  
to take news like this calmly. But, a confirmed signal will  
trigger a chain of events on earth that clearly yourself, like  
many others, haven't bothered to think about. Take religion for  
example. That's the Christian Faith in turmoil right from the  
start, big time. The biggest challenge they will ever have had  
to face. Do you think that this will be done quietly and via a  
cultured and informed debate? And all this mind just on the  
basis of a signal, not a landing.

Then there's the loony elements that will emerge and also  
undoubtedly a whole host of new religions and seers and  
prophets. Oh, don't forget the antichrist thingy too and while  
we're about it, watch the suicide rate internationally shoot  
through the roof (no joke or pun of any sort intended)..

Science, particularly biology and physics will be turned upside  
down. Psychology and philosophy could well fall apart.  
Education, history, the media will all be profoundly touched. It  
would be a grave error to underestimate the impact contact would  
have on many millions of people's lives.

Then there's the economy. I know little about the stockmarket but I know enough to say that it doesn't take too much to give all of them the heebie jeebies. And no doubt all those eggs will come home to roost at once and we'll "pay" for those stories about free energy etc. as it all collapses in a monstrous pile of worthless paper. It will be the fear of the unknown and what these Beings might be able to do for us or to us and how that will affect pharmaceuticals and power and gas and armourments and food and quite frankly, everything else.

Even if you sit aloft of all this, bemused by people's stupidity, you won't escape the affects if you're a functioning member of Society. It's calmative, it will build up and you simply won't be able to escape from the bedlam. It will be aliens, aliens, aliens everywhere you turn.

It is an interesting fact that out of all the possible strands that flow from the extraterrestrial debate, the subject of Contact and it's consequences seems to have attracted the least interest from authors. Of course SETI has done some work on this and I'm not saying there's no material out there, but there's very little. Next time you read a properly authored and prepared paper on the subject of Contact, check the bibliography and references. They will be relatively slim.

I would suggest that the reason for this is because to address the question properly requires a degree of speculation and imagination and that probably frightens people off. It needs a philosophically broad approach and that can be difficult. That's a shame because this particular aspect could do with attracting some intellectualisation. It's a subject that currently interests me but I know my limitations.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Hall

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Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:34:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 12:17:37 -0500  
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>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:00:12 +0000  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 12:08:06 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:12:42 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

<snip>

>>Have you read "The Day After Roswell"?

>>Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're  
>>supposed to have some evidence. Why not include a few examples  
>>you find particularly worrissome as evidence that he lied about  
>>the events he described.

>>Yes he made some mistakes; don't we all? And there is also  
>>absolutely no evidence that he was a fraud.

>><snip>

>>>I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-  
>>>semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but  
>>>somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by  
>>>Birnes,

>>So Birnes is a liar and fraud, too? And your evidence is?

>>>are much more important and having a much more negative  
>>>effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists.

>>Corso hasn't had any "negative effect on the field" as far as I  
>>can see. Perhaps you could elaborate on this?

>>>Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials,

>>That's right! All his credentials were legitimate.

Not the way he stated them, they weren't.

>>>book therefore tends to influence people who may not be  
>>>as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

>>First you need to read the book too evaluate his story and  
>>that's something very few on this list have done. So don't  
>>bother answering this post if you haven't.

>>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>>either senility or manipulation by others.

Correction: You didn't snip my last paragraph; I overlooked



this. But you apparently didn't read, or comprehend, it.  
Translation: It suggests the possibility that he may not be a  
conscious liar.

- Dick

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## Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 12:20:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 10:20:39 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:53:41 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:50:32 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

<snip>

>>>In checking on McGaha I found his BS from Georgia Tech was in  
>>>General Management.

>>A Major managing Generals? This really is the New Air Force.....

>Of course you don't have to be a scientist to run a science  
>project. General Groves comes to mind. You know - the Manhattan  
>Project? I think he was an enginner.

>And Stan, would the Nerva program have helped the present day  
>situation-specifically the trip to Mars? I know it probably  
>wouldn't wash as a launch vehicle to LEO - particularly with the  
>public - but what about assembly of the nuclear rockets in space  
>and being used for the heavy work? It looks like NASA is  
>re-inventing the wheel by looking at the Saturn 5 again.

NERVA systems were never intended for use as launch vehicles  
from the surface of Earth, but for upper stages. They would have  
at least twice the specific impulse of chemical rockets.  
Excellent for a manned mission to Mars. These were solid core  
liquid hydrogen cooled. Much more advanced would have been  
gaseous core reactors. Russia actually operated one many years  
ago, thought not at high temperatures.

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Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th March 2004

9.30am - 5.30pm

Presentations will be given on a variety of fields such as, Apparitions & Hauntings, Out-of-Body and Near-Death-Experiences, Earth mysteries and Ancient sites and UFOs. Plus Dr. Jason Braithwaite, Muncaster's resident apparitional expert and director of scientific investigations for 12 years, will be presenting some of his results for the first time at a national conference.

Ticket prices are =A330 for one day or =A345 for two days. This includes free access to Muncaster Castle and Gardens and free welcoming wine reception on Friday 26th March in the Castle. This will give everyone the chance to meet the speakers and chat to others also interested in the paranormal in the glorious surroundings of the Great Hall.

The ticket price also includes buffet lunch during the day and tea/coffee/juice and cakes at the end of the day.

Accommodation and evening meals are not included in the price but there are many local places that can provide excellent and affordable accommodation and food. Early booking is recommended.

Speakers confirmed

Peter Frost-Pennington  
The current owner of Muncaster Castle, speaking on the history of Muncaster and its 92s resident legends.

Professor Archie Roy  
Speaking on "Overshadowing, Obsession and Possession".

Patricia Robertson of the SSPR  
Speaking on "Striking a Happy Medium" (no violence involved) relating to mediumship and paranormal events.

Dr Jason Braithwaite  
Speaking on the Muncaster Hauntings and the role of the M.A.D.S. electromagnetic sensing apparatus in his research of these phenomena.

Hilary Evans  
Speaking on the role of cultural influences in paranormal experiences.

Dr Hugh Pincott  
Speaking, as the Chairman of ASSAP, on the importance of amateur associations and research in this field.

Dr Paul Lee  
Speaking on ghostly and apparitional phenomena.

Other speakers to be confirmed.

The Conference will end with a Panel composed of Speakers, open to questions from the audience.

For further information and booking pack please contact us on

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Gehrman

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>You take the Sophistry Award hands down for this little gem. Not  
>only do you put words in my mouth right and left, but also you  
>make a totally false assumption (that I have not read the book)  
>and proceed to argue as if your false assumption were a given  
>truth. I doubt that any rational discussion is possible, because  
>clearly your mind is made up.

Richard,

All I wanted to know is whether you'd read the book. Since you say you have, then please point out what you consider to be "Whoppers". Give page numbers and a brief description and then I can try to explain why I disagree or agree with your assessment. I think that's a good way to discussion Corso's adventures.

>If you really believe that the Roswell and other secret UFO  
>files were left around unguarded in a Pentagon office where they  
>could be discovered by a Colonel with no "Need to Know."

Yes it seems preposterous but that is his story and I have seen no reason to doubt that it happened that way. Do you have evidence that it didn't happen this way?

>Corso actually charged around Washington wielding a .45 and  
>crashed into offices and confronted his self-perceived "bad  
>guys,"

Again where is your evidence that he didn't carry a sidearm and confront those he saw as his enemies?

>that Corso single-handedly saved the planet from alien  
>invasion,

I don't think that he thought he did it "single-handedly" but he was certainly proud of his accomplishments. Maybe too proud, but that's for history to decide.

>that Corso was anything but a minor flunky on the  
>National Security Council, than I feel sorry for you.

He wasn't a minor "flunky" but a military aid and part of Eisenhower's staff, similar to Oliver North. He was well known to those on the inside. Are you disputing this? Where is your evidence that he was a "flunkey". And what exactly is a "Flunkey"?

>I gave several options (not just the "liar" option) for Corso,  
>also in my final paragraph which you conveniently snipped. As  
>for Birnes, where did I say he was a liar?

I never said that you called him a "liar" but I think you implied that his book was a fraud, or if not, what did you mean by this:

"Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by Birnes"

>Publishers publish  
>all sorts of crap that they don't necessarily believe in (in  
>case you haven't noticed), but in his case he appears to  
>actually believe these wild tales.

Yes, of course, because Birnes knows that Corso is a real person, telling a factual story, about events that actually took place. Birnes admits that he made some mistakes, but believing Corso's story wasn't one of them.

>Publishers are in it for the  
>money (or haven't you noticed?)  
>What is your excuse?

I've read the book several times, checked as many details as possible, done extensive research into Corso's background and history, and paid for and arranged a Voice Stress Analysis on a three-hour Corso-Alexander-Art Bell interview. That analysis indicated that Corso was telling the truth.

Ed

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Velez

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>>>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

><snip>

>>>Have you read "The Day After Roswell"?

>>>Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're  
>>>supposed to have some evidence. Why not include a few examples  
>>>you find particularly worrissome as evidence that he lied about  
>>>the events he described.

>>>Yes he made some mistakes; don't we all? And there is also  
>>>absolutely no evidence that he was a fraud.

>>><snip>

>>>>I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-  
>>>>semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but  
>>>>somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by  
>>>>Birnes,

>>>>So Birnes is a liar and fraud, too? And your evidence is?

>>>>are much more important and having a much more negative  
>>>>effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists.

>>>>Corso hasn't had any "negative effect on the field" as far as I  
>>>>can see. Perhaps you could elaborate on this?

>>>>Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials,

>>>>That's right! All his credentials were legitimate.

>Not the way he stated them, they weren't.

>>>>book therefore tends to influence people who may not be  
>>>>as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

>>>>First you need to read the book too evaluate his story and  
>>>>that's something very few on this list have done. So don't  
>>>>bother answering this post if you haven't.



>>>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>>>either senility or manipulation by others.

Hi Dick, Ed, All,

Dick wrote:

>Correction: You didn't snip my last paragraph; I overlooked  
>this. But you apparently didn't read, or comprehend, it.  
>Translation: It suggests the possibility that he may not be a  
>conscious liar.

In 1997 during the Roswell 50th anniversary celebration I had an opportunity to meet with, and speak to, Col. Corso. Budd Hopkins and I were enjoying breakfast in the hotel dining room when Col. Corso walked in and sat down (alone) in one of the adjacent booths. That is how I got to meet him.

Although the comment that follows is subjective, it does come from someone who has spent a little time in the company of Mr. Corso. Assign any weight to it that you wish.

Corso's eyes were clear, he looked directly at you when he spoke. His mind was sharp, he was very alert, and made noises like a very intelligent and experienced person. In the short time I spent in his company, I did not detect any signs or symptoms of 'deficiency' (mental or otherwise) of any kind. Let me qualify that... he was -physically- a bit weak but it was due to his advanced age and delicate medical condition. Col. Corso had some serious heart related problems. Mentally, he seemed fit as a fiddle.

Dick sounds like he's bending over backwards to give Corso the full benefit of the doubt by leaving room for senility or some other factor which may account for the inconsistencies in the book. I just wanted to say that if Corso was "senile" when he wrote the book, he certainly didn't display any symptoms or show any signs of it when I met him.

What does Birnes have to say about the 'distortions of fact' that appear in Corso's book. If he has already done so, please point me to the location of the material, but Corso's co-author, William Birnes really should be involved in any dialog about the accuracy or truth of some of the material contained therein.

Because Corso is now deceased, Birnes needs to be much more forthcoming in his responses to any questions about the content of the book. Especially now that the veracity of the material in the book has been called into question so often and repeatedly. Seems like Corso and 'The Day After Roswell' comes up as a topic of discussion once every three months or so. Like the Alien Autopsy, this is one I'd like to see resolved just so it doesn't keep turning up -like a bad penny.

Ed, as much as I respect your noble defense of Col. Corso he did tell some whoppers in the book. He made many claims that are not true and have simply not held up under scrutiny. Unless those discrepancies can be resolved/explained, a great many thoughtful individuals will continue to dismiss the entire content of the book as so much hokum.

There is a lot of important history there that needs to be sorted, clarified and hopefully salvaged. I for one would love to see the distortions resolved in a way that leaves us, the 'Great Unwashed' with a more accurate picture of the history involved.

We can't know where we're going if we don't know where we've been.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: Police Probing 'Mystery Assaults' On Hawking -

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>Source: The Independent Online - UK

>[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click\\_id=24&art\\_id=qw1074503340303B216&set\\_id=1](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?click_id=24&art_id=qw1074503340303B216&set_id=1)

>January 19 2004

>Police probing 'mystery assaults' on Hawking

>London - Stephen Hawking, the severely disabled British  
>scientist renowned for his theories on cosmology, has suffered  
>"a series of mystery assaults", the Daily Mirror reported on  
>Monday.

<snip>

Frank,

In the two newspaper reports I have read about this incident today, there is a heavy implication and innuendo that it was a domestic situation. At the risk of a libel/defamation situation, I'd better leave it there.

Stuart Miller

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<snip>

>>Now who's watching too much "Contact"?

>Well, it's a very good film and in my estimation the best ever  
>made on the ETH! I truly admire your faith in Mankind's ability  
>to take news like this calmly. But, a confirmed signal will  
>trigger a chain of events on earth that clearly yourself, like  
>many others, haven't bothered to think about. Take religion for  
>example. That's the Christian Faith in turmoil right from the  
>start, big time. The biggest challenge they will ever have had  
>to face. Do you think that this will be done quietly and via a  
>cultured and informed debate? And all this mind just on the  
>basis of a signal, not a landing.

>Then there's the loony elements that will emerge and also  
>undoubtedly a whole host of new religions and seers and  
>prophets. Oh, don't forget the antichrist thingy too and while  
>we're about it, watch the suicide rate internationally shoot  
>through the roof (no joke or pun of any sort intended)..

>Science, particularly biology and physics will be turned upside  
>down. Psychology and philosophy could well fall apart.  
>Education, history, the media will all be profoundly touched. It  
>would be a grave error to underestimate the impact contact would  
>have on many millions of people's lives.

>Then there's the economy. I know little about the stockmarket  
>but I know enough to say that it doesn't take too much to give  
>all of them the heebie jeebies. And no doubt all those eggs will  
>come home to roost at once and we'll "pay" for those stories  
>about free energy etc. as it all collapses in a monstrous pile  
>of worthless paper. It will be the fear of the unknown and what  
>these Beings might be able to do for us or to us and how that  
>will affect pharmaceuticals and power and gas and armourments  
>and food and quite frankly, everything else.

>Even if you sit aloft of all this, bemused by people's  
>stupidity, you won't escape the affects if you're a functioning  
>member of Society. It's calmativie, it will build up and you  
>simply won't be able to escape from the bedlam. It will be  
>aliens, aliens, aliens everywhere you turn.

>It is an interesting fact that out of all the possible strands  
>that flow from the extraterrestrial debate, the subject of  
>Contact and it's consequences seems to have attracted the least  
>interest from authors. Of course SETI has done some work on this  
>and I'm not saying there's no material out there, but there's  
>very little. Next time you read a properly authored and prepared

>paper on the subject of Contact, check the bibliography and  
>references. They will be relatively slim.

>I would suggest that the reason for this is because to address  
>the question properly requires a degree of speculation and  
>imagination and that probably frightens people off. It needs a  
>philosophically broad approach and that can be difficult. That's  
>a shame because this particular aspect could do with attracting  
>some intellectualisation. It's a subject that currently  
>interests me but I know my limitations.

Stuart Miller

I think it is totally inappropriate to mix Orson Welles with SETI. Martians landing in New Jersey destroying what they see and therefore presenting a real threat to the rest of the people on the planet, is a very very different scenario and almost justifies panic (What can we do against an interplanetary bad guy whose technology is well beyond ours? Doomsday is here) and picking up a radio signal from somebody light years away. Remember that the SETI guys all insist not only is nobody coming here, but nobody can come here. Therefore, except for the SETI Industry where is the big deal? Religious groups will certainly proclaim about how their creeds allow for aliens out there (Many do). Sort of like the difference between an announcement about a new tribe of cannibals found in New Guinea and a serial killer in the neighborhood.

On the other hand more than a half century of UFO landings, radar visual sightings, abductions, destruction of chasing aircraft ( I have heard a number of such accounts) is, of course, of great interest to the NSA, CIA, DIA, ONI, NRO, MJ-12 etc.).The SETI Specialists carry essentially no weight and help the agencies do their thing in secret without the press bothering hardly at all except to Glorify SETI.. the Silly Effort To Investigate. What talk show has had an NSA spokesman to explain why 156 pages of UFO reports have been 98% censored?Or a CIA spokesman explain why they are still withholding in their entirety a number of CIA UFO Documents?

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WOMAN VIDEOTAPES UFO  
OVER HUDDERSFIELD, UK

"Strange fires in the sky have been filmed over Huddersfield," a mid-sized city near Manchester in UK.

"Mother of three Dawn Carsley, of Hexham Green, Milnsbridge, caught an unidentified flying object (UFO) on video as it flew over her house on (Thursday) December 11 (2003)."

"Exactly a week later, two more UFOs appeared in the night sky, to be spotted again by Dawn and other householders around Kirklees."

"Dawn, 33, was chatting at home with a friend, Sue Sill, 45, when they saw the first UFO in the middle of December. It was 9:30 p.m."

"'It was like a ball of fire with a small dome on top,' said Sue."

"Dawn immediately rushed to get a camcorder and took nine seconds of grainy footage showing the flashing ball of light heading through the night."

"'It was zooming. It was fair moving,' said Dawn."

"And she could barely believe her eyes a week later, at home with husband Phil, when two UFOs appeared at the same spot."

"'There were two that came over. One just seemed to stop, then one disappeared to Crosland Moor.'"

"The second, which had started to head back towards her house, then followed the first."

"The objects were seen by pensioner Christine Beech, of Cherry Tree Close in Golcar, her husband Brian and daughter Bev." (For more on the Beech encounter, see UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 2 for January 14, 2004, "More UFOs seen over Huddersfield, UK," page 2.)

"A number of other UFO sightings were reported to the Examiner over the Christmas and new year period. They were similar to those seen by Mrs. Beech and Dawn."

"'The first one we saw was going really, really fast, and it was a still night (no wind--J.T.),' said Dawn."

"She estimated that the two hung motionless for about five minutes before moving off. She has no idea what the objects could be."

"'I don't know what they are. We came up with all sorts, and the more you think about it, the more silly you get. There's no natural explanation you can come up

with.'" "

"But Sue has no doubt."

"I think it's some sort of hoax. There was fire or what looked like fire and flames. It looked like a ball of fire.'" "

"Dave Baker is chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society and a sceptic. He said there could be a rational explanation for the sightings if someone had rigged a bin-bag over a flame, to create a makeshift hot-air balloon."

"The flames reflect on the inside if the bag is open and it's black. They can go as fast as the wind is going and can reach quite high altitudes," he explained."

"He added that the human eye was notoriously bad at judging altitude and distance if the initial size of the object was unknown." (See the Huddersfield Daily Examiner for January 9, 2004, "Fireball in sky a puzzle." Many thanks to Jim Hickman for forwarding this newspaper article.)

BRITISH COUPLE SEES A UFO  
IN CANCUN, MEXICO

On Thursday, January 1, 2004, at 1:30 a.m., Mike Morris and Karen Balcam "were standing on the balcony of our hotel (on holiday from UK--M.M. & K.B.) overlooking the beach" in Cancun, Quintana Roo state, Mexico, when Karen spotted something strange in the sky.

"Karen was looking at the southeast part of the sky and drew my attention to what she assumed was a shooting star," Mike reported, "It was moving upwards in a fairly straight line and covering a large distance. We then realised this was no shooting star!"

"It changed direction about three times, sort of zigzagging across the sky at an amazing speed and going from low in the sky to very high up, and going back at a level in an easterly direction," away from the Yucatan peninsula, "then upwards surprisingly fast."

"It's really difficult to explain the enormity of what we saw as it covered about a third of the night sky that was visible to us right over the sea, from about the middle of the sky going upwards. It was just like a star, or the front (landing) light of a plane, but the speed and area covered, plus the sharp changes in direction, were amazing and could not have been executed by anything known to us."

"The whole thing lasted four to five minutes, and we stared at the sky for some time afterward, hoping for another sighting but to no avail--I guess it was off to another corner of the world in no time!" (Email Form Report)

PARTYGOERS SIGHT A UFO  
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On Sunday, January 4, 2004, at 12:45 a.m., Gary Guerrero reported, he and 25 men and women aged 22 to 34 were at a party in suburban Orange County, California, just south of Los Angeles, when some UFOs approached from the north.

"We were celebrating the New Year, and one of the girls noticed three strange objects in the sky," Gary said, "We came out of the house to see it. I saw, as well as 25 others, this bright object a little bit bigger and brighter than the stars but more yellowish than white. Moved from left to right for about seven minutes. The strange object then stopped for two minutes. Then moved again. It repeated this (maneuver) three or four times."

"We are all adults between 22 and 34 and were at our friends' house for New Year's, so it is not something we are making up."

"There were no civilian airplanes for the entire time. But there is something else that is real important. I heard jet fighters really high in the atmosphere, almost like they were trying to get a better look, but the thing in the sky was so much farther up than the jets. I was in the military for five years, and I have seen some pretty crazy things in the Fort Irwin, California desert and missile launches from Edwards Air Force Base. But this was the most unbelievable thing I have ever seen."

"At the end of the sighting, it abruptly changed direction and shifted the sunlight so that it almost had a square shape to it. I wonder if anyone else could have seen this. I tried to go on the Internet to find info, but no luck!" (Email Form Report)

MOTHMAN NEARLY WRECKS  
ANOTHER BRIDGE

"The Pomeroy-Mason Bridge" in Point Pleasant, West Virginia (population 4,637) "was closed for several hours Wednesday morning," January 7, 2004 "for an inspection after it was struck by a barge."

"A barge hit a pier on the Ohio side at about 6:45 a.m., said Stephen Filson, a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation District No. 10."

"Structural engineers found no significant damage, and the bridge was reopened by 10:30 a.m., Filson said."

"The Ohio agency coordinated the investigation because the bridge," which crosses the Ohio River and "connects Ohio Route 833 and West Virginia Route 62, is owned by Ohio."

Point Pleasant, W.V. was the site of a bridge disaster in December 1967. The Silver Bridge, built and opened in 1936, suddenly collapsed without warning. During the previous 13 months, a strange entity called Mothman had been seen in and around Point Pleasant. Mothman issued repeated warnings of "a disaster on the Ohio River," a prophecy which came true with the collapse of the Silver Bridge.

"Travelers on the bridge had been restricted since Tuesday night," January 6, 2004, "because of high water on Main Street in Pomeroy," Ohio (population 1,966).

"A small portion of Main Street remained blocked by high water Wednesday afternoon but traffic was not impeded, a dispatcher for the Pomeroy Police Dept. said."

"The Ohio River crested Wednesday morning. At 4 a.m. Wednesday, the river was 47.2 feet and steady. Flood stage there is 46 feet (14 meters), according to the National Weather Service."

Cryptozoologist and Mothman expert Loren Coleman pointed out a curious lexilink in the bridge's name, adding, "Note the presence of the word 'Mason.'"

Also, the population of Pomeroy--1,966--matches the year in which Mothman originally predicted the Ohio River disaster. (See the Cleveland Plain Dealer for January 7, 2004, "Bridge hit by a barge reopens after inspectors find no significant damage." Many thanks to Loren Coleman for this news story.)

SPIRIT ROLLS ONTO THE  
SURFACE OF MARS

Spirit, "the Mars rover, finally began to rove Thursday," January 15, 2004, "rolling its six wheels smoothly onto the red soil and beginning an unprecedented journey to look for signs of ancient water and whatever else might spark scientists' curiosity along the way."

"Success came 12 days after Spirit touched down on the surface--an interval filled with tension and painstaking preparation."

"Scientists said Thursday's 10-foot (3-meter) move off the rover's landing pad means Spirit has truly landed, opening a new era in the exploration of another world. Scientists consider Spirit the smartest, most versatile probe ever put on another planet."

"'Mars is our sandbox, and we are ready to play and learn,' said Charles Elachi, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory."

"After instructing the rover to turn on its landing pad to avoid airbags that were in its way, engineers ran a final earthbound simulation of the rover's roll-off late Wednesday," January 14, 2004, "before assuring themselves that it would work. They got confirmation that the move off the pad was complete at" 5 a.m. Cape Canaveral time "when Spirit sent photos of the lander it had just left."

"Adding to the good news mission managers said Thursday the rover could last up to nine months, far longer than the 90-day lifespan they had projected."



That's because the probe has responded better than expected to the wide variations of temperature on Mars, and its solar panels have performed well in the late Martian summer. The probe's power capacity will fall gradually as martian winter approaches and as dust gathers on the solar panels."

"Although the rover's landing area looks like a windblown desert, scientists believe that more than 3 billion years ago, it may have been filled with a lake--and perhaps even life."

"The 90-mile (144-kilometer) wide basin, called Gusev Crater, has long occupied the dreams of Natalie Cabrol, the planetary geologist who first studied whether the area once held water and persuaded NASA to send Spirit there."

"Cabrol came across the crater in 1985 while poring over some of the 50,000 images of Mars taken by the Viking missions in the 1970s. The photos appeared to show that a river called Ma'adim Vallis once emptied into the crater, forming a delta and what appeared to be islands. Looking closer, Cabrol and her colleagues saw what could be ancient shorelines running parallel to the basin's edges." (Editor's Note: As my old geology professor, Dr. Ralph Fellows, would've explained, this suggests that the prehistoric "Lake Gusev" gradually diminished in size over a period of hundreds of thousands of years.)

"I can't tell you how many times we've imagined ourselves at the delta looking down at the lake," said Cabrol, a researcher at NASA's Ames Research Center. "You know, the Martian air is very thin. I've imagined what would have been the sound of the waves there."

"The debate over whether the crater once held water is far from over, and Cabrol hopes Spirit finds firm evidence one way or the other. But like many researchers working on the probe, she said the fulfillment of her long-standing wish to see the basin up close is overwhelming."

"Spirit may have landed, but I haven't yet. I'm still hovering," Cabrol said."

"Spirit has begun studying the soil directly in front of it to test the probe's instruments, including an X-ray chemical analysis device, an infrared camera and a microscope. Scientists can measure some soil properties simply by seeing how the rover moves in the dirt. It's wheels have sunk less than an inch into the Martian dust, suggesting a silty but firm material that one researcher compared to ordinary garden soil on Earth."

"Although eventually researchers want to drive towards the hills to the southeast of the rover, their first objective will be one of two small rocks--nicknamed Adirondack and Sashimi--that sit a few feet from the probe. Researchers are looking for rocks that may have been worn smooth by water, as well as carbonates and other compounds often formed at the bottom of lakes." (See the Chicago Tribune for January 16, 2004, "Mars rover starts its trip of discovery," section 1, page 5.)

#### DUBYA PROPOSES A NEW TRIP TO THE MOON

"Americans would return to the moon between 2015 and 2020--and eventually travel to Mars--under a proposal President Bush outlined Wednesday," January 14, 2004.

"Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn to unknown lands and across the open sea," he said at NASA headquarters. "We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit. So let us continue the journey."

"If the president succeeds in getting his program started, it will be the most far-reaching and ambitious space agenda since President Kennedy launched the Apollo program in 1961."

"No human has stood on the moon since astronaut Eugene Cernan in December 1972. 'I'd like to go back and see what it's like now,' said Cernan, 69, who attended the speech. No human has ever gone to Mars, which is a six-to-nine month flight from Earth."

"The president called for" the following--

"The construction of a new spaceship, the Crew Exploration Vehicle, to ferry people to the moon and the International Space Station. It would make its first

manned flight in 2014. NASA hasn't revealed a design."

"Robotic missions to the moon starting by 2008."

"Colonies on the moon where humans would live and work. Their main task would be testing technology such as spacesuits for an eventual trip to Mars."

"A human mission to Mars at an unspecified date."

"Retiring the three remaining space shuttles in 2010, after the space station is completed. NASA does not yet know how astronauts would get to the space station in the four years between retiring the shuttles and starting to use the new spaceship."

"Bush plans to ask Congress for an extra \$1 billion over the next five years to help pay for the moon shot. In the same period, the administration would also divert \$11 billion from other NASA programs to pay for the new effort. Another administration would have to decide whether to continue beyond that."

"The cost of the human and robotic missions to the moon and Mars would total roughly \$120 billion by 2020, according to estimates from a NASA chart. NASA's current annual budget is \$15 billion."

"The Apollo program of the 1960s and early 1970s cost \$150 billion to \$175 billion in 2003 dollars. Bush's father announced a similar proposal in 1989. But NASA's estimated cost for this program--\$400 billion to \$500 billion in unadjusted dollars--scuttled it."

"It is not clear whether Bush will succeed in getting Congress to approve an increase in funding for NASA. Many legislators, including the president's fellow Republicans, are worried about this year's \$500 billion deficit. White House officials say the plan is fiscally responsible."

"The administration's decision to chart a new course for NASA was prompted by the breakup of the space shuttle Columbia as it re-entered the atmosphere last February 1 (2003). The shuttle broke apart because foam that fell from its fuel tank damaged one of the winds. The crew of seven died."

"A report on the accident said NASA failed to heed lessons of the 1986 (space shuttle) Challenger explosion and had not been given a 'guiding vision' or 'compelling mission.'" (See USA Today for January 15, 2004, "Return to moon outlined by Bush," page 1A.)

#### HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE SCUTTLED BY NEW PLAN

"The Hubble Space Telescope will be allowed to degrade and eventually become useless, as NASA changes its focus to President Bush's plans to send humans to the moon, Mars and beyond, officials said Friday," January 16, 2004.

"NASA cancelled all shuttle servicing missions to the Hubble, which has revolutionized astronomy."

"NASA chief scientist John Grunsfeld said agency administrator Sean O'Keefe cancelled the fifth service mission to Hubble when it became clear there was not enough time to conduct it before the shuttle is retired."

"The servicing mission was considered essential to keep the telescope operating."

"'This is a sad day,' Grunsfeld said, noting that the decision 'is the best thing for the space community.'"

"He said the decision was influenced by President Bush's new space initiative, which calls for NASA to start developing the spacecraft and equipment for voyages to the moon and later to Mars. The president's plan also calls for the shuttles to be retired by 2010. Virtually of the shuttles' remaining flights would be used to complete the construction of the International Space Station."

"The shuttle (program) has been grounded since Columbia exploded when it was returning to Earth nearly a year ago."

"Grunsfeld said Bush 'directed us to use this precious resource' (the space shuttle program--J.T.) toward completing the space station and fulfilling U.S. obligations to the 15 partner nations."

"As the news of Hubble's demise spread around the world Friday, other astronomers were in a state of shock."

"David Spergel, a Princeton astronomer and member of a NASA advisory committee, called it 'a double whammy.' Not only was a telescope being lost, but \$200 million

worth of instruments that had been built to be added in the later shuttle mission will now sit on the ground."

"Garth Illingworth, an astronomer at the University of California at Santa Cruz and also a member of the advisory committee, said, 'I think this is a mistake.'"

"Ted Lauer of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, said, 'This is a pretty nasty turn of events, coming immediately on the heels of (the president's) endorsement of space exploration.'"

"Without servicing missions, Grunsfeld said, the Hubble should continue operating until 2007 or 2008. It will eventually fall out of orbit and crash to Earth, probably in 2011 or 2012. To make that event safe, Grunsfeld said, NASA will design and build a small robot craft that will be launched and guided to the Hubble."

"The Hubble's contributions to astronomy are well known. Using images from the observatory, scientists have determined the age of the universe, about 13.7 billion years, and discovered that a mysterious energy, called the dark force, is causing all of the objects in the universe to move apart at an accelerating rate."

"Another reason the repairs were canceled, Grunsfeld said, was the requirement that a backup shuttle would have to be primed for launch when a shuttle was sent to service the Hubble, a requirement set after the Columbia accident. NASA officials decided then that a backup would have to be ready to help any shuttle going anywhere but the space station."

"The Hubble, the first of NASA's orbiting observatories, was launched in 1990 with the promise that it would see farther out into space than any previous telescope." (See the Minneapolis, Minn. Star-Tribune for January 17, 2004, "Hubble telescope a victim of change," pages A1 and A13.)

(Editor's Comment: Scuttling the Hubble Space Telescope is like burning Galileo at the stake. It's a crime against science. It will be decades, perhaps even a century, before a permanent astronomical observatory can be built on the back side of the moon to pick up where the Hubble left off.)

#### MYSTERIOUS SUBTERRANEAN HUM HEARD IN VIRGINIA

"Dominion Virginia officials believe the Possum Point power plant may indeed be the source of a nighttime hum that has been bothering some nearby residents."

"'We are fairly certain that it is coming from the Possum Point station,' said Leha Anderson, spokeswoman for Dominion Virginia."

"'As soon as we identify which piece of equipment is causing it, we will do anything within reason to eliminate it,' Anderson said."

"The sound has been described to vary in its intensity--from a low hum to a revving jet engine--and in its duration--a couple of hours at a time for a day or so and then disappearing for days, weeks and even months."

"It was first heard during the summer of 2002 and was thought to be coming from a military installation in Indian Head, Maryland (population 3,422), just across the Potomac River from the power plant and the surrounding neighborhoods. Missile testing was being conducted there."

"When the Possum Point plant was being converted from coal to natural gas in May (2003), residents in the nearby Southbridge community wondered if the new gas turbine could be the source."

"Upon the return of the 'mysterious humming noise' in early December (2003), a couple of residents got in touch with power plant officials."

"The power plant determined that neither of the two new gas turbines was operating during the December nights that the residents heard the hum."

"And before they were able to do much more investigation, the mysterious hum disappeared again."

"When Possum Point officials planned to start up one of its generators last week, they contacted and met with two Southbridge residents at their homes to see if they could hear the noise."

"'The sound was there, but it was very faint,'"

Anderson said."

"Southbridge residents Paul Fucito and Jim Riley told the officials it was the same sound, but it had been louder at other times."

"'We could hear it, but it was at more of a background-noise level,' Riley said."

"The power plant officials took noise readings, which they determined were within legal compliance levels."

"'They were intrigued and interested,' Fucito said, 'We saw this as a positive thing.'"

"The men were asked to keep a log of the date, time, duration and description of the sound."

"Their first opportunity to do so came Sunday night," January 11, 2004.

"'It was loud enough that I had to wear my earplugs to bed at night,' Fucito said."

"'It was twice as loud as the night they came out and took the noise measurements,' Riley said."

"Southbridge is not the only eastern Prince William County (Virginia) community to be bothered by the hum."

"Nancy Figueroa lives in Powells Landing off Neabsco Road and near the Leesylvania State Park."

"She has been listening to it for months, as well. She described what she heard Sunday night as the constant sound of a freight train going by for two hours."

"The power plant sits along the Potomac (River) near the southern tip of the Cherry Hill peninsula. The Southbridge community is also built on the peninsula but is closer to U.S. Route 1. Powells Landing is located across Powells Creek from the peninsula." (See the Potomac News for January 14, 2004, "Possum Point says it may be the source of humming noise." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for forwarding this newspaper article.)

(Editor's Note: We've covered this unusual phenomenon in the past. For details, see UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 22 for May 28, 2002, "Mysterious hum heard in Kokomo, Indiana," page 5; and UFO Roundup, volume 7, number 31 for July 22, 2002, "Mysterious hum disturbs Victoria, British Columbia," page 11.)

From the UFO Files...

#### 1944: SECRETS OF THE ANTARCTIC REICH

If you had been a Wehrmacht soldier at the bombed-out railroad station in Poltava, a city in the Ukraine, during the summer of 1942, you would have seen a very strange-looking military unit on the march, heading for a waiting passenger train.

The unit consisted of women, all of them blond and blue-eyed, between the ages of 17 and 24, tall and slender, their sensational figures encased in striking sky-blue uniforms. Each woman wore an Italian-style garrison cap, an A-line skirt with the hem below the knee, and a form-fitting jacket with the insignia of the SS.

You might have thought the SS had recruited a platoon of high-class call girls. But the truth was far stranger than that. You would have been looking at Reichsfuhrer-SS Heinrich Himmler's latest brainstorm--the Antarctisches Seidlungensfrauen (ASF).

The story actually begins in 1938, when the German seaplane carrier Schwabenland sailed across the South Atlantic, bound for Queen Maud's Land in Antarctica. According to Russian ufologist Konstantin Ivanenko, "The Schwabenland sailed to Antarctica, commanded by Albert Richter, a veteran of cold-weather operations. The Richter expedition's scientists used their large Dornier seaplanes to explore the polar wastes, emulating Admiral Richard E. Byrd's efforts a decade earlier. The German scientists discovered ice-free lakes (heated by underground volcanic features--J.T.) and were able to land on them. It is widely believed that the Schwabenland's expedition was aimed at scouting out a secret base of operations."

A German base was established in the Muhlig-Hofmann Mountains, just inland from the Princess Astrid Coast. The area was renamed Neuschwabenland (German for New Swabia--J.T.) and "the base was known only as Station 211."

From the movie Schindler's List (available on DVD in March--J.T.), people have gotten the idea that killing Jews was the Nazis' main concern. But in actual fact, Hitler and the SS were just as ruthless with the rest of the population in their eastern European empire, thinking nothing of shuffling large numbers of people around in their quest for a more perfect Aryan race.

This shuffle was accomplished by a little-known office of the SS called the Rasse und Seidlungshauptamt (German for Race and Settlement Bureau--J.T.) or RuSHA. In the Ukraine alone, RuSHA drafted 500,000 women for forced labor in the munitions factories of Nazi Germany.

It was RuSHA which selected women for Himmler's unit of Antarctisches Seidlungsfrauen (German for Antarctic Settlement Women--J.T.) About half of the "recruits" were Volksdeutsch--ethnic Germans whose ancestors had settled in the Ukraine in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. The others were native Ukrainians whom RuSHA had "upgraded" to full Aryans. This process was called Eindeutschung (Translated: Germanization--J.T.).

According to Ivanenko, "There is increased popularity for the idea of a 'German-Slavonic Antarctic Reich.' It is said that 10,000 of the 'racially most pure' Ukrainians, out of half a million deported in 1942 by Martin Bormann, were transported to the German Antarctic bases during World War II, in the proportion of four Ukrainian women to one German man."

If true, this would mean that Himmler transferred 2,500 Waffen-SS soldiers, who had proven themselves in combat on the Russian front, to Station 211--now Neuschwabenland--in Antarctica. This may be the source of the myth of the "Last SS Battalion."

An ASF training camp was set up in Estonia, on a peninsula near Ristna on Hiiumaa Island in the Baltic Sea. It was a combination finishing school and boot camp, where the ladies took lessons in charm and housekeeping along with their courses in polar survival. Himmler kept the camp's existence a closely-guarded secret. For "unhappy campers," the only escape consisted of a one-way train ticket to Auschwitz.

(Editor's Note: There is one known instance of an ASF "deserter." In 1943, Auschwitz guard Irma Griese, 22, the off-and-on girl friend of Dr. Joseph Mengele, took to wearing a sky-blue ASF uniform, which she had scavenged from a pile of inmate clothing. Griese was hanged in 1946 for war crimes. The uniform's original owner must have had serious second thoughts about a permanent move to Antarctica.)

The failure of Grossadmiral Karl Doenitz's U-boat offensive by May 1943 freed up dozens of "milk cow" U-boats. These were large submarines, almost as big as tramp steamers, which Doenitz had used to supply his U-boat "wolf packs" in remote seas of the world. Himmler now put them to work carting supplies and personnel to Antarctica.

Himmler's rationale for sending thousands of settlers to Antarctica can only be understood within the context of his mystic beliefs. As a result of his youthful reading of New Age books, his association with the occultist Dr. Friedrich Wichtl, and his membership in the Artamen, Himmler became a believer in the Hindu concept of world-ages or yugas. He believed that the current age, or Kali Yuga, would end in a global cataclysm, thereby giving birth to a new world-age called the Satya Yuga.

By sending a Nazi colony to Antarctica, Himmler was ensuring that a remnant of the "pure Aryan race" would survive the coming cataclysm with its society and culture intact. They would then take possession of Antarctica when the cataclysm melted the south polar ice cap.

According to believers, the Neuschwabenland colony survived the end of World War II and Operation High Jump, a battle with Admiral Byrd's Antarctic task force in the summer of 1947.

Ivanenko writes, "The total population of Nazis in Antarctica now exceeds two million and that many of them have undergone plastic surgery in order to move about with greater ease through South America and conduct all manner of business transactions."

In 1969, author Michael X. Branton wrote a book "alleging that the Nazis had managed to build rudimentary flying saucers and transfer them to the Antarctic in

1944."

Ivanenko called the Antarctic Reich "one of the most militarily powerful states in the world because it can destroy the USA several times over with its submarine-based nuclear missiles, remaining itself invulnerable to U.S. nuclear strikes because of the two-mile-thick ice shield" overhead.

The city of Neuberlin, the colony's capital, sprawls through "narrow subglacial tunnels" under the mountain range, heated by volcanic vents and adjoining the prehistoric ruins of Kadath, which may have been built by settlers from the lost continent of Atlantis well over 100,000 years ago.

Most amazing of the stories about Neuberlin is the claim that, like Shambhala, the city has an Alien Quarter, where Pleiadians, Zeta Reticulans, Reptoids, Men In Black, Aldebarani and other visitors from the stars dwell.

Ivanenko reported that talk about the Antarctic Reich is "becoming more and more popular" in Russia, Poland, the Ukraine, Belarus and other countries in eastern Europe. He writes, "In the May 10, 2003 issue of the (newspaper) Frankfurter Allgemeine, Polish journalist A. Stagjuk criticized Poland's decision to send troops to Iraq" to assist with the Allied occupation. "At the end, he said, 'The next Polish government will sign a treaty with Antarctica and declare war on the USA.'"

Ivanenko added that Stagjuk's words were broadcast on the shortwave radio station Deutsche Welle the same week. "Some analysts compared this sentence to famous code phrases which started wars in the Twentieth Century, such as 'Over all of Spain, the sky is cloudless' in 1936, and 'Climb Mount Niitaka' in 1941."

(Editor's Note: "Climb Mount Niitaka" was the signal Admiral Yamamoto sent to Kido Butai, the Imperial Japanese Navy's fleet, to begin the attack on Pearl Harbor.)

It is strange to think of a large population living under the ice of Antarctica, totally divorced from the "mainstream" world. Then again, there are Jivaro indigenous people living on Lago de Yanayacu (lake), less than 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of Iquitos, Peru, who have never heard of Courtney Love.

So, is there a city under the ice inhabited by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the original SS settlers? Or is it just an urban legend stemming from the chaotic conditions that prevailed in Europe during World War II?

Some day we may know for certain. (See the books Himmmler by Peter Padfield, Henry Holt & Co., New York, N.Y., 1990, pages 37, 68, 85 and 90; Hitler's Flying Saucers by Henry Stevens, Adventures Unlimited Press, Kempton, Illinois, 2003; Hitler's Heirs by Paul Meskil, Pyramid Books, New York, N.Y., 1961, page 37; and Fate magazine for June 2002, "Vostok: Lake of the Shadows" by Scott Corrales. Many thanks to Konstantin Ivanenko for allowing UFO Roundup to quote from his online article of November 18, 2003.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next week.

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Roswell Puts '40s Theme Into UFO Festival

Published Tuesday, January 20, 2004

The Associated Press  
ROSWELL, N.M.

Visitors to this year's UFO Festival in this eastern New Mexico community will have a chance to step back in time - six decades, to be exact.

The annual event, celebrating the tale of a purported alien spacecraft crash-landing on a Roswell farm in 1947, will have a 1940s theme.

This year's festival is scheduled for July 1 to July 4 and the committee in charge of the event plans to "bring Roswell back to the 1940s," said David Baumann, the operator of Alien Encounter, the alien-themed haunted house on Roswell's main street.

The committee wants to get the whole town involved in the '40s theme. Plans call for employees at motels and restaurants to wear clothing from that era. Radio stations will be asked to play music from the '40s, and the committee is looking at the downtown historic district for a block to use as a model for a 1940s neighborhood.

This year's festival also will include presentations by Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar J. Mitchell and noted UFO researcher Stanton Friedman.

Organizers said they expect anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 people to attend the festival.

The event, Baumann said, will provide the city with an opportunity to promote itself as a tourist destination, as well as a good place to do business or retire.

"Roswell's got a lot to offer these people, not just aliens," Baumann said. "We've got a great city here for business, business development and retirement."

For information about Roswell, call (877) 849-7679 or visit:

[www.roswellnm.org](http://www.roswellnm.org).

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Clark

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>>Publishers publish  
>>all sorts of crap that they don't necessarily believe in (in  
>>case you haven't noticed), but in his case he appears to  
>>actually believe these wild tales.

>Yes, of course, because Birnes knows that Corso is a real  
>person, telling a factual story, about events that actually took  
>place. Birnes admits that he made some mistakes, but believing  
>Corso's story wasn't one of them.

For what it's worth:

A few months before Corso's novel was published, I happened to  
be in his publisher's - Simon and Schuster and affiliates' -  
office in Manhattan, talking business with some editors there.

In the course of conversation, one happened to mention that he  
was working with Col. Corso on his book. At that point I'd heard  
nothing but vague rumors about its content, so I asked the guy  
what he thought of it. He chuckled and rolled his eyes. I think  
it is safe to say that he didn't act as if he were working on  
the Story of the Millennium.

When I finally got a chance to read the book, I got the message.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: New \*U\* Database Maps Online - Hatch

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>>The maps for the 1960s do not remove wave months, but display  
>>North America and Europe instead. Romania shows lots of events,  
>>Germany scarcely any.

>><http://www.larryhatch.net/1960S.html>

>>Maps for the 1970s are for Europe and North America again. The  
>>missile-silo sightings of North Dakota (1960s) have shifted  
>>hundreds of miles West, well into Montana (1970s).

>>I hope you have time for a nice browse. Comments and suggestions  
>>are welcomed.

>>Best wishes

>>- Larry Hatch

>Larry,

>I am just wondering why your 1960s work gives 1965 as a wave,  
>when the real wave started in 1966 and reached a major peak in  
>1967 (at least in the U.S., but also notably in Australia,  
>England, and elsewhere).

>You will be receiving a copy of my new publication for the Fund  
>for UFO Research hopefully this spring, which is an in-depth  
>study and analysis of the humongous 1966-67 wave. (Some of it is  
>in The UFO Evidence, Volume II, which you may not have come to  
>yet.) The data for the 1966-67 wave are awesome, mind-boggling -  
>you will see.

Hi Dick!

I definitely have UFO Evidence II, a very welcome and valuable  
addition to my collection. I went through that carefully and  
made sure good cases went into the database, if not already  
there from your other work or other sources.

For yearly totals, you are right. Here are some  
yearly records counts for the mid 1960s.

1960-64: Slowish, 120-182 records each.

1965 395 records, 76/July + 105/August.

1966 466 74/March 77/April

1967 689 105/March 80/October

1968 541 85 in July alone.

1969 321 No month higher than 38

So you are right. Worldwide counts did build up after 1965, with 1967 the apparent peak.

Since I have pages up for the '1965 wave', I should probably widen those to cover 1965-1968. If nothing else this would populate the maps with many more good sightings.

Thanks for the heads up! That's exactly the sort of feedback I need. Late 1960s sightings built up in recent years in my data, and I hadn't restructured the web pages to match.

I look forward to any further data you may send, proper credits for each case listed as always.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 19:04:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 06:40:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:34:09 +0000  
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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 22:00:12 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 12:08:06 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 23:12:42 +0000  
>>>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

><snip>

>>>Have you read "The Day After Roswell"?

>>>Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're  
>>>supposed to have some evidence. Why not include a few examples  
>>>you find particularly worrissome as evidence that he lied about  
>>>the events he described.

>>>Yes he made some mistakes; don't we all? And there is also  
>>>absolutely no evidence that he was a fraud.

>>><snip>

>>>>I'm glad you will be addressing the also manifestly stupid anti-  
>>>>semitic minority active in the loosely-named "UFO field," but  
>>>>somehow I think Corso's whoppers, promoted and supported by  
>>>>Birnes,

>>>>So Birnes is a liar and fraud, too? And your evidence is?

>>>>are much more important and having a much more negative  
>>>>effect on the field than the sick rantings of a few extremists.

>>>>Corso hasn't had any "negative effect on the field" as far as I  
>>>>can see. Perhaps you could elaborate on this?

>>>>Corso, after all, did have some legitimate credentials,

>>>>That's right! All his credentials were legitimate.

>Not the way he stated them, they weren't.

>>>>book therefore tends to influence people who may not be  
>>>>as well-informed as they should be in evaluating his story.

>>>>First you need to read the book too evaluate his story and  
>>>>that's something very few on this list have done. So don't  
>>>>bother answering this post if you haven't.

>>>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>>>either senility or manipulation by others.

>Correction: You didn't snip my last paragraph; I overlooked  
>this. But you apparently didn't read, or comprehend, it.  
>Translation: It suggests the possibility that he may not be a  
>conscious liar.

Corso signed a sworn statement for Attorney Peter Gersten stating that he had been a member of the National Security Council. I contacted the Eisenhower Library and asked about this. They wrote back saying not only that he had never been a member, but that he had never attended an NSC meeting.

When Peter showed the letter to Corso and asked if he shouldn't eliminate that portion of the statement, Corso said "No.". In other words he lied. Acting as a liaison to the NSC is a far cry from being a member.

Yes I have read the book and met Corso and his son and his co-author.

There is a piece about Corso on my website at:

[www.stantonfriedman.com](http://www.stantonfriedman.com)

Stan Friedman

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## 30th Anniversary Berwyn UFO Landing

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Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 23:05:52 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 06:43:02 -0500  
Subject: 30th Anniversary Berwyn UFO Landing

Its the 30th Anniversary of the Berwyn Mountain UFO crash landing, and startling New evidence will be brought about by myself.

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## Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 19:27:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 06:45:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Friedman

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>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:33:18 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 15:50:32 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:58:52 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

><snip>

>>For some people the only nuclear physicists are those with PhD  
>>degrees who teach at a university. My job title for several jobs  
>>in industry was nuclear physicist. But you know the old line..  
>>those who can do.. those who can't, teach -)

>>In checking on McGaha I found his BS from Georgia Tech was in  
>>General Management.

>...Oh Gawd! A \*business\* major? ROFL!

>By the way Mr. Friedman, any word on whether a transcript or  
>recording of that debate will be available?

I received word that provisions have supposedly been made for  
taping the debate. I don't have full details yet. It is at 7PM,  
Wednesday, January 28, in the largest classroom in the  
Aerospace/Business building at Middle Tennessee State  
University, Murfreesboro, TN.

Stan Friedman

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## Police Officer Attacked By Flying Humanoid

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 18:34:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 07:34:17 -0500  
Subject: Police Officer Attacked By Flying Humanoid

Police Officer Attacked By Flying Humanoid In Monterrey, Mexico

Hello All,

The following is a partial translation of an article that was published Saturday, January 17, 2004 in the Mexican Newspapers, "El Norte" (The North) and "El Milenio." (The Millenium) Thank you Jaime Maussan for providing the pertinent news material, audio and video files.

\*A URL is provided below for any who may wish to access and study the originals. I post this news story to the List because of the similarities between the 'humanoid' that was sighted in this case and the reports of UFO abductees regarding the appearance of the 'abductors.'

Briefly, on Friday, January 16, 2004 a Monterrey (Mexico) a municiple police officer named, Leonardo Samaniego had a terrifying encounter with a flying 'humanoid' entity that was draped in black. You can see and hear the videotaped testimony of officer Samaniego at the URL provided below. The flying humanoid was also independently videotaped as it flew around in the sky over Monterrey. See single frame captures from the video at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/monterrey/>

The incident shocked and upset the officer so much that afterward he fainted on the spot.

For those of you who read Spanish, a JPEG of the article is also available at the URL above.

For those who cannot read/understand Spanish, following is a partial translation of the more pertinent parts of the officers testimony taken from the news article for El Norte written by, Luis Antonio Rivera.

Article appeared in El Norte on Saturday, January 17, 2004

"A municipal police officer testifies that he saw what looked like a 'woman in a black gown' descend from the trees as he was patrolling his beat in a squad car in 'la zona.' The descent was slow he said. As if it was floating."

"She was wearing a black gown (or robes) and had large, completely black eyes with no pupils."

"When this 'witch' started to make a move at me, I immediately contacted my fellow patrolmen by radio and I summoned assistance."

"The situation was intolerable and caused the officer to lose consciousness."

"I saw it walking toward me and I put the patrol car into reverse gear. I saw it start to tumble and fly. It impacted on the windshield of the car. As I continued to look at it, I

raised my hands and fainted.

"Police department coordinator, Jesus Garcia Krestsh stated that officer Samaniego will undergo a complete psychological examination along with testing for drugs in order to eliminate hallucinations as a cause for the incident."

In the videotaped news interview officer Samaniego describes the eyes and black gown as in the news article, but he adds the description of a "helmet" or "headpiece" it was wearing that curved downward to a point at the back of the creatures' head. You can view the video at the URL provided.

As a personal note, part of my interest in this story has to do with something that happened to me many years ago in Manhattan. In broad daylight. Up until a few years ago, the only one I had ever told of the incident (besides my wife who I told the second I arrived back home) was during Budd Hopkins investigation of my own case.

Long story short... I once saw a much 'larger' version of the humanoid creature described here walking the streets of Manhattan. For many years I considered that I had had a \_major\_ league hallucination. That is until I first got corroboration from Linda Moulton Howe via a case she was investigating in the UK, again later from another abductee, and now again from officer Samnaiego from Monterrey, Mexico.

Interesting, fascinating stuff. Budd Hopkins may be close to the truth with his speculations about 'aliens and invisibility.' These 'things' may be walking our streets unseen, except by a few under extraordinary circumstances. It's a sure thing that the creatures can rely on people who do see them keeping their mouths shut about it. If not for finding Budd, I never would have told \_anybody\_ about it.

Amazing report. Thanks again Jaime. I'll talk to EBK about doing a program segment on SDI about it. Please keep me informed about any developments in the case.

Regards to all,

John Velez  
Webmaster  
Abduction Information Center

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## Re: Project NERVA - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 18:59:56 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 07:46:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Balaskas

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@earthlink.net](mailto:DRudiak@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 14:41:12 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

<snip>

>No surprise, since his list of "scientific" arguments proving  
>UFOs impossible were all scientific nonsense.

>McGaha, e.g., claimed that a VW size object accelerated to  
>1/10th light speed would take more energy than generated by  
>humanity in all history.

<snip>

Hi David!

Fellow space enthusiasts, and science fiction fans too, know that for as far back as half a century ago we could build spacecraft that could achieve velocities of 1/10th the speed of light or faster. Not only that, but these spacecraft did not even require engines or carry fuel! What I am talking about are "solarsail" spacecraft that would deploy huge sails made of reflective material such as mylar and use the "free energy" light from the Sun to accelerate the spacecraft. The outer planets of our solar system could be reached in days and travel to the nearest stars would be possible well within a human life span.

Of course, there are other faster and more exotic propulsion systems that have been proposed (including many detailed published technical studies) in the past which can now easily be built with our present technology that pose no threat to the environment or risk bankrupting us.

Always be very cautious of absolute pronouncements made by skeptics and self perceived experts such as McGaha. It is good intentioned people like McGaha who, in their desire to enlighten the ignorant masses, have actually hindered the advancement of human knowledge and our quest for the truth.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: CI: A Very Weird Rock - Stanford

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Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 20:00:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 07:48:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: CI: A Very Weird Rock - Stanford

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 21:46:58 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: CI: A Very Weird Rock

>Cydonian Imperative  
>1-20-04

>A Very Weird Rock  
>by Mac Tonnies

>See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 45)

>[image]

>Close-up of the "Rectangle Rock," featuring  
>rectangular opening and unusual "varnish" on top.

>Possibly the most intriguing of the various rocks photographed  
>thus far by the Spirit rover is a roughly columnar chunk with a  
>clearly defined rectangular opening.

<snip>

Hello Mac and any others interested,

The glossy black 'crust' on this rock (with its broken-off part just to the right) contrasts with the common native Mars rocks, suggesting the serious possibility that this rock may be a meteorite of the high-calcium achondritic type. The fresh-looking break reveals a very light tan color (See color version, above the B & W versions.) with none of the glossy black possible fusion crust (which would have been caused by atmospheric friction) seen on the hypothetically ablated surfaces (including the black outer surfaces which seems to not have the bright reflections only because light is not striking it at the right angle relative to the camera). The fresh (unablated) breaks (revealing the light-colored interior) might be due to the meteorite having struck that smaller, gray (and more 'normal'-looking for a Mars rock) rock upon which the main mass seems to rest and which Bryan Butcher (in the image on Mac Tonnies' site) has removed in that last and manipulated image showing two pieces of the 'rectangle rock' surgically rejoined.

First, please note that the vertical, 'fresh-break-looking' surface, with its surprisingly rectangular opening, looks highly vesiculated (appears as though it has many small to tiny bubble cavities). So, one might wonder whether there is an achondritic meteorite that is the same light tan color, has abundant small vesicles and a glossy black fusion crust? The answer is a definite "Yes!". The meteorite that has a black and glossy (due to the high-calcium content) fusion crust and has the right texture due to an abundance of tiny vesicles is the meteorite Ibitira. Its total known weight is listed as 2.6 kilograms. It fell at Ibitira in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, on June 30, 1957, and is a strongly recrystallized, unbrecciated, calcium-rich, monomict, vesicular, non-cumulate eucrite.

For a photo (Please note the abundant vesicles.) of a piece of

this (Ibitira) meteorite sliced to compare with the fresh, vertical surface (with its rectangular opening) of the rock under discussion, click on:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/6717/IBITIRA.HTM>

For an explanation of eucrites in general (including Ibitira), click on the link below to the Arthur Ross Hall of Meteorites at the American Museum of Natural History (N.Y.):

<http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/permanent/meteorites/planets/vesita.php>

In the very first photo, there, you will see the very same type fusion-crust surface we seem to be seeing on the Mars rock under discussion. (If one scrolls far down into that AMNH web page, one can see a microscopic photo of Ibitira with colors that one does not see with the unaided eye, and which are due to use of specially polarized light via a petrographic microscope for purpose of mineralogical analysis.)

But, how might one explain the rectangular hole? One might evoke a Marvin the Martian Mouse who happens to like to excavate rectangular passages to his abode :o). Yet, here is an interesting fact about the Ibitira meteorite: In some parts of it, and as easily visible in the 6.3 centimeters-across slice of Ibitira in my personal collection, long lines (seemingly cross-sectional views of planes of vesicles, as suggested by examination of BOTH sides of the slice) of very close-together vesicles (the lines of vesicles are only cross-sections of planes of such vesicles) are amazingly located in such way as to criss-cross one another, sometimes, at almost perfect 90-degree angles! Just what process caused this patterned array of vesicles has not, to my knowledge, been determined.

Well, now, let's suppose that on striking the surface of Mars (and the gray rock on which the rectangle rock came to rest), the shock of impact was sufficient to fracture the tiny walls between the vesicles in some of the very planar arrays of such, including four such planes of vesicles separated from each other in such way as to define the rectangular cavity we see in the photos.

Immediately after that moment of fracture of the thin rock separations along the four planes of vesicles, kinetic energy of impact also breaks off whatever mass was on the left end of the 'rectangle rock', transferring momentum to launch it away from the rock we are discussing, but (this is important) taking with it a loosened-along-the-planes-of-vesicles 'plug' that had filled the rectangular pattern bounded by the intersecting planes of vesicles. Voila! The 'rectangular rock', with everything in its appearance accounted for!

Ibitira and other eucrites are thought (due to reflection-absorption spectra) to have been knocked off the large asteroid 4 Vesta. So, we may be looking on the surface of Mars at a meteorite that is a vestige of Vesta with a resulting rectangular 'mouse hole'.

Now, maybe the ball's in JPL's court. What is their 'return' on my hypothetical explanation of the rock with the rectangular hole? I am forwarding a copy of this (with slight differences) to a meteorite expert at JPL with a message, if he chooses to relay it, saying, "Hey, JPL, how about getting that rover back over and having its RAT (Rock Abrasion Tool) gnaw into this postulated eucritic, 'Ibitiraoid' meteorite, to maybe discover your first meteorite on Mars? I think it's worth a 'gnaw', and that my hypothesis might explain the rectangular 'mouse hole'."

Oh well, at least my hypothesis may be more credible than a Martian mouse that excavates rectangular burrows. :)

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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>>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 13:58:51 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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<snip>

>>>>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>>>>either senility or manipulation by others.

>>Correction: You didn't snip my last paragraph; I overlooked  
>>this. But you apparently didn't read, or comprehend, it.  
>>Translation: It suggests the possibility that he may not be a  
>>conscious liar.

>In 1997 during the Roswell 50th anniversary celebration I had  
>an opportunity to meet with, and speak to, Col. Corso. Budd  
>Hopkins and I were enjoying breakfast in the hotel dining room  
>when Col. Corso walked in and sat down (alone) in one of the  
>adjacent booths. That is how I got to meet him.

>Although the comment that follows is subjective, it does come  
>from someone who has spent a little time in the company of Mr.  
>Corso. Assign any weight to it that you wish.

>Corso's eyes were clear, he looked directly at you when he  
>spoke. His mind was sharp, he was very alert, and made noises  
>like a very intelligent and experienced person. In the short  
>time I spent in his company, I did not detect any signs or  
>symptoms of 'deficiency' (mental or otherwise) of any kind. Let  
>me qualify that... he was -physically- a bit weak but it was due  
>to his advanced age and delicate medical condition. Col. Corso  
>had some serious heart related problems. Mentally, he seemed fit  
>as a fiddle.

John, Richard, EBK, List,

Numerous interviewers have come to these same conclusions. I  
don't think you'll find anyone who met Corso who thought he was  
senile or evasive. He answered all questions directly. That's  
the way he was on the Art Bell show, very direct and to the  
point. The Voice Stress Analysis gave absolutely no indication  
that he was trying to be deceptive. We could hire another VSA if  
you don't trust the one I commissioned.

>>Dick sounds like he's bending over backwards to give Corso the  
>>full benefit of the doubt by leaving room for senility or some  
>>other factor which may account for the inconsistencies in the  
>>book. I just wanted to say that if Corso was "senile" when he  
>>wrote the book, he certainly didn't display any symptoms or show  
>>any signs of it when I met him.

Nor to anyone else as far as I know.

>What does Birnes have to say about the 'distortions of fact'  
>that appear in Corso's book. If he has already done so, please  
>point me to the location of the material, but Corso's co-author,  
>William Birnes really should be involved in any dialog about the  
>accuracy or truth of some of the material contained therein.

Which distortions of fact? I think the main focus in discussions  
of Corso and his reminiscences should be "Is he trying to tell  
the truth"?

Why not treat everything he says as the recollections of an  
eighty year-old man and not get so uptight about a few mistakes?  
And of course Corso knew that he had made some glaring errors.

His son told me that he carried a notebook filled with  
corrections that were never to be.

As it stands, the story still comes through loud and clear:  
Corso seeded and fertilized the Roswell debris in the fields of  
the military industrial complex, that very same complex that Ike  
warned us all about.

>Because Corso is now deceased, Birnes needs to be much more  
>forthcoming in his responses to any questions about the content  
>of the book. Especially now that the veracity of the material in  
>the book has been called into question so often and repeatedly.  
>Seems like Corso and 'The Day After Roswell' comes up as a topic  
>of discussion once every three months or so. Like the Alien  
>Autopsy, this is one I'd like to see resolved just so it doesn't  
>keep turning up -like a bad penny.

Any honest discussion of Corso and his book is worthwhile. More  
folks should read "The Day After Roswell". I think it's still  
selling well.

>Ed, as much as I respect your noble defense of Col. Corso he did  
>tell some whoppers in the book. He made many claims that are not  
>>true and have simply not held up under scrutiny. Unless those  
>discrepancies can be resolved/explained, a great many thoughtful  
>individuals will continue to dismiss the entire content of the  
>book as so much hokum.

Please be more specific and I'll share what I've learned and  
other "thoughtful individuals" can participate and we can see  
where the discussion goes.

>There is a lot of important history there that needs to be  
>sorted, clarified and hopefully salvaged. I for one would love  
>to see the distortions resolved in a way that leaves us, the  
>'Great Unwashed' with a more accurate picture of the history  
>involved.

I agree.

Ed

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## UFO At The OLF?

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January 20, 2004

UFO at the OLF?

By  
Bill Sandifer  
Staff Writer

For those fatigued with fretting over fighters, there was a quiet airshow of sorts over the region Friday and again on Monday night.

"I called my wife, Kathy, and told her we got a show goin' on," said Clarence Everett, who lives near Bath.

Everett was outside about 7 p.m. Friday when he said he looked east and "saw this star blinkin.' It looked different (than a star), and, all of a sudden, it moved. I said, 'That's no star.'"

Everett kept watching, noting the flickering had stopped.

"It was a solid, white light," he explained.

The light began a series of abrupt and erratic motions, said Everett.

What really grabbed his attention, though, was something much lower in the sky.

"Two red balls come above a tree line," said Everett, adding they appeared to be much larger than the white lights.

The white lights, he noted, appeared about the size of an average star, but not the red ones, which appeared to him to be "the size of a house."

With a growing light show, Everett knocked on his brother-in-law's door.

"I didn't wanta watch this show by myself," he said.

Everett, who has done a bit of flying and sky-diving, is familiar with things airborne, including the behavior of air currents at different levels in the atmosphere.

By the time his brother-in-law joined him, Everett said, with three white lights in the sky, he saw "another red one come up."

"Only momentarily would they be red, and then they went white," said Everett, who was growing increasingly curious.

By about 9 o'clock, estimates Everett, there were quite a few lights moving around with more red ones joining.

"All of a sudden, right east of us, two red lights come on," he said. "They were right on the ground."

Those, he said, behaved differently, "sparkin' like a fuse. They just come red and went out."

The two men, in an effort to explain away what they were seeing, tried to make a weather balloon fit the mold.

Everett said he abandoned that notion when another red light appeared just above tree level.

"This thing was big as a house," he noted. "Wasn't no party balloon; that's for sure."

By this time, Everett said there were a total of 12 lights contained in four groups of three, creating a triangle.

His wife stayed and watched with him until 12:30 a.m., said Everett. He told her, "'I'm gonna stay and see this show,' and I sat there until 2:30."

The erratic motions diminished, he said, and the triangles, by now about the brightness of a "dim, white star," began to go their separate ways.

That helped confirm that they weren't drifting balloons, said Everett, who knew that such balloons would tend to float in the same direction, discounting drastic wind shifts aloft.

Three of the groups moved slowly away from each other, roughly along compass points that configured a T, said Everett.

The last light of the evening was an "intense white light" that was constant, accompanied by one red and one blue light that turned on and off. "I never did hear any sound; that's what drew my attention to it."

It took a few minutes for it to dawn on the reporter - who has flown all kinds of aircraft - that, on Saturday night, he had seen something matching Everett's last description.

A very bright white light, appearing about the altitude of a tall television tower appeared on a drive from Washington to Raleigh on U.S. Highway 264 near Greenville. It, too, appeared to be stationary.

Curiosity finally required a stop on the shoulder at which point the lights were close enough to determine that the object was moving at about the speed of an ultralight aircraft which appears, from a distance, to be stationary.

However, the characteristic whine of an ultralight engine was absent - and the lights didn't match any configuration that's legal to fly at night. The bright light was at the front, and the much dimmer, blinking red and blue lights were just behind the white light.

A call to Lockwood Aviation in Florida, a supplier of ultralight parts and supplies, confirmed that legal ultralight aircraft lights don't match that pattern.

"A legal ultralight can't fly at night," added Jeff Hudson, a part-owner of the company.

Hudson also instructs in ultralight aircraft and said it was possible that an ultralight could be fitted with lights that match the pattern Everett described. But the craft couldn't be flown legally at night. The absence of engine noise also puzzled Hudson.

His best guess was an aircraft - an "Aircam" used for aerial photography and equipped with a powerful forward spotlight -- under development in Virginia by a former Navy pilot, conceivably could be quiet enough to remain unheard at a distance. However, that aircraft, he explained, still is required to display the traditional unblinking red light on the left wing and green light on the right wing, as well as a white light on the tail.

Lt. Justin Colvin, a Marine spokesman at Marine Corps Air

Station Cherry Point, said the Marines have rescue helicopters equipped with very bright spotlights that would display a bright white light from a distance.

However, those helicopters have twin rotors that can be heard from quite a distance.

He said the Marines also have an unusual aircraft - an unpowered small plane designated Unmanned Aerial Vehicle - capable of relatively low airspeeds, that is used for aerial reconnaissance. The UAV, however, "sounds like a flying lawn mower," said Colvin, adding the drones are not flown as far north as Washington or Greenville.

Colvin had no explanation for what was seen, adding nothing else in the Marines' inventory matches the description.

"We don't test any experimental aircraft at Cherry Point," explained Colvin.

The closest air station that does is in Maryland, said Colvin.

On June 14, another Daily News' reporter saw what he described as two "orangeish white lights on the horizon" on a drive back from Williamston to Washington. The lights, he added, were horizontally aligned, moved slowly and were observed for about eight minutes.

Reached at home Tuesday evening, Kathy Currier, Everett's wife, said she was "skeptical" of such things but still has no explanation for what she saw.

Asked if her husband - who was not home during the conversation - is prone to flights of fancy, she said, "No," describing him as "level-headed."

Regarding the phone call summoning her to the show, Currier confirmed her husband's description of the spectacle.

"It was doing what he said it was," she noted.

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

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>>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

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>I think it is totally inappropriate to mix Orson Welles with  
>SETI. Martians landing in New Jersey destroying what they see  
>and therefore presenting a real threat to the rest of the people  
>on the planet, is a very very different scenario and almost  
>justifies panic (What can we do against an interplanetary bad guy  
>whose technology is well beyond ours? Doomsday is here) and  
>picking up a radio signal from somebody light years away.

Stan,

I agree that "War Of The Worlds" hasn't got a lot to do with SETI but it was mentioned and we have to acknowledge that that broadcast is one of the principle excuses why, at least from '47 and onwards for perhaps the next 25 to 30 years, we haven't been given the truth, such as it is. Of course there's a massive difference between an aggressive Martian landing on the eastern seaboard and a signal received on a SETI 'scope, but it was the only point of reference that the authorities had as to how the public might react, however incompatible the two scenarios were.

>Remember that the SETI guys all insist not only is nobody coming  
>here, but nobody can come here. Therefore, except for the SETI  
>Industry where is the big deal? Religious groups will certainly  
>proclaim about how their creeds allow for aliens out there (Many  
>do). Sort of like the difference between an announcement about  
>a new tribe of cannibals found in New Guinea and a serial killer  
>in the neighborhood.

>On the other hand more than a half century of UFO landings,  
>radar visual sightings, abductions, destruction of chasing  
>aircraft ( I have heard a number of such accounts) is, of  
>course, of great interest to the NSA, CIA, DIA, ONI, NRO, MJ-12  
>etc.).The SETI Specialists carry essentially no weight and help  
>the agencies do their thing in secret without the press  
>bothering hardly at all except to Glorify SETI.. the Silly  
>Effort To Investigate. What talk show has had an NSA spokesman  
>to explain why 156 pages of UFO reports have been 98%  
>censored?Or a CIA spokesman explain why they are still  
>witholding in their entirety a number of CIA UFO Documents?

I don't believe for one moment Stan that you need me to roll out the following, but here goes.

You could lay before us, hundreds of cases about which there would be very little debate amongst most of us about their credibility or strength. Even just taking an extremely conservative approach to any of these cases you might profer, the very least that could be said about them would be that something very strange occurred. You'd be preaching to the choir. Yet the world takes no notice and we are left to wonder why. We are in Hansen country.

Yet the moment SETI make an announcement, the world will believe. They'll believe more when they see Seth Shostak on TV at the White House being congratulated by the President. It may not be fair or right but that's the way it will be. However inappropriate you may think their work is, they carry more weight than all of us collectively, plus some.

Stuart Miller

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## Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

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Subject: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

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[http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726\\_IUR.htm](http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_IUR.htm)

In many ways this case remains very strange and the reaction of the military was apparently not consistent with the reaction that is being exhibited normally during our high alert status. This is, of course, up to interpretation by the individual looking at the case, but it remains very interesting.

Steve

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## Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted -

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>the military was apparently not consistent with the reaction  
>that is being exhibited normally during our high alert status.  
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>looking at the case, but it remains very interesting.

Hello, all.

Hmm. something very interesting here. I wonder if there isn't  
Gun Camera footage Showing Little Grey Butts in the Portholes of  
whatever they tried to intercept.<G>

GT McCoy

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## Mysterious Object Videod Over Kansas City

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Subject: Mysterious Object Videod Over Kansas City

Source: KTVU-TV 2 - Oakland California

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/2780356/detail.html>

January 21, 2004

Mysterious Object Caught On Video Over Kansas City Sky

NORAD Says It Did Not Track Object

KANSAS CITY, Mo. --A security camera from a downtown energy corporation captured a bizarre sight in the eastern sky over Kansas City last week.

The video shows an object that appears to be slowly falling in the sky around 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 14.

Bob Lindsay, a security worker at Trigen Energy Plant, spotted the object on security monitors and asked a co-worker to zoom in on the mysterious image.

"It had the appearance of more of a really light yellow -- wasn't quite white, wasn't quite yellow," Lindsay said.

Lindsay believes he saw a long vessel, like a missile or rocket aircraft with flames shooting over the nose and up its sides. The staff at Trigen has come up with several theories about the nature of the strange image.

"We got UFOs, we got experimental airplanes -- a jumbo jet maybe? There's a lot of guesses going around," Lindsay said.

Kansas City TV station KMBC-TV showed the tape to astronomer Tom Armstrong, who has worked extensively with NASA.

Armstrong guessed the object could be man-made space debris, but it's more likely just a meteor skimming across the atmosphere.

"If you've watched a meteor shower and you put this at night against a star background, you'd probably think meteor," Armstrong said.

He added that meteors often give off what looks like a long tale.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, known as NORAD, said it was not tracking any man-made space junk reentering the atmosphere on Jan. 14.

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### Argentina: Part Of A Satellite Falls In Corrientes

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Subject: Argentina: Part Of A Satellite Falls In Corrientes

SOURCE: Clarin (newspaper)  
DATE: 01.19.04

OBJECT THAT FELL IN CORRIENTES WAS PART OF A SATELLITE

Or so can be gathered from initial observations. Air Force experts visited the site to investigate. The metallic artifact, measuring 3.60 meters long, fell to the ground enveloped in flames.

<http://www.clarin.com/diario/hoy/um/m-695336.htm>

It is believed that yet to be identified object that fell last night in a rural region of San Roque, Corrientes province, broke off from a satellite. These are the first observations made by specialists who reached the area, according to fire chief Adolfo Soler.

The artifact is spark-plug shaped, weighs some 30 kgs and is made up of a metallic material. It plowed across the sky and was sheathed in a fireball, causing concern among local residents.

It impacted against a field with no surrounding houses and caused two powerful explosions as it hit the ground, leaving a hole measuring several centimeters deep and burned grass around it, according to provincial secretary of state Jorge Barrionuevo.

"It could be a fuel tank from a rocket, to judge by its shape and characteristics, but that will be determined by Air Force experts," said the secretary. The object, shaped like a large spark-plug and measuring 3.60 meters by 1.60, has a 70 cm. opening and was totally burned, according to eyewitness accounts collected in the area. According to Barrionuevo, the object had a strong odor of fuel and has the inscription "Made in Italia" along its sides with registration number 06037-501 (F), being made of very light steel plate, since it doesn't weigh more than 40 kilograms."

The minister said that the object was retrieved from the crash site and placed under the custody of security forces until it has been identified by specialists from the Ministerio de Seguridad de la Naci=F3n (Ministry of National Security) or the Argentinean air force.

The collision occurred yesterday morning in a rural sector of the "El Rosado" district, some 15 kilometers from San Roque in a field belonging to the Bolo family. The authorities were notified after 18:00 hours which, led to the intervention of the volunteer fire brigade. The San Roque fire chief--Soler--explained that they learned of what had happened at 19:00 hours, but the object was already hours old and many locals had already touched it and approached to see what it was.

"From the moment we took control of the site, we safeguarded it until we [lifted the object] to take it to a secure location, where it shall be under custody until specialists arrive from Buenos Aires," said Soler.

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## Mystery Of McChord Air Force Base?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:25:45 -0500  
Subject: Mystery Of McChord Air Force Base?

The C-118 transport aircraft of the USAF's 1705th Air Transport Wing, shot down by UFOs?

This investigation has been going since the 1st April 1959, where whatever conclusions the US Air Force reached, it kept quiet about them, and did its best to lay a smoke screen over the incident. In May of that year, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, published a report which caused a few red faces at the USAF's Information Bureau.

So, I have been asked to reopen the case, (of which I cannot divulge my sources), and would very much like to know why, if the USAF knew that the aircraft had been struck on its belly, as though something had swatted it out of the sky with enormous force, and of which there is no rational explanation for the silver discs that seemed to be harrying the C-118 to its destruction.

Why shouldn't the truth be told, and made public due to the fact, that surely the relatives of the crew have the right to know, whether they were asked on their routine mission to test a new device, if so why all the secrecy?

there were quite a few eyewitnesses and several explosions could be heard in the area, one has to ask why was this not followed up properly?

Please could you help me find the initial report or even the published report from the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, as this would be of great help to my investigation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Rosa Manson

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## Pravda: UFO - The True Story

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Subject: Pravda: UFO - The True Story

Source: Pravda

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/379/11850\\_ufo.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/379/11850_ufo.html)

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UFO - The True Story

Our ever-changing epoch tends to reveal even the most hush-hush data including military secrets.

Recently, I have come across an interesting article published in this year's first issue of Russian newspaper "Arguments and Facts" ("AIF"). It was entitled "UFOs really do exist". Well, our ever-changing epoch tends to reveal even the most hush-hush data including military secrets. This will be the main subject of this article.

Terrestrial origin of the Extraterrestrial Machines

The article entitled "UFOs really do exist" informed of a new collaborative process between the Russian company "EKIP" and the American Research Navy Center to create a unique flying apparatus. The article also contained an interesting photograph of a functioning prototype.

Well, this is great news indeed. Interestingly, but on February 6th, 1992 Head of a special Government's Committee had stated that he could demonstrate "Russian UFO". True. A disc-like apparatus "EKIP" was able to take off and remain in the air for a while. However, back then, explanations that were given to the general public regarding the actual principle of the flying machine appeared to be quite vague. It was noted that a special "air cushion" could have indeed occurred as a result of a pair of turbo-reactive engines. However, the engines could not have allowed for an absolutely vertical take off.

Afterwards, Yeltsin offered the French to "participate in the production process of the machine." Today, after 12 years, the Russian creation is going to the mass production. The operation is being sponsored by American government. In addition, the article also mentions a similar Chinese-Russian project.

As a result, such "UFOs of earthly origin" could in fact outshine those mysterious aliens in their unidentified flying objects. However, would it possible to assume that the entire science of ufology is nothing but a mere secretive component of the real story of flying objects? Of the ones that are currently being "created anew" by Russians and sold to Americans?

UFO above Krasnoyarsk

In December of 1989, Russian town of Krasnoyarsk was overflowing with rumors. People claimed that strange flying objects had been cruising the sky at night, while the local police unit had been observing them messing with electrical posts. Events of that night were later described in tedious details in one of the books entitled "UFO above Krasnoyarsk". However, this was the first and the last time that such objects appeared in the

region. Soon afterwards however, a considerable number of local human-mediums began establishing contacts with the cosmos and receiving messages from above. Many refused to believe their gibberish. But what other choice did they have? Everyone really did witness those flying objects patrolling the night's sky. Where did they come from?

In 1995 I have published an article entitled in one of the Krasnoyarsk newspapers entitled "Lie of the century. UFOs are created in Pentagon". Afterwards, several more articles and TV programs followed, all attempting to reveal the mystery behind such phenomenon. That is why it makes me happy to see that the fog around "UFOs" slowly starts to clear. I guess many will agree that genuine truth, no matter how ugly it may be, is better than a pretty lie.

#### A tale of an umbrella-airplane

Often, TV documentaries about the history of aviation include some fragments of old newsreels where one can clearly observe rather strange objects among numerous ancient old models of airplanes. The object resembles a typical umbrella with a motor and a pilot. This "umbrella-plane" had been tested in 1911 in the US by a scientist Chance Wood.

The umbrella-airplane from the newsreel surely looks quite funny. But do you really think that a practical American will spend his money on creating a flying apparatus for pure fun? Of course, not. The flying principle resembles that of traditional airplanes. However, back in 1911, there were no technologies allowing the use of the flying principle to the fullest extent.

Afterwards, Chance Wood became the head of a major airplane manufacturing company. Some of his airplanes were oval. However those UFOs that appeared in the States at the end of 40s of the XX century had little in common with traditional airplanes. They resembled giant phone amplifiers. They even had a similar way of working: a thin metal membrane under the influence of a series of electrical magnets began vibrating with an ultrasound frequency. As a result, the airplane was able to take off while being supported by a columnar ring-shaped vortex caused by vibrayion.

Shocking!-this is how we like it

Someone named D.P in his electronic message to me has written the following, "What a magnificent spectacle - a conical column of bright light with a real snow storm inside and a brightly lit flying apparatus which tops the structure." Let me explain. A UFO possesses a brightly lit vortex activator which is being ionized. Afterwards, it starts to vibrate. Moisture from the prevailing gas environment within the vortex starts to freeze. In the end it results in the creation of myriad of snowflakes and forms "a mysterious light beam. Whenever the apparatus starts to move, that columnar vortex twists and turns while snaking behind the machine (this particular "twisting of the beam of light" has caused numerous ufologists to believe in myths and legends of anti-gravitation).

My friend engineer D.P. mentioned earlier has worked at one military facility located in Kazakhstan. Nowadays, he lives abroad. That is why he informs me of all the details regarding the actual structure of those UFOs via e-mail. As you have probably already realized it, Russian military specialists did not require much time to reveal the mystery behind American UFOs and create their own.

Americans were obviously furious with such impudence from Russians. No one could possibly decipher UFO technology! So later, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" magazine has published the following, "Russians tested their electric-pulse anti-freezer without success." Russians in turn, published a rebuttal in a magazine entitled "Modern generation technology" (#5, 1985). The article contained a detailed scheme of the device followed by additional comments.

KGB reveals the truth

In February of last year, an article appeared in one of the newspapers entitled "KGB revealed UFO mysteries." The popular newspaper has made public the content of the so-called "Blue



Folder", which KGB of the USSR had once forwarded to Russian ufologists. However, despite the promising title, no secrets had been revealed. It simply included several facts about specific locations where such unidentified flying objects were spotted by Russian military radars.

In the end of July, First Russian TV channel aired a documentary "America"s Top Secret territory." Its authors rather obviously hinted at the fact that such unidentified objects were produced by American secret facilities. Numerous publications regarding UFO have followed.

Nevertheless, I assume that Russian engineers who designed "EKIP" have actually introduced a truly unique technical solution where the vortex creates the main lifting power and equal distribution of powerful currents from the turbo-jet engine creates a horizontal draught, thus helping to stabilize the flight. American engines stabilize their flights by means of the same process which happens on the circumference of the apparatus (those are huge brightly lit "illuminators" surrounding the "UFO").

No more UFOs

Basically, there no longer remains a mystery behind UFOs. Ufologists often accuse me of disregarding the unidentified phenomenon. Undoubtedly, there still remain a whole lot of mysterious and unexplained wonders around us. However, we do not consider an ordinary TV set to possess some magical qualities and represent "a magic crystal". So why should we believe in aliens and in a rather terrestrial origin of UFOs if their technology is well-known and far from fantastic?

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Warren

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:11:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Warren

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>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 12:54:22 -0000  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

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>>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:05:36 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

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>>I think it is totally inappropriate to mix Orson Welles with  
>>SETI. Martians landing in New Jersey destroying what they see  
>>and therefore presenting a real threat to the rest of the people  
>>on the planet, is a very very different scenario and almost  
>>justifies panic (What can we do against an interplanetary bad guy  
>>whose technology is well beyond ours? Doomsday is here) and  
>>picking up a radio signal from somebody light years away.

>I agree that "War Of The Worlds" hasn't got a lot to do with  
>SETI but it was mentioned and we have to acknowledge that that  
>broadcast is one of the principle excuses why, at least from '47  
>and onwards for perhaps the next 25 to 30 years, we haven't been  
>given the truth, such as it is. Of course there's a massive  
>difference between an aggressive Martian landing on the eastern  
>seaboard and a signal received on a SETI 'scope, but it was the  
>only point of reference that the authorities had as to how the  
>public might react, however incompatible the two scenarios were.

>>Remember that the SETI guys all insist not only is nobody coming  
>>here, but nobody can come here. Therefore, except for the SETI  
>>Industry where is the big deal? Religious groups will certainly  
>>proclaim about how their creeds allow for aliens out there (Many  
>>do). Sort of like the difference between an announcement about  
>>a new tribe of cannibals found in New Guinea and a serial killer  
>>in the neighborhood.

>>On the other hand more than a half century of UFO landings,  
>>radar visual sightings, abductions, destruction of chasing  
>>aircraft ( I have heard a number of such accounts) is, of  
>>course, of great interest to the NSA, CIA, DIA, ONI, NRO, MJ-12  
>>etc.).The SETI Specialists carry essentially no weight and help  
>>the agencies do their thing in secret without the press  
>>bothering hardly at all except to Glorify SETI.. the Silly  
>>Effort To Investigate. What talk show has had an NSA spokesman  
>>to explain why 156 pages of UFO reports have been 98%  
>>censored?Or a CIA spokesman explain why they are still  
>>witholding in their entirety a number of CIA UFO Documents?

>I don't believe for one moment Stan that you need me to roll out  
>the following, but here goes.

>You could lay before us, hundreds of cases about which there  
>would be very little debate amongst most of us about their  
>credibility or strength. Even just taking an extremely  
>conservative approach to any of these cases you might profer,  
>the very least that could be said about them would be that  
>something very strange occurred. You'd be preaching to the

>choir. Yet the world takes no notice and we are left to wonder  
>why. We are in Hansen country.

>Yet the moment SETI make an announcement, the world will  
>believe. They'll believe more when they see Seth Shostak on TV  
>at the White House being congratulated by the President. It may  
>not be fair or right but that's the way it will be. However  
>inappropriate you may think their work is, they carry more  
>weight than all of us collectively, plus some.

>Stuart Miller

Stuart,

What would the world believe if SETI announced that near one of  
their observatories they witnessed a "disc-shaped" UFO; that it  
was seen to land, small humanoid beings emerged, walked around  
for a few minutes, re-entered the craft and took off; further,  
that the craft exhibited extraordinary flying characteristics,  
e.g., right angle turns at extremely high speeds, and finally  
seemed to change shapes (morph) before leaving eyeshot?

Frank Warren

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Secrecy News -- 01/21/04

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SECRECY NEWS  
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JASON PANEL REPORT ON DETECTING BIOWEAPONS

How should the nation structure its defenses to detect the release of lethal biological agents in an act of bioterrorism?

"It is not realistic to undertake a nationwide, blanket deployment of biosensors," according to a study performed for the government last year by the JASON scientific advisory group.

Fortunately, however, "the most important component of an effective biodetection architecture" is already in place: that is, the American public.

The public constitutes "a network of 288 million mobile sensors with the capacity to self-report exposures of medical consequence to a broad range of pathogens," the study said, allowing other, conventional types of "sensors" to be deployed in a more focused manner.

Reliance on public vigilance for this purpose implies and presupposes public access to relevant information, however.

"There is an obligation to educate the public regarding biodefense because a prudent response by the public is critical to minimizing the consequences of a bioterrorism attack," the authors wrote.

Yet government information policy on such matters is marked by arbitrary withholding practices, including the continuing refusal to release an unclassified Defense Department report on the 2001 anthrax attacks (SN, 08/19/03).

A copy of the JASON report on "Biodetection Architectures," dated February 2003, is posted here (44 pages, 1.9 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/biodet.pdf>

JASON PANEL REPORTS ONLINE

The JASON advisory group was established in 1960 to harness non-governmental scientific expertise in the service of national defense.

Its studies traverse the frontiers of defense science and technology, from quantum computing to maintenance of the nuclear

weapons stockpile to detection of underground bunkers. Yet given the difficult subject matter, they are written with unusual lucidity.

A selection of recent unclassified JASON studies is now available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/index.html>

#### BIOLOGICAL THREAT DATABASE

A catalog of genetic information related to the use of viruses as biological weapons has been prepared for the U.S. Army by University of Alabama scientists.

"In response to the potential use of viruses as biological weapons, we have established the Viral Biological-threat Bioinformatics Resource (VBBR) that collects, catalogs, annotates, and analyzes genetic information related to potential viral threats," according to a recent report on the initiative.

The VBBR is available online, but access to the unclassified data is restricted. "Only individuals and groups designated by the granting agency (U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command) can utilize these resources."

See "Development of a Viral Biological-threat Bioinformatics Resource" by Elliot J. Lefkowitz, October 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/cbw/vbbr2003.pdf>

"Tremendous progress" has been made over the past year in the biodefense research agenda, according to an August 2003 report from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/cbw/niaid0803.pdf>

#### HARMAN ON INTELLIGENCE AND IRAQI WMD

Saddam Hussein's Iraq was engaged in "weapons of mass destruction-related program activities," President Bush declared awkwardly in the State of the Union address on January 20, without acknowledging that he was again redefining the magnitude of the former Iraqi threat.

The President should have confronted the clear disparity between the pre-war intelligence on Iraq and the post-war findings, said Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

"If 9/11 was a failure to connect the dots, it appears that the Intelligence Community, in the case of Iraq's WMD, connected the dots to the wrong conclusions," Rep. Harman said in a speech last week.

"If our intelligence products had been better, I believe many policymakers, including me, would have had a far clearer picture of the sketchiness of our sources on Iraq's WMD programs, and our lack of certainty about Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear capabilities," she said.

See her January 16 speech "The Intelligence on Iraq's WMD: Looking Back to Look Forward":

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/harman011604.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/harman011604.html)

#### SATELLITE IMAGERY OF HOUSTON'S RELIANT STADIUM

In other national security secrecy-related program activities, Space Imaging today released a high resolution satellite image of Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas, site of the upcoming Super Bowl on February 1.

The image, which also features the (former) Houston Astrodome and vicinity, was collected by Space Imaging's Ikonos satellite on January 19. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/imint/reliant.htm>

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## Re: UFO At The OLF? - Velez

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:43:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO At The OLF? - Velez

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 21:49:12 -0800  
>Subject: UFO At The OLF?

>Source: Washington Daily News - Washington County North Carolina  
><http://www.wdnweb.com/articles/2004/01/21/news/news03.txt>

>January 20, 2004

>UFO at the OLF?

>By  
>Bill Sandifer  
>Staff Writer

>For those fatigued with fretting over fighters, there was a  
>quiet airshow of sorts over the region Friday and again on  
>Monday night.

<snip>

Hi Frank, All,

First, thanks for finding and posting this report, Frank. This 'thing' we all study is a genuine mystery. As with any mystery, the solving of it 'usually' involves gathering many tiny bits and pieces of information (clues) and using them to assemble a larger, more coherent picture. This report contains many such 'clues' but there is one detail that I would like to highlight.

The reporter/witness states:

>By this time, Everett said there were a total of 12 lights  
>contained in four groups of three, creating a triangle.

"Triangles!" Time and again UFOs will assume a formation in the sky. The geometric shape of a triangle. I will be posting video shortly of a 'cluster' of "UFOs" (UAPs or whatever term you prefer,) some of which are hovering in a triangular 'formation.'

This detail comes up often enough in reports to warrant noting. I don't pretend to know 'why' but the number 'three' and triangular shapes come up often in connection with the phenomena. I have had the symbol of a 'triangle' with glowing lights at each point as the logo of the AIC website for years. I used it intentionally. I knew that any 'genuine' abductees that showed up or stumbled upon the website would recognize the symbol immediately and realize that they were at the site of someone who was 'intimately' familiar with the phenomenon. I wanted a 'signal' on the front page of the website for anyone who has been affected by the phenom.

I just find it interesting how this configuration keeps coming up in connection with 'them.'

>"It was doing what he said it was," she noted.

It is apparent that there is a 'pattern' to whatever it is that the phenomena 'does' -when it does what it does! :)

Food for thought... maybe even 'raw data' on the behavior of UFOs? Or the 'minds' behind them. Who knows?

John Velez

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## Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Gehrman

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:18:50 -0500  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 19:04:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:34:09 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

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>>>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 12:08:06 -0800  
>>>>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004

>>>>Corso was not a liar. When you call someone a liar, you're  
>>>>supposed to have some evidence.

>Corso signed a sworn statement for Attorney Peter Gersten  
>stating that he had been a member of the National Security  
>Council.

>I contacted the Eisenhower Library and asked about  
>this. They wrote back saying not only that he had never been a  
>member, but that he had never attended an NSC meeting.

Stan, Richard, EBK, List

Here is the excerpt from the sworn statement for  
Attorney Peter Gersten:

"That during my tenure with the defendant I was a member of  
President Eisenhower's National Security Council and former head  
of the Foreign Technology Desk at defendant's Research &  
Development department".

In the book and interviews he indicated that he was a staff  
member of the National Security Council and Ike's military  
intelligence aide. I think there may be a quibble over what is  
meant by being a member. Corso was totally involved with certain  
aspects of these NSC operations, specifically the Guatemalan  
coup and probably "The Special Group". He was well enough  
connected that Richard Russell, chairman of the Senate  
Intelligence committee selected Corso as his chief investigator  
after the Kennedy assassination. Why did he select Corso?  
Because he must have trusted him. I doubt that the intelligence  
members names were recorded. His presence would be secret.

>When Peter showed the letter to Corso and asked if he shouldn't  
>eliminate that portion of the statement, Corso said "No.". In  
>other words he lied.

In other words he may not have cared what the Ike library wrote,  
felt it was irrelevant, and that he could refute their  
interpretations. When his involvement with the NSC came up  
during the Art Bell interview, the VSA gave no indication of  
deception.

>Acting as a liaison to the NSC is a far cry

>from being a member.

He wasn't a "liaison", he was a player, an intelligence operative, and his name was probably not recorded.

But what exactly are you getting at with this insistence that he was a liar? You seem to be missing the point. Whether the Ike library identifies Corso as a "member" is only part of the truth.

You keep plopping that factoid on us as if that should be the end of the discussion. You hide behind it, a subtle form of rationalization.

>Yes I have read the book and met Corso and his son and his  
>co-author.

And why didn't you confront him with this letter from Ike's library and ask him, face to face, about his seemingly bold lie?

Ed

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## Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:29:45 -0500  
Subject: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

I am a newbie and consider myself in "catch-up" mode at present.

I stumbled upon this List several months ago and am in awe of the depth of knowledge of the people who post here. I have learned more in 4 months than, I dare say, in years! I feel utterly awakened.

Thank You All!

Louise Nicolaides

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## Filer's Files #04-2004

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 17:41:18 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #04-2004

Filer's Files #04-2004 Skywatch Investigations.  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
January 21, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren --

My website is at: [www.georgefiler.com/](http://www.georgefiler.com/)

UFO Sightings Pick Up

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. Mars Lander Finds Mud and Water, Conversation With My Mom, New Hampshire - Three Possible Communicating UFOs, Massachusetts =96 Green Descending Fireball, Connecticut - Two Triangular Craft Seen, New York =96 Three Lights in a Horizontal Line and Flying Triangle, New Jersey =96 Light Causes Power Failure? North Carolina - Very Large Hovering Object with Flashing Lights, Florida =96 Triangle Shape With Sparking Flashing Lights at Each Tip, Ohio =96 Three Saucer Rims, Indiana =96 Investigating UFO Sighting by Three Police Officers, Illinois - UFO Sighting in Downtown Chicago, Texas - A Triangular Object at a Low Level, Montana =96 Green Pulsating Orb, Arizona - Large bright white light over downtown Phoenix, Nevada - Large Bright White Circular Object, Canada - Black Triangular Craft With Green/Red Lights, Sweden =96 Circular Object, India - A Bright Show of a UFO, and Australia - White/Blue Sphere Hovers Above Boat. All photos can be viewed at Weekly Files Views at:

<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/files/2002/index.php> or

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

Mars Muck "What I Really See Is Mud,"

Mars muck "What I really see is mud," suggests Gilbert Levin, a former Mars Viking life detection experimenter in the 1970s. He is now Executive Officer for Science at Spherix Incorporated in Beltsville, Maryland. My recent thoughts too! Levin said that the formation of liquid water can happen under the environmental conditions of Mars. Indeed, that water can even exist in liquid form on the surface of the red planet. Furthermore, the detection by NASA=92s Mars Odyssey of the widespread presence of near-surface ice means liquid water is on the Martian surface.

"Liquid water is generally acknowledged to be necessary for the presence of life on Mars," Levin said, hence the importance of addressing the issue that the so-called Magic Carpet has raised on Mars, he said. Levin added: "If it looks like muck, and it puddles like muck, and it tracks like muck -- it must be muck." Thanks to SPACE.com.

Editor=92s Note: If NASA reveals there is life in space, it opens a Pandora=92s Box of questions. Perhaps that=92s why the most recent Mar=92s Lander carries no equipment to test for life. It seems very strange that we spend millions to send probes to Mars, and that they do not contain at least tests for microbial life. The lander landed in some mud that would be ideal for testing. I wonder why there is a program to make the public think Mars is absolutely dead? The lander equipment is essentially designed to

find water, since it landed in the mud, it is successful in its endeavor. Here On Earth water mixed with salts tend not to freeze at 0 centigrade. The more salt generally the lower the temperature. Although, Mars temperatures are low, the Viking Landers 1 & 2, as well as Pathfinder, found Mars Soil to be very salty. Other factors such as a low atmosphere, natural anti-freeze, and direct sunlight may cause the frost or ice to liquefy and create mud on Mars. Where there is mud there is likely to be life. Norm Bryden who has studied Mars images for twenty years has sent some spectacular images that seem to show vegetation and structures. See: [www.georgefiler.com/](http://www.georgefiler.com/)

#### Europe's Eye On Mars From Mars Express

The European Space Agency=92s (ESA's) Mars Express was successfully inserted into orbit on Christmas Day 2003, and is already sending back spectacular close-up High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) images. The High-Resolution camera is the best sent to Mars to search for the geological features that betray the presence of water and look for ancient oceans. MARSIS will make the first ever sub-surface investigation of Mars, using radar to penetrate down to three or four kilometers below the surface. It may even reveal underground lakes of ice or water. It is a prime candidate for future manned exploration, and even colonization. The picture taken by ESA's Mars Express on 14 January 2004 of a portion of the 1700 km long and 65 km wide swath Grand Canyon of Mars (Valles Marineris). It is the first image of this size that shows the surface of Mars in high resolution (12 metres per pixel), in color and in 3D.

[http://www.esa.int/export/SPECIALS/Mars\\_Express/](http://www.esa.int/export/SPECIALS/Mars_Express/)

#### Conversation With My Mom

Now that I=92m older I recognize that my own Mother Francis Filer has much more wisdom than I previously recognized. In recent years she lost her eyesight and listens to talking books most of the day. She turns 93 on January 27, 2003, and is quite alert and pleasant. She has amazing good spirits and lives in a Nursing Home that costs \$4500 a month. I asked how do you cope with being blind, broke, and old?

She stated, "I wake up each morning and make up my mind that it=92s a beautiful world each day." I can remember the good times and the bad. I feel much better when I see in my mind=92s eye a beautiful world and the happier times. She makes up her mind to be more contented rather than sad. She spends much of her day listening to good books, or praying for her two sons.

Even though blind, she has many new friends, so I asked her how she gets these friends. She remembers the scriptures advice when she goes to meet new friends, "Lord, I=92m not proud and haughty, I don=92t think of myself as better than others. I don=92t tend to "know it all." I am quiet now before the Lord, just as a child who is weaned from the breast. Yes, my begging has been stilled."

#### Psalms 131.

I told my Mother I have started telling about her in my weekly files. She saw a UFO in her backyard in Western Springs, Illinois hovering above the electric wires in the summer of 1965. She told me UFOs and God are real. The Bible says we were created to worship God, let us create them in our image. Some how its all tied together, the UFOs are here for Earth=92s most precious commodity...the spark of life, our DNA, or perhaps our souls. From the moment of fertilization all human chromosomes are present, after three weeks the baby=92s heart begins to beat, at about six weeks brain waves can be detected and most organs are in place. About 30% of all babies are aborted. If someone wanted to collect life on our planet, the US alone has one and half million abortions a year. Some tests indicate the soul has a weight of a few grams. She asked me to give her love to all of you.

#### New Hampshire - Three Possible Communicating UFOs

HAMPTON-MANCHESTER =96 The witnesses were driving back from Portsmouth and as they got on to 101 West, at 5:41 PM, on January 1, 2004, they saw a hovering bright white light to the

south. My mother-in-law, my wife and I tried to catch it by taking some back roads south, but as we got close, it moved away. We went back to the highway and continued to Manchester. The object sometimes was even with us, went ahead and even in back of us. When we got to Epping area, a small flashing red light appeared to the right and another in front of us.

They would appear and reappear randomly. At one point, the flashing reds changed their flash pattern and the bright white light to the south dimmed to almost nothing, and changed to an orange color. Then, changed to a flashing red light, disappeared and then reappeared as bright as before. We lost track of the flashing reds, but the bright white continued to dim and rebright and looked to be positioned over Massabesic Lake in Manchester, where we have seen UFOs hover before. We gave up the chase at this point. All three looked like they could have been stars, but they moved. We have witnessed UFOs before and were actually chased by a UFO and at it was right over us. I was convinced. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Massachusetts =96 Green Descending Fireball

BEVERLY =96 The witness reports seeing thirty of more white disks fly across the sky over Lynch Beach Park at 9:33 AM, on January 10, 2004. They appeared to land somewhere in the forest near Lynch Beach Park. I am really scared right now. Witness elects to remain totally anonymous. Thanks to Peter Davenport

BURLINGTON =96 The observer was driving home at 12:45 AM on January 14, 2004, on Route 128, when a little way down the highway he saw a descending green fireball with a tail that seemed to disappear as it neared the tree line. He states, "It really caught me by surprise; the sighting was not that long and the fireball was green, which I thought was really odd." Thanks to Peter Davenport

Connecticut - Two Triangular Craft Seen

WEST HARTFORD =96 The eye witness, who is an avid sky watcher, was driving south on Trout Brook Drive around 10 PM on January 7, 2004, and saw two very bright lights in the sky, hovering and moving slowly only 300 feet above the ground. The moon was full, high in the sky and the object was hovering slowly in a sort of circular motion. One of the objects started moving away and I lost sight of it, so I focused on the other. I had to turn my car around and follow it and as I got closer I could see a triangular shaped form with three white lights on each corner of the triangle and a few blinking red lights on it.

I pulled my car over to the side of the road, as did a bunch of other people, to try to get a better look. I rolled my window down to see if I could hear anything, but it was completely silent. If it was a plane or helicopter, it was close enough that I would have definitely heard something. At this point it was much lower, probably 75-100 feet off the ground. It hovered and moved slowly and I continued to watch it for another couple minutes until it disappeared behind the tree line and I lost sight of it. Because of the lighting on the ground, I had a bit of a difficult time trying to decipher the dimensions, but I would have to guess that it was about 20 to 25 feet in length and about 10 feet in height. It looked like it was black, but being dark, I'm not completely sure. Thanks to Peter Davenport

New York - Triangular Object Flying on New Years Eve

MATTITUCK =96 At 11:10 PM, on New Years Eve, the witness looked out the window and a white triangular object flying through the sky caught his eye. There was a black circle on the bottom of it. The witness states, "I only got a few seconds look as it went past the trees moving fairly slow; but it seemed to be fairly big from the view I got of it." Thanks to Peter Davenport

ROCHESTER -- On December 30, 2003, at 6 PM, a brother and sister were watching TV when a disk shaped UFO flew past the window. The disk was glowing brilliant yellow and made no sound. They ran outside to the porch and the UFO was about 500 feet away. The observers report, "It stayed there and we got my Mom and she also thought that it was a UFO." My sister got the binoculars and we saw three lights, yellow, white, and red in a horizontal line above our house. It slowly moved to the east and my sister and I ran to a nearby field where it disappeared into the dark

sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport

CORAM -- It was getting late Sunday night on December 28, 2003, when two friends driving on Middle Country Road east to Coram, saw a bright light at 11:10 PM. We passed over North Ocean Avenue and saw it getting brighter but still in the same position. I pointed it out to my friend and then looked behind us. The object was about 3/4 of a mile away from us and about 1600 feet high behind the tree line. The object made no sound! We pulled over but lost sight of the object, then saw it about two miles away from us. It looked like a triangle with three lights at each tip and one light in the middle, so we observed this object for about 30 more seconds. It looked like it rotated 90 degrees and took on a Y shape and faded away. It flew two miles in six seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport

New Jersey =96 Light Causes Power Failure?

OLDBRIDGE =96 The power went out three times, so the observer went outside to see that the whole neighborhood was dark on December 23, 2003, at 9:30 PM. It was odd because there was no storm. Then, a glowing light changing color from green to white flew east, reversed, then very quickly went southeast. Then, from where the first one appeared, a second craft appeared on a more direct path as if in pursuit of the first. Both were changing speed and color. What I saw last night was unbelievable. Thanks to Peter Davenport

HARMONY TOWNSHIP -- The evening was partly cloudy, but stars were visible on December 29, 2003, at 6 PM. The object was first seen between tree branches on the lower edge of the horizon. The object was blinking red and white and moving in an unfamiliar fashion. It did not move like a plane or helicopter. It hovered and flitted around in a zigzag. After a few minutes of this, the object shot straight up in the sky, and hovered there. Then the color of the lights changed. The lights initially were blinking at the back, once it started moving over my house, there were red and white lights blinking in a chasing light type fashion across the front of the object. The oddest thing was, there was absolutely no noise whatsoever from this object. It was dead silent. Thanks to Peter Davenport

North Carolina - Large Hovering Object with Flashing Lights

FOUR OAKS -- On January 4, 2003, at 7 PM, the observer saw a bright light behind his home and at first thought it was the moon in the northern sky. He looked east and saw the real moon. He grabbed his binoculars and saw an extremely large gold-silver colored saucer with a definite dome on the top. The observer states, " Looking through the binoculars, I could see flashing lights at the top, bottom and on the left side." He ran and got a video camera and telephoned others to come out and see the object. I was able to get the object on videotape. After a few minutes of watching the object, it began to move very slowly to the east where it went behind some trees and out of sight. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Florida =96 Triangle Shape With Sparking Flashing Lights

TAMPA -- Prior to the football game between Iowa and Florida four military jets, and six other aircraft flew over the stadium at 10:45 AM, on New Years Day 2004. The aircrafts noise alerted this retired person of 34 years with the Department of the Army to grab his Nikon 10X50 6 degree glasses to get a better view of the action. He saw a military sky jumper parachuting into the stadium about a mile away when he noticed a UFO. He stated, "It was triangular shaped with sparking flashing lights at each tip that flew north, and was just barely visible due to heavy clouds in his area of flight. The other aircraft activities were performing in perfect VFR condition for viewing. I am 71 years old,. This is my first UFO report, ever. I have never witnessed such an aircraft configuration as the one I just reported. The bright lights at each tip appeared as sparking. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Ohio =96 Three Saucers Rims Were Seen

BEAVERCREEK =96 The witnesses saw the vapor trail of an airplane that seemed to be heading straight down toward the earth on December 26, 2003, at 3 PM. We stopped our vehicle, as it appeared that a crash was near. The "plane" suddenly made a

right angle turn and stopped. The witnesses state, "What we could see was the "edge" of a "saucer" that was diagonal in the sky with the top, left side higher than the right lower side." It was easily seen in a clear sky about as bright as a plane's vapor trail on a clear day. The object slowly changed its position, but never lost its "brightness".

Then we saw another object do the exact same apparent plunge to the earth and make the exact same turn and the two "disc edges" remained in the sky. Since they were just sitting in the sky, we drove the few miles left to our hostess=92 house and told them all to go outside. The four of us, who observed this event, jumped into the car again and drove until we could see this phenomenon again. While we were parked, a third phenomenon occurred exactly like the first two. We saw three separate occurrences, but never saw more than two discs together. There were four people in the vehicle. A woman 67, a woman 41, a boy 7 years old and a boy 3 years old. All of us saw it and the 7 year old was frightened by what was clearly observed by all of us. Thanks to Peter Davenport

WHEELERSBURG -- A bright light that changed colors from red, orange, blue, white in the sky was seen along the Ohio River on January 15, 2004. The object traveled from north to south very slowly over a period of 90 minutes then disappeared. This object first appeared in the summer of 2003, on several different occasions. We have seen the object twice this week. The object had no sound. Thanks to Peter Davenport

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter sends another photo of a UFO over the neighboring farm. These craft seem to be able to disappear and appear at will a number of yards away. It is like there are two tubs of water, the left tub is full and the water moves to the second tub. This happens at tremendous speed and the cameras seem too slow to catch the movement.

Indiana =96 Investigating Sighting by Three Police Officers

HUNTINGTON -- Roger Sugden who is a MUFON investigator writes, "I was the first to look into the Huntington UFO affair. I went to Huntington the very next day after the story in the Herald-Press. I had two MUFON investigators with me. Doug Egolf, and Gene White. We talked with the editor of the paper to verify the facts of the story, then went to the police station and talked with one of the police officers who was an eye witness. We found him to be very credible and perplexed at what he had seen. The newspaper report stated, "Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car December 26, 2003, when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it. All three say they watched as the object moved out of the northwest, drifted toward a church steeple, then shot straight north without a sound in an encounter that lasted less than a minute about 2:30 PM. The trio describes the object as about the size of a hot air balloon or a backyard trampoline. They said it was low enough in the sky that Olinger thought it might crash into the steeple."

"We were not able to talk with the other officers, or the other eye witness who is a pilot who viewed the object from his car, and told the police officer that it was very low, below 1000 feet, and that even in good daylight, he could not identify what it was, also that its size was larger than a Cessna aircraft." We talked with another man who claims he saw a hover disc Mylar balloon, however, this has been ruled out due to the difference in the times that the objects were seen. The investigation is ongoing and I can be reached for comment at or at 260 489 0767. An interesting note: The land that the church is built on was given to the church by Miami Chief Richardville. Perhaps it was an old sacred site, and he knew that it would remain so by giving it to the church. Thanks to Roger Sugden ASD/CFI MUFON IN [grog25@maplenet.net](mailto:grog25@maplenet.net)

Illinois - UFO Sighting in Downtown Chicago

CHICAGO -- At almost exactly 10:30 PM on December 28, 2003, the witness saw a UFO in downtown Chicago next to the lake, a few hundred feet from the Buckingham Fountain pathway. It looked like it was hovering over the Shed Aquarium and moved very quickly and maneuvered around as if it were a toy plane being flown. The lights on the UFO seemed to blink, but it was definitely not a plane. There were broken up clouds across the



sky, as if they were providing protection from being seen. When I made it back into my apartment, on Michigan Avenue. I noticed a plane going very fast across the sky, toward the lake. At 11:15 AM., December 29, 2003, there was a helicopter that flew just over the buildings, which is VERY low and very unorthodox considering the terrorist threats. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Texas - A triangular Object at a Low Level

EL PASO =96 The witness was coming from med school in Juarez, Mexico at 6:35 PM, on January 12, 2004, and entering Executive Boulevard he saw a strange object. I was at a stoplight and looked up to the mountain area and saw a radio tower that looked slightly big. The tower was moving and now it was a floating triangular object. I do live around a military base called Fort Bliss and they have helicopters but you will always hear them. There was no way it could have been a plane. It flew straight then zigzagged. The lights emanating from this object weren't too bright but were definitely blinking. I had another eyewitness who was in a car next to my car. I rolled down my window to ask him if he saw what I saw. He was perplexed. He said he couldn't believe what he saw and he said he didn't know what it was. I tried to chase this object but couldn't catch up. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Montana =96 Green Pulsating Orb

HELENA -- On his way to work at 4:10 AM, on December 29, 2003, the witness saw a pulsating, green orb descending diagonally downward. The pulsating orb had a large bright center with its edge brightness kind of looking misty or foggy. The green orb pulsed slowly but it descended very rapidly. It disappeared before it touched the ground. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Arizona - Large Bright White Light Over Downtown Phoenix

PHOENIX =96 A couple noticed the very bright large white light on January 6, 2003, at 6:40 PM, in the southwest night sky. It was half as high above the downtown buildings as the planes after they level off from Sky Harbor. The object was so big and so bright it grew dimmer very gradually until it just faded out from view about ten minutes. There were no blinking lights, just one bright white light about ten times brighter and larger than any typical star in the sky, but there were no other stars in the sky at the this time. The light never appeared to move, it just faded out. It seemed to just "hang" there. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Nevada - Large Bright White Circular Object

LAKE TAHOE -- On January 3, 2004, at 6:30 PM, an object was moving at a fairly rapid speed at a low angle along the mountain ridge less than a mile away. It was very bright, substantial white light and easily visible. About half way through the observation where was a pendant shaped iridescent (light red to blue) expulsion from the object (like a trail or gas explosion), which only lasted a moment, while the object continued on as it had originally appeared then disappeared behind the ridge.

If it were that big there would have been an explosion or hit someplace? Anyway the strangest thing I have ever seen in the sky. I have a master's degree in the physical/earth sciences. I have talked to a relative in the Air Force (who launches satellites) about space junk as a possibility--he says it wasn't junk. Thanks to Peter Davenport

Canada -- Black Triangular Craft With Green/Red Lights

VANCOUVER -- It was Christmas night, after 6 PM, and the witness was warming up his car when in the distance, above buildings, a very bright white light appeared. This light looked like a really big star, or a helicopter searchlight in the sky traveling north. As the object was above the small lake, I could now see the underside of the craft and I am positive that it was triangular in appearance, black/stealth in color. The lights that I remember seeing were red/greens, they might have been blue, also. At this point, the craft had been traveling in a straight line, but after it had passed the lake and was almost straight above me, it veered left (east) and I am positive that a regular passenger plane would not act in this manner. I chased the object a few blocks and the triangular nature was evident

still. The object was now hidden behind trees and I gave up the chase.

#### England - Big and Blue Teardrop Things in The Sky

LONDON =96 The witnesses were sitting on the bank near the river, on December 29, 2003, at 8:38 PM, when an object appeared in the sky, then another four appeared. It was strange. They hovered there and glowed blue before they flew away. Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### Netherlands =96

HOOFDDORP -- (near Amsterdam) A 26-year-old woman witness on December 8, 2003, at 9:15 PM, saw a strange delta-shaped object on a night with some clouds and it was freezing. I was walking the dog in a field nearby and suddenly I got this strong urge to look up to the sky and then I saw this object. It was a neon-pink delta shaped object with a small triangle-shaped tail, totally illuminated. It was entirely luminously-pink and I couldn't spot any lights. The tail was a bit light pink-colored. The object had a light tail, that was somewhat lighter-colored than the object itself. The object suddenly disappeared behind the clouds. The light tail disappeared almost the same moment. It looks like the Oz Factor turned up during the sighting: It was bizarre, that I just looked up in these 5 seconds, you usually don't look up that soon if you're walking the dog. It was extremely quiet during the sighting, and when the object was gone I suddenly could hear the planes again. I was totally engaged in this sighting, even when the sighting ended. The witness saw a delta-shaped object, that was considerable larger than a jet at that height (1500m). The witness' dog, an American Stafford just walked on during the sighting, although he noticed that his boss behaved somewhat strange. I could have looked at it for hours. I will from now on keep my camera in readiness, I would have liked to record this one. The witness made a drawing of the object she witnessed (see attachment). Thanks to Toine Trust Site Admin UFOPlaza Editor UFOPlaza Nieuwsbrief site: [www.UFOPlaza.nl](http://www.UFOPlaza.nl) mail: [ganzEgal@UFOPlaza.nl](mailto:ganzEgal@UFOPlaza.nl)

#### Norway - UFO With Outer Circle and Two Inner Circles

KERI =96 The six witnesses were walking home when they saw a blue light circling around in the sky, about 100 meters above their heads. The married couple with four kids saw the lights slowly circling around. The object had one outer circle and two inner circles, and it was slowly moving north. There was a sound similar to a fog signal, given at short intervals. I couldn't see any physical shape of the object other than the rotating lights. As they entered their home the alarm sounded even though there should be a 25 seconds delay after opening the door. I took some pictures with my digital camera, but the batteries soon went out of power, also, when replacing them with new ones. The object was almost stationary in the sky at the same height just outside my house. We found more batteries and managed to take one more photo before they lost power. After taking that picture the object moved closer with the side pointing about 45 degrees upwards.

#### Sweden =96 Circular Object

OLMSTED -- We where walking home at 6:20 PM, on January 3, 2004, when we saw a circular object in the sky. The object flew very quickly across the sky and then disappeared without a trace. The sky was very foggy (we could hardly see the moon) so we believe that it couldn't have been a falling star, but something else. Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### India - A Bright Show of a UFO

SUTRA -- The witnesses were standing on the terrace looking at the full moon around 7:55 PM, when a saucer shaped object with whitefish color was observed on the northeast horizon. It was shining very brightly, and rather unusual. I can't confidently say whether it was a fireball or a UFO. It passed by in just for 45-50 seconds. My friend who was with me also witnessed the saucer and also questioned what was it. Thanks to Peter Davenport

#### Australia - White/Blue Sphere Hovers Above Boat

HARDWICK BAY, YORK PENINSULA =96 The witnesses were fishing for sharks about 100-500 meters off the shore when they noticed a strange object hovering above their boat on December 25, 2003, at 11 PM. It was a bright white/blue sphere, with strange magnetic affects such as metal hooks floating in the air. After about 10-20 seconds it seemed to just vanish in a flash of light.

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We are rapidly approaching our 13th Annual Winter Convention on Feb 8 to 14th. Our steady growth over the years prompted our move last year to a larger facility at the Flamingo Resort in Laughlin, Nevada. The Flamingo has a new 20,000 square foot convention center, which will easily seat 1200+ attendees on the banks of the Colorado River! The event is one week long, and will host 25 speakers from around the world. Best of all, it is one of the most affordable conferences in the world!

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## Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
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>I am a newbie and consider myself in "catch-up" mode at present.

>I stumbled upon this List several months ago and am in awe of  
>the depth of knowledge of the people who post here. I have  
>learned more in 4 months than, I dare say, in years! I feel  
>utterly awakened.

>Thank You All!

>Louise Nicolaides

Welcome Louise, and thank you for your thank you. Please ask  
critical (and skeptical) questions.

- Dick Hall  
50-year veteran

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## Re: UFO At The OLF? - Balaskas

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<snip>

>"Triangles!" Time and again UFOs will assume a formation in the  
>sky. The geometric shape of a triangle. I will be posting video  
>shortly of a 'cluster' of "UFOs" (UAPs or whatever term you  
>prefer,) some of which are hovering in a triangular 'formation.'

>This detail comes up often enough in reports to warrant noting.  
>I don't pretend to know 'why' but the number 'three' and  
>triangular shapes come up often in connection with the  
>phenomena. I have had the symbol of a 'triangle' with glowing  
>lights at each point as the logo of the AIC website for years. I  
>used it intentionally. I knew that any 'genuine' abductees that  
>showed up or stumbled upon the website would recognize the  
>symbol \_immediately\_ and realize that they were at the site of  
>someone who was 'intimately' familiar with the phenomenon. I  
>wanted a 'signal' on the front page of the website for anyone  
>who has been affected by the phenom.

>I just find it interesting how this configuration keeps coming  
>up in connection with 'them.'

<snip>

Hi John!

The three coins you tossed on your bedroom dresser; the three  
birds spotted flying in formation overhead; the cigarette glows  
of three people smoking in the dark; etc., what do they all  
form? Triangles!

There are no exceptions to this fact except possibly in  
extremely distorted triangles such as the line of three stars  
that make up the belt of Orion (which would still appear as a  
triangle from different points in space) or three objects that  
have merged to form a single point - like the trinity nature of  
man (body, mind and spirit) and God.

Maybe artists and creative/talented people such as yourself can  
see or appreciate things that are not obvious to us cannot, but  
I fail to see any mystery in "three" and "triangles", especially  
in the connection to UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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Meteorite 'crashes to earth'

From correspondents in Berlin

SCIENTISTS in Germany said they suspect the country's south-west was hit by a meteor fragment last night after numerous residents reported seeing a bright flash in the sky and hearing a loud sound like a thunderclap.

Callers to radio station SWR1 reported seeing green and blue lights at around 6.30am local time (11pm AEDT) in the states of Rhineland Palatinate and Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Scientists from the German's air and space administration were hoping that cameras it has aimed at the skies might be able to provide them with evidence of what happened, though footage was not expected to be available until tonight at the earliest.

Walter Flury, from the European Space Agency, said the noise and lights indicate the possibility of a meteor fragment between 10 and 30 centimetres long hurtling through Earth's atmosphere. Whether it made impact would depend on a range of factors like if the piece was made of iron or stone, he said.

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### For Local Agencies Stone-Walling Info Requests

From: **Larry F. Bryant** <[overtci@cavtel.net](mailto:overtci@cavtel.net)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 22:07:24 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:37:36 -0500  
Subject: For Local Agencies Stone-Walling Info Requests

From: Jim Warren <[jwarren@WELL.COM](mailto:jwarren@WELL.COM)>  
Date: Tue, January 20, 2004 2:35 pm  
To: [FOI-L@LISTSERV.SYR.EDU](mailto:FOI-L@LISTSERV.SYR.EDU)  
Subject: [FOI-L] another approach to local agencies stone-walling info requests

This would not usually provide an immediate remedy to city and county agencies that are clearly or systematically unresponsive to public-records requests (or, for that matter, unresponsive regarding open-meetings activities) - but it is well-worth doing, and well-may have a longer-term, more permanent "opening" impact.

I know this process in California, but do not know its specifics in other states. Nonetheless, I'm reasonably certain something like this exists in every state. It's little-publicized (a media failing?!) and elected and bureaucratic officials generally FAR-prefer that it remain unknown.

But it can be potent! In California:

Every country has a civil grand jury (completely different from a criminal grand jury). They operate entirely under the county's judicial system - very-much independent of the rest of local government (that separation-of-powers thangie).

Most of their members are usually appointed annually (possibly with some hold-overs for smooth transitions from one g.j. to the next). They are appointed by the grand-jury judge for that year (a responsibility that rotates among the judges), from pool of citizens who are recommended by other judges, by city and county officials, and from a list of everyone who applies to serve on the g.j.. But the actual appointments are under the unilateral control of that year's g.j. judge.

Almost all appointees are generally non-political citizens with some record of community or public-interest service, who will lend stature to the reputability of the g.j.'s annual published report - and to any interim reports that it may choose to issue (generally limited to cases of particular egregious agency behavior or issues that are particularly time-sensitive).

The g.j.'s only statutory function is to provide oversight for annual audits of the county (and maybe of its cities; I'm not sure). HOWEVER, (at least in California counties) -

The civil grand jury routinely conducts some level of examination of all major agencies within their county. It is empowered to review, examine and investigate any and all city, county and state-authorized agencies functioning within their county!

G.J.'s free to interview anyone - citizens, complainants, contractors, agency staff at any level, elected and appointed officials, etc. - typically done by g.j. committees composed of a few jurors. They have almost-complete access to ALL records of ALL agencies (presumably with exceptions re law-enforcement and active-litigation, etc., although I'm not sure of any such

exceptions.)

A county civil grand jury can investigate anything a local agency is doing! Or failing to do! And it's powers are backed-up by the judicial and its subpoena powers!

So.....

Failure to honor the letter and spirit of open-government laws and principles most-certainly is well-within their sphere of interest! And since many/most g.j. members are, themselves, civic-spirited citizens with track records of non-political community service, they are often very sympathetic to open-government principles.

If you encounter arrogance or stone-walling (or any other inappropriate behavior) by local public agencies, it's almost always worthwhile to submit a complaint with documented specifics to your county's civil grand jury.

And - at least in California - it is a criminal misdemeanor for a grand juror to disclose any information they have received, except as it may be disclosed in a public g.j. report... which requires at least majority approval by the g.j. members, before release.

Note: Individual jurors have NO authority or powers at all, except as they are granted by the g.j. as a whole. And the civil g.j. does not have any enforcement powers. But, as long as the g.j. judge for that year has done his/her job in picking reputable citizens as jurors, then the grand jury's public reports DO carry significant "political" weight - even moreso if they are special/interim reports of something the g.j. found particularly offensive.

No elected official wants the political embarrassment of g.j. criticism of his/her jurisdiction, and that concern almost-invariably trickles down to the bureaucrats who ultimately report to those elected officials.

There's more than one way to "enforce" open-government mandates!

-jim

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## Re: Mystery Of McChord Air Force Base? - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 19:16:24 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:39:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mystery Of McChord Air Force Base? - McCoy

>From: Rosa Manson <[rosamanson@aol.co](mailto:rosamanson@aol.co)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 13:43:02 EST  
>Subject: Mystery Of McChord Air Force Base?

>The C-118 transport aircraft of the USAF's 1705th Air Transport  
>Wing, shot down by UFOs?

>This investigation has been going since the 1st April 1959,  
>where whatever conclusions the US Air Force reached, it kept  
>quiet about them, and did its best to lay a smoke screen over  
>the incident. In May of that year, the Aerial Phenomena Research  
>Organisation, published a report which caused a few red faces at  
>the USAF's Information Bureau.

>So, I have been asked to reopen the case, (of which I cannot  
>divulge my sources), and would very much like to know why, if  
>the USAF knew that the aircraft had been struck on its belly, as  
>though something had swatted it out of the sky with enormous  
>force, and of which there is no rational explanation for the  
>silver discs that seemed to be harrying the C-118 to its  
>destruction.

>Why shouldn't the truth be told, and made public due to the  
>fact, that surely the relatives of the crew have the right to  
>know, whether they were asked on their routine mission to test a  
>new device, if so why all the secrecy?

Hello all, Rosa,

I'm pretty familiar with most of the major accidents in the  
Northwest. also the 1705th flew C-124 Globemasters, (a C-118 on  
steroids) Good airplane too, the C-118 was the military version  
of the DC-6 of which I am intimately familiar.

When did this accident happen? Where did it happen? On whose  
Testimony are the particulars based?

Also bear in mind, I was almost swatted like a fly due to a  
classic "Downburst" situation in a DC7 (very like a c-118) due  
to a nasty Thunderstorm.

GT McCoy

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## Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs@comcast.net](mailto:fadeddiscs@comcast.net)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 21:05:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:41:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Connors

>From: Louise Nicolaides <[Louise.Nicolaides@sw.ca](mailto:Louise.Nicolaides@sw.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:34:33 -0500  
>Subject: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>I am a newbie and consider myself in "catch-up" mode at  
>present.

>I stumbled upon this List several months ago and am in awe of  
>the depth of knowledge of the people who post here. I have  
>learned more in 4 months than, I dare say, in years! I feel  
>utterly awakened.

>Thank You All!

Ms. Nicolaides,

1. Don't believe everything you read.
2. Don't believe everything you think.
3. Don't forget to learn the history of Ufology.
4. Don't forget that when the oldster's of Ufology get their hackles up and go on a toot, just enjoy the ride.
5. Don't forget CSICOP is a cult.

So, there you have it, but whadda ya got? <g>

Wendy Connors

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## Bush's Roswell Visit

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 04:34:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:51:20 -0500  
Subject: Bush's Roswell Visit

Source: WLOX TV 13  
ABC Affiliate - Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula,  
Mississippi

<http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=1611510>

January 22, 2004

Bush Wraps Up Post-State Of The Union Trip With Stop In New Mexico

Phoenix-AP -- President Bush wraps up a post-State-of-the-Union political swing today with a stop in New Mexico.

He's visiting the city of Roswell to address one of the main themes of his speech to Congress: the war on terror.

The White House insists the stop has nothing to do with Roswell's role in UFO lore. Believers are convinced a flying saucer crashed there in 1947 and that the government's been covering it up ever since.

Since the State of the Union address Tuesday night, Bush has been stumping in key battleground states. Yesterday, he stopped at community colleges in Ohio and Arizona - both states he won narrowly in 2000. Bush lost New Mexico by fewer than 400 votes.

From Roswell, Bush will place a call to the annual March for Life in Washington. The demonstration is staged by anti-abortion activists on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe versus Wade decision

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## Budd Hopkins' UFO NYC Seminar Announcement -

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Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 23:50:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:47:11 -0500  
Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO NYC Seminar Announcement -

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

TWO SEMINARS, ONE NIGHT

Saturday, February 7th, 2004

### 1) REFLECTIONS ON THE RENDLESHAM FOREST UFO INCIDENT

The UK's Rendlesham Forest (aka the Bentwaters-Woodbridge) UFO Incident is one of international ufology's seminal events, and thanks to the SciFi Channel's recent (December 2003) documentary on the subject, is finally receiving some belated recognition from researchers and students of the subject in this country. The events which comprise this 1980 incident embody almost every area of modern UFO studies, including abduction, physical traces, civilian and military eyewitnesses and documentation, military and intelligence cover-up and intervention, and film and photos (unfortunately still classified). IF board member Peter Robbins spent ten years investigating the case, and along with military eyewitness and whistleblower Larry Warren, wrote the book on it, 'Left at East Gate,' which remains America's only published account of this extraordinary story.

This multimedia presentation will summarize and review key points of the incident, and Robbins' focus will be personal and off the record. It will include a number of observations, anecdotes and stories accumulated in the course of his dozen research trips to England. A question and answer session will follow and copies of 'Left at East Gate' (the book or CD-ROM) will be available to those interested.

### 2) THE ARTHUR KILL SIGHTINGS

At around midnight on July 14-15, 2001, a strange formation of lights appeared over the New York/New Jersey border. The sightings took place less than twenty miles from Manhattan in highly sensitive airspace. Many people witnessed the phenomenon from both states. Although comparable to the Phoenix Lights case of 1997, which received nationwide publicity, The Arthur Kill Lights were given a limited amount of media attention. Dennis Anderson, Director of the Wagner College Planetarium and Advisory Committee member of the Intruders Foundation, will discuss his investigation of his unusual and in some ways disturbing urban sighting. His account of the events, "The Arthur Kill Sightings - July 14-15, 2001" is the cover article of the latest issue of the International UFO Reporter, the quarterly publication of the Center For UFO Studies.

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on February 7th at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the tenth floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors, and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes, and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 13th, 2004 =E2=80=93 Nancy Talbot on Crop Circles

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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=E2=80=A6

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## Extraterrestrial Edge Helps The Balance Sheet

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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:57:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:57:01 -0500  
Subject: Extraterrestrial Edge Helps The Balance Sheet

Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas

<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/business/2365195>

Jan. 21, 2004

Extraterrestrial edge helps the balance sheet  
By A. Craig Copetas  
Bloomberg News

A galactic mystery hovers over the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland: How many of the 2,280 global leaders, including 31 heads of state, gathered in this Alpine resort conduct business with extraterrestrials?

This is no whimsy for Davosians.

It's on the agenda of the annual powwow of the influential and affluent who will ask forum participants such as Vice President Dick Cheney, Coca-Cola Chairman Douglas Daft and De La Rue Chief Executive Ian Much if the aliens have landed and are collaborating with them to concoct government policy, brew soda pop and mint Iraq's new bank notes.

"The extraterrestrials have yet to make contact with me," said Much, who will help moderate tonight's dinner seminar (closed except to forum participants) on The Conspiracy Behind Conspiracy Theories: Have Extraterrestrials Made Contact With Government Leaders?

The British moneymaker is confident =97 at least for now =97 that De La Rue remains the largest nongovernment printer of bank notes in the Milky Way.

"If the aliens are here," Much reckoned, "I'd absolutely expect them to call me to have their currency printed."

Despite the twilight zone topic arching many an eyebrow along the snow-covered strip of fashionable hotel bars, forum officials maintain their five-day program on Partnering for Security and Prosperity requires an unambiguous examination of extraterrestrial presence on Earth.

"The panelists are the best in their domain; they all have expertise in specific fields," explained Philippe Bourguignon, the forum's co-chief executive officer and a former CEO of Club Mediterranee. "The themes and sessions at Davos reflect the global agenda."

And the public's pulse. A 1996 Gallup Poll found that 71 percent of Americans believe the government knows more about UFOs than it has disclosed. A Roper poll found that some 80 percent of those questioned think Wall Street and Washington are hiding knowledge of extraterrestrial contact. And the Internet search engine Google turns up as many Web pages dedicated to UFOs as it does for investment banking.

"It is possible that UFOs really do contain aliens, and the government is hushing it up," Cambridge University physicist Stephen Hawking told British television viewers in a 1998 interview.

President Bush's recent call to put a man on Mars before 2030 has swelled investor interest in exotic technologies, last week boosting the Bloomberg Aerospace Index 1.9 percent, its biggest gain since October.

Earth's leaders prospecting extraterrestrial commerce as part of the forum's agenda has set off anticipation not seen among UFO analysts since Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released on DVD.

Richard Boylan, a retired professor of behavioral science at the University of California, couldn't be more gleeful if Capt. Kirk had beamed him aboard the Enterprise.

"The Davos dinner may represent the great leap forward we need to unravel the fact that corporations and governments are doing business with star visitors," says Boylan, widely regarded by ufologists as a specialist in intergalactic mergers and acquisitions.

Boylan says he isn't surprised the forum neglected to invite him and his colleagues to Davos for the first significant, high-level discussion on emerging alien markets and other popular conspiracy theories that stretch from whether the U.S. government was behind the attacks of Sept. 11 to the question of whether Humpty Dumpty fell or was pushed off the wall.

"I've learned to live with insults," the 64-year-old psychologist says from his home in California. "Billions of dollars have been spent to intimidate witnesses and use the giggle factor to put on a funny farm anyone who suggests corporations have privatized extraterrestrial technology."

According to the calmly resolute Boylan, more than 100 extraterrestrial races are in cahoots with companies including IBM, Ford, Lucent Technologies, Northrop Grumman, Dow Corning, Monsanto, Boeing and European Aeronautic, Defense & Space Co.

"Most Earth corporations are working with visitors from the Altair star system," Boylan says.

Altair is the brightest star in the constellation Aquila, 15.7 light-years from Wall Street.

Forum participant Martin Reese, Britain's royal astronomer, says, "There is no logical or illogical reason why Earth corporations would be doing business with Altair."

Although Altairian executives were unavailable for comment, Francois Aueque, a managing director at EADS, says he's eager to hear from them.

"I'd love to establish links with extraterrestrials," says Aueque, one of the businessmen behind the Aurora Project to discover if there's water on Mars. "So far, no messages on my cell phone."

Rattling off lists of purported government documents and first-person testimonies, Boylan says star visitors have instructed global leaders to publicly reveal the intergalactic mergers by 2007.

Still, the American academic frets that the politicians of Earth won't honor the deal and that the forum's conspiracy dinner may be part of the conspiracy.

"If all the extraterrestrial technology came out at once," Boylan reasons, "it would hurt stockholders in obsolescent industries, and the multinationals don't want to lose their power."

As Boylan tells it, the extraterrestrials first came to Wall Street in 1947 by way of Roswell, N.M. It was that year when U.S. Army Col. Philip Corso said he found five aliens amid the buzzards and rattlesnakes at a UFO crash site in the desert. The new arrivals were just over 4 feet tall, with grayish-brown

skin, four- fingered hands and watermelon-size heads without hair.

In his book The Day After Roswell, Corso says he salvaged parts from the downed UFO and managed a government-sponsored reverse-engineering program that decanted the technology to IBM, Bell Labs and Dow Corning. The flotsam of Roswell and other UFO encounters, Boylan adds, was used to formulate laser beams, fiber optics and Microsoft Corp.

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## Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:14:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 07:17:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Lehmborg

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 23:17:51 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>>From: Louise Nicolaidides <[Louise.Nicolaidides@sw.ca](mailto:Louise.Nicolaidides@sw.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:34:33 -0500  
>>Subject: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

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>>learned more in 4 months than, I dare say, in years! I feel  
>>utterly awakened.

>>Thank You All!

>>Louise Nicolaidides

>Welcome Louise, and thank you for your thank you. Please ask  
>critical (and skeptical) questions.

> - Dick Hall  
> 50-year veteran

Hi Louise, and don't be afraid to ask them from both sides of  
your aisle either, forgetting that you might even want to  
comment (WOW! What a concept! That a mere \*newbie\* might  
actually want to say something declarative! [g].) on why you  
have any interest at all?

Ufology is dead (you may have heard or even read) but that's  
just an addition to the growing list of things that CSICOP is  
wrong about, rankly. -Your- presence is convincing evidence,  
proof if you will, of the garden variety CSICOPian's -utter-  
lack of verity. Welcome, and if you think you're getting  
shined on, say so... you have to go a -long- way to get thrown  
off -- believe me, I know! [g.].

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AVGroup [AlienView.net]... An equal-opportunity paranormalist  
association in affiliation with the Church of "It Ain't what You  
Think!" and the ISI (Incomprehensibly Self-Indulgent). <g>

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## Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

From: Joyce Aldrich-Halfin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 0:48:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 08:21:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 13:47:03 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: Joyce Aldrich-Halfin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:16:22 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 20:53:23 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>Well, even with a goal and leadership and direction, which has  
>>now become clearer, it'll get cancelled, but not by any earthly  
>>power.....

>>Someone asked me, today, what I thought of the Americans wanting  
>>to put a base on the Moon, and subsequently, sending a manned  
>>ship to Mars.

>>I didn't give my answer much thought. I simply blurted out that,  
>>because the intention behind the proposed base is just one more  
>>step towards the Americans wanting to take over the world and  
>>control its' resources (kind of like Pinky and the Brain) that  
>>no extraterrestrial, with a conscience, will allow it to happen.  
>>It'll be "Enough of this nonsense..." and then they'll just put  
>>a quick end to this ridiculous venture.

>>Yeah, whether it's ETs or God's Legions of Angels, nobody will  
>>be going to the Moon, Mars or anywhere, without good intent.

>Hello Joyce, All,

>I really hate to rain on your parade but... New-Agers are fond  
>of attributing and projecting all manner of benevolent and  
>protective feelings and intentions on ET. This new post from you  
>only serves to further propagate that unsubstantiated 'belief  
>system.' I wanted to post a rebuttal to it that would appear  
>along side of yours in the archive.

>Questions for the 'benevolent' ET crowd:

>There has been no evidence at all that whoever or whatever is  
>behind the UFO/ET phenomenon is "benevolent" or harbors any form  
>of nurturing or protective feelings/intentions towards human  
>kind. Quite the contrary is true.

>If anything, ET has demonstrated indifference, and even cruelty  
>toward life-forms on earth. ie; human abductions/kidnapping and  
>human/animal mutilations etc. If those who propose that ET has  
>been around all along are right, then you can add interference  
>to the list of crimes against humanity. Think about it. What has  
>"ET" \_actually\_ and consistently demonstrated toward humanity?

>Is it "benevolent" or something else? Self-serving and even

>selfish maybe? You arrive at your own conclusions. But based on  
>what little evidence we do have, ET has demonstrated that it  
>could give less than a rats ass about what happens to the fate  
>of say, six million Jews between the years of 1939 and 1945. In  
>fact, ET has itself joined in the orgy by kidnapping and  
>experimenting on thousands of human beings without any  
>consideration for its effect on the life of the individuals  
>involved.

>If ET was/is here to somehow direct, nurture and protect mankind  
>they have done a miserable job of it. ET could have stepped in  
>at any time before or during one of the World Wars. If for no  
>other reason, to prevent the decimation of the coveted human  
>gene pool by mindless, senseless self-destruction.

>And again, what about the Holocaust? Where was ET while  
>millions of human beings were being systematically eradicated  
>en masse. From what little evidence we have of ET's activities  
>during that time in human history, rather than helping or saving  
>mankind from its own stupidity and folly, ET was buzzing around  
>our military aircraft in what were referred to as 'Foo-  
>Fighters.' In short, whenever it counted, ET just sat back and  
>played the fiddle. According to 'some' reports, ET watched as  
>\*Dresden burned. (\*There was a UFO report that coincided with  
>the burning of Dresden.)

>One more if I may. Just a few years ago millions; men, women,  
>children, were laid to waste in an orgiastic blood-bath.  
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>brother' here to guide or direct mankind, they would have  
>stepped in many moons ago and prevented some of the most  
>senseless slaughter and waste in human history.

>"Non interference directive" you say? That's Star Trek, man.  
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>'we' (human beings) can figure out what ETs motives or  
>motivations are is egotistical in the extreme and a dangerous  
>form of speculation.

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>of biological and mechanical components. Incapable of any  
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>its own purposes. For its own benefit. Not ours.

Point taken, John.

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## Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

From: Joyce Aldrich-Halfin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 1:18:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 08:25:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 01:07:12 EST  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2004 13:47:03 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 23:16:22 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Project NERVA

>If you read the articles about "why" we want to go to the moon,  
>you will find that scientists think the moon is rich in some  
>Helium isotope which will provide a natural energy source for us  
>earthlings. The comment was that with a 30 ton shuttle load of  
>the Isotope could provide enough energy for a city or a country  
>for a year.

>John makes an excellent point later in the post and has good  
>questions for the benovelent ET crowd. As John so capably points  
>out we have no evidence for so called benovelent space brothers  
>whose only goal in the universe is to help man kind solve all of  
>its problems, whether that be energy, water, war or whatever.

Robert,

I would love to see us establish a base on the moon and anywhere  
else in the solar system. I agree there's a wealth of resources  
to be tapped into that would, admittedly, help our own withering  
resources.

I have replied to John, in another posting, that I am not one of  
those cock-eyed New Age optimists. My comment about Pinky and  
the Brain was my concern that science, however well-intended,  
can become "Mad" and that we need to make our intentions very  
clear.

I don't trust that we can stay on the right path, though,  
because we've got such a lousy track record and I just don't  
want to see history repeating itself, as it tends to. I just  
don't want to see us going around the same mountain over and  
over again.

Fresh eyes...objectivity and the desire to better ourselves...  
is all I want... whatever that takes.

All the Best,

Joyce Aldrich-Halfin

It's really me saying "Enough is enough..."

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From: John Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 04:21:18 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 08:29:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Auchettl

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:13:56 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 16:31:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Clark

>For what it's worth:

>A few months before Corso's novel was published, I happened to  
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Hi Jerry & List,

I acknowledge your caveat. However, another of many interpretations has the editor at that 'Simon and Schuster affiliates' meeting being a 'chuckling eye rolling' dope limited in commercial vision, not realising that he was onto a best selling winner.

Can we measure that interpretation, well yes? For example "The Day After Roswell" has produced the following:

- [1] New York Times best seller list.
- [2] As of 21 Jan 2004 Amazon.com Sales Rank: 27,644
- [3] A massive 191 customer reviews.

Not bad for a first effort Dick Hall image of a "minor flunky".

Let us compare the results:

27,644 = The Day After Roswell - Philip Corso, William Birnes  
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For some reason the book works, and the test, well after 6 years the public has voted with their dollars.

Does this mean we accept the book as a historical singularity fact, Hell no! Corso has only one window to the temple of facts. But something deep is at work here.

Now if you think popularity ratings or using 'Amazon' to rate a book is not a valid indicator then think again. Our world is driven by popularity's lust and power, from Presidential Elections to Dog Food. Quality is subjective in these races.

The power to add or subtract anything in society is that

struggle. Unlike the quite natural death of many ideas etc, Corso has a life force or energy that drives it into this arena. On one hand we can see the struggle with Corso as a struggle to further marginalise him and his ideas, to 'clean Corso from the UFO slate' and on the other end a struggle for acceptance, popularity or dispersion.

The strings attached to an idea are numerous and each strand supports the story. Fact and fiction are related to each other by a structure, in this book Philip Corso & William Birnes produce the structure and although the immediate impression is that one can cut one strand to Corso story to collapse the image frame, the reality is different. Understanding how Corso works will be complex and time consuming. Corso has commonalities to the image of the George P. Hansen 'Trickster' (HANSEN, 2001) he haunts the edges. You see this in the book. To many of us it is based in a disconnected distant world, that existed 40 years ago (1960s) as Roswell is a story 50 years past. But for Corso it was a live in house event and it happened yesterday.

Dick Halls connections (strands) to the military complex (that we are told hold the Roswell evidence) as a 1960s civilian researcher were many, but in a parallel world, anonymous and independent to Hall, an inside connection with powerful strands within the 1960s military complex went about doing its bidding. The facts are this - Corso was inside Hall was not, Corso lived, ate and shit ARMY. Now that deserves some credit and attention.

Another problem with most Corso critics is that they can not conceive a life that could run parallel to their beliefs, and be poles apart. The Corso anomaly is a thorn in the side of our Icon Dick Hall, and I understand why. But Corso is a fact, guaranteed an odd fact, but like it or lump it Corso is real. And although Dick (and others) would like us all to accept the Corso images as "minor flunky". Corso was no light weight.

No matter how one struggles with the Corso images, he has something valid to say to us.

Unless your book is going down hill fast, moving from say 196,281 to 222,747 on the Amazon Ratings, then you couldn't do better than find that "minor flunky" chuckling eye rolling editor that Jerry was fortunate to see, to launch your next foray.

Best regards to all,

John

[1] I highly recommend George P. Hansen book.  
'The Trickster and the Paranormal' Aug 2001,  
Hardcover: 568 pages, Publisher: Xlibris Corporation  
ISBN: 1401000819

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12,530 = The Day After Roswell - Philip Corso, William Birnes  
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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 08:06:51 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 04:56:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: DARK MATTERS! January 17th, 2004 - Clark

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I doubt that the book met sales expectations. It was my  
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empire that the book was a crock.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted -

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 14:28:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 04:57:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted -

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 08:19:48 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 06:05:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

>>It's taken more than a year and a half to collect the agency  
>>information, and the final report on the event has now been  
>>posted to the Fund for UFO Web Site. This report was published,  
>>for the most part, in IUR. However, some information that was  
>>edited out has now been re-added, making this the most complete  
>>report released. You can view the report at:

>>[http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726\\_IUR.htm](http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_IUR.htm)

>>In many ways this case remains very strange and the reaction of  
>>the military was apparently not consistent with the reaction  
>>that is being exhibited normally during our high alert status.  
>>This is, of course, up to interpretation by the individual  
>>looking at the case, but it remains very interesting.

>Hmm. something very interesting here. I wonder if there isn't  
>Gun Camera footage Showing Little Grey Butts in the Portholes of  
>whatever they tried to intercept.<G>

GT,

Well, they have been mooning us for 50 years. It's about time we  
got gun camera footage of it!

- Dick

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## Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 08:33:55 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 05:00:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Aldrich-Halfin - Lehmborg

>From: Joyce Aldrich-Halfin <[solar\\_wind@rogers.com](mailto:solar_wind@rogers.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 0:48:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Project NERVA - Velez

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
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...And if true on a level we can understand? That should  
surprise us not one wit, given it's significantly less than we  
would do in their place.

>Point taken, John.

Don't encourage him! LOL!

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Oh... and that is a disappointment, given it's a new age, and  
newer every moment! <g>

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>who can't remember exactly what happened to me.

No shame in that - I know some pretty convincing persons who  
report a similar experience. None of them are Palmarian by  
extraction, ironically enough, but all of them ring sincere. I  
think it's an individual thing; though similar, no two have the  
same take on the experience. Some see it in a way without a  
filter or a different filter from some others... some of those  
person's filters have significant bias and distortion. Consider  
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>guess. I do admit that I sleep with the bathroom light on, have  
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Are you stridently anti-CSICOPian? That's a symptom of some -  
deep- pathology, get thee to a CSICOPian mullah, or clergyman  
(emphasis on -man-) without delay!

>It wasn't my intention to come off as some kind of cock-eyed  
>optimist.

Hey! ...Plenty of room for optimism, the more cockeyed the  
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the cave walls! It's the oil that unclenches the uptights  
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That seems a little scary, a little inconsistent, and a little exclusive all at the same time. ...Not enough human responsibility in the guiding and directing and the consequences of same... While giving due respect to your contentions it seems pretty obvious to me that humanity itself guides (a large part of) its fate and validates its assertions with a contrived array (a panoply!) of fetishes it uses to do its bidding. I don't expect you to validate that contention just as you wouldn't expect me to validate yours, or dislike me iff'n I didn't, though we both understand (I think) many would and do.

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Oh I think pretty much everybody is... some just put a different face on it than others.

>Belief doesn't support the  
>scientific method,

Doesn't it though? A method dependant on measurability, predictability, and repeatability, forgetting consensus (justified or otherwise)... UFOs don't hold still for any of that. That which is, is dismissed and derided by the \*mainstream.\* Belief in the unscientific-ness of UFOs is supported by a crippled scientific method.

>and I am a great promoter of using the  
>scientific method to get to the bottom of this phenomenon.

After 50 years I think it's had its chance... the only remaining subsequent use for it (a data following version of it) is in support of a -legal- assault, I think.

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It's good work if you can get it! <g>Hey - we're all in the same boat with a huge impact on one another outside, even, of a God reluctant to dictate what we'll do in that boat, and the boat's a whole lot bigger than we can even know it is. The pipe is wide open to it too, iff'n we want it to be, I'm thinking.

...To embracing the ongoing (and accelerating!) new age, and to

the new use of \_all\_ the tools!

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### Mexican Airplane/UFO Collision Case False

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Hello All,

Please excuse my long post and english syntax.

I have been reading UFO UpDates posts daily waiting for Maussan's reply to my reply of his post from Dec 27-2003.

I think he had enough time to think his answers and could get some spelling software so he can post by himself. He chose not to face me as I offered him the opportunity to answer my questions. I invite Jaime Maussan to participate in an open live debate in a neutral TV station so none of us could get any extra support. My proposal is still in the air.

I waited patiently for Enrique Kolbeck and Capt. Raymundo Ruano to show up and face me in this List. As they didn't I will go on with the presentation of my testimonials of this faked and hoaxed UFO case I've told many times before.

I hope this is not my last post in UFO UpDates because of the latest shameful and outrageous developments and maybe I could be banned from posting publicly about this case because I am still flying in Aeromexico and in some way Aeromexico's prestige could be harmed because of future events that could arise in my posture on this case in defense of my dignity and honor. My company will know sooner or later. By now here are my 2 cts input.

Since december 21, 2003 a discredit conspiracy and defamation campaign started against me in ABC Radio 760 AM - the weekly popular Jaime Maussan's nation wide Radio show in Mexico City named "OVNI un fenomeno Inteligente" (UFOan intelligent phenomena) which was simultaneously aired in the web page [www.losovnis.tv](http://www.losovnis.tv) in audio and video were in a cowardly way my name was mentioned and I was called by Capt. Raymundo Ruano to be a sectarian, spiritualist and to belong to a 'weird' group in Puebla Mexico were I live. Two years ago I gave him my card as Director of ALCIONE.A.C. a non-profit and non religious Civil Association legally established in Mexico.

I was accused by Jaime Maussan on his Radio show of participating in a program interview in Canada and the USA where I supposedly called J. Maussan, Capt. Raymundo Ruano and Enrique Kolbeck liars and to participating in a conspiracy to make a hoax of the UFO and Aeromexico's DC9 collision. He also stated repeatedly that I said this incident never happened and that is a lie, that is disinformation! The information about a DC-9 that had a mechanical failure has been in my web page since 1998 and Maussan knew it! And Ruano too!.

I never had that any interview in any program out of Mexico.

My name was called out in a conspiracy arranged by Maussan in his radio show and by Enrique Kolbeck who poisonously said about me to be a person with mental problems and assenting on Maussan's commentary -with laughs in the background- about me of having lack of maleness. Enrique certainly knew what he was doing on that conspiracy and now I hope he certainly knows what he is going to face ahead. They will find out soon who really I

am. They knew this moment was coming and here it is.

Maussan said there is going to be an investigation about me and my interests. Jaime Maussan as a public figure, a famous journalist, a man respected by the latin people has from now a compromise with me. I will investigate him too, very thoroughly.

Regarding the "Watergate for the Air Industry in Mexico" post from John Velez in behalf of Jaime Maussan (what a mess and what a shame for a great journalist) there was no charge with the officials in the Air Industry. That is a lie fabricated with a disinformation technique used to inflate the opinion of the audience minimizing any dissent against that original opinion. To add an even more egregious dimension of cynical fraud or hoax, it isn't billed by the perpetrators as "unbiased news".

The facts:

I filed a complain at ASPA, the mexican Airline Pilots Union against Capt. Raymundo Cervantes Ruano who is a director's board member were we belong and supposedly he is my representative who has the obligation to defend my profession and integrity and he discredited me in public, allowed and participated in a conspiracy against me and that is a very serious Union statute violation against my rights so I decided to file a complain and now he is in real trouble and maybe he could lose his Pilot job.

The truth has come out to expose all those who lied for almost 10 years about the alleged Aeromexico's DC9 collision with a UFO on july 28, 1994.

With the nice help of John Velez Jaime Maussan was told, -I don't now what information he gathered or how it was handled- about my exposure of the Aeromexico/UFO hoax case, just one more of many Maussan hoaxes and now this case could grow fast, freely, strong and attractive to the media.

I am sorry I used to much space above but I needed to clarify that information and for the record. Now is time to get straight to the facts so here are my results:

I found and interviewed in january 08, 2004 a missing key eyewitness, Capt. Enrique Gomez, Ruano's copilot.

With his testimony this case is almost closed as a hoax.

Why Capt. Enrique Gomez, never was named since 1994? Almost 10 years ago! You can guess, maybe he was not a good candidate for the case as a witness because he didn't want to testify about something he didn't see and didn't hear, the UFO story. So his name should and was kept in silence (secret) and in that way nobody could reach him and ask about the truth of his experience that night.

Eyewitnesses:

Capt. Enrique Gomez-  
Ruano's co-pilot the day of the incident.  
(First Interview january 08, 2004)  
(seven pilots witnessed the interview)  
(video and audio will be available soon)

Capt. Alejandro Luna Sotura-  
Aeromexico's Security General Manager was  
sitting inside the cockpit the day of the incident.  
(Interviewed in 2001)  
( Interviewed again january 12, 2004)  
(audio will be available soon, Capt Luna is very  
dissappointed because his name was aired too  
and maybe hi will not accept an audio interview)

Capt. Ramon Ruiz Gomez-  
Was flying behind Ruano's airplane.  
(Interviewed july 20-2002)  
(Interviewed again january 12, 2004)  
(video and audio will be available soon)

Mechanic Francisco Martinez Meza-  
Aeromexico's Maintenance Supervisor attended  
XA-JEB DC-9 july 28 1994 the day of the incident

(Interviewed in his office January 08, 2004)  
(audio will be available soon)

#### History:

The Aeromexico's DC 9 and a UFO collision case of flight 129 on July 28 1994 was accepted for many years as real but the facts and the lack of information regarding some essential pieces were missing. That made me doubt about the facts and I started a review of the whole case so I exposed this rare and suspicious case in my web page since 1998 because I believed sustained on my background that there was a floppy investigation around the facts, actors and extremely vague results.

For me as an investigator, an Airline pilot working in the air industry since 1968 and former Air Traffic Controller was very difficult to swallow the way this case was handled and presented without mentioning the copilot's name. There is no video tape recording of the air traffic control center and terminal area, neither voice recordings. It was and is a very important clue because in this specific case the data must be collected at the moment and it wasn't.

Outrageous! In Maussan's radio program that I referred above the conspirators against me mentioned that there was a Radar VIDEO RECORDING that DAY, and they said that it is an absurd request from me because the voice and radar tape recordings were erased three months after the incident!

How a "prominent" investigator -as J. Maussan has been called- could forget to collect that valuable DATA. I can't believe it!

This is not a case of a bicycle hitting a sidewalk trash can. We are talking of a 110,000 lb weight airplane, flying at a speed of +/- 160 mph on his final approach course to the runway. Anybody using his common sense could easily imagine what the results could have been of this great mass colliding with a UFO in midair and from that the result was only a broken hydraulic link line? a 1/2 inch thick steel line! 1.27cm diameter of steel and that's all. NO WAY! That line is located in a place where many other components of the landing gear should have been damaged including the doors.

#### My collision experience:

I was flying some time south of Mexico and I collided with a duck that was 28 years ago in a 3000 lb. Cessna 402 when flying at low speed (80 mph) and the 15 lb. bird perforated the right wing from the leading edge to the back side of the fuel tank and the airplane turned almost 130=BA in a second. Repairs needed a full wing change because it was totally asymmetrical. That was a real collision! Very important information about this DC-9/UFO collision case was and is still missing.

I studied Physician Mathematician career -not finished- from 1964 to 1967 in Monterrey Mexico ITESM which I truncated to become a pilot. I remember some of the physics lessons about forces, kinetics and I know why this case with no real extended damage has no implication with a midair UFO collision. Let's be realistic here when we talk about mass, speed velocity and forces.

"If an aircraft strikes a big bird at a speed of 500 MPH, the impact will be about 25 tons. I am talking about an average speed of the Aeromexico's DC-9 of 160 knots.

If a 4 kg (8,8 lb..) big bird with a length of 30 cm has an impact with an airplane flying at a speed of 160 mph (258 km/hr) the average impact force is of 7.66 TONS!

You can use the average impact force TABLE inside the page of this UFO case where you can calculate the impact/ speed/force of a big bird (duck) collision against an airplane.

What about a UFO that has been detected by RADAR which must have enough mass to be detected?

#### TESTIMONIALS

Capt. Enrique Gomez.  
Capt. Ruano's co-pilot the day of the incident.  
(Interviewed January 08, 2004)

Capt. Enrique Gomez's words:

"Since we took off from Guadalajara Intl. airport until landing at Mexico's Intl. there was NO UFO's and NO ECHO or 'traffic' following or close to our airplane or any verbal information given by any of the Air Traffic Controllers in all frequencies that we listened over the full length of the flight. We were not advised of any "ships" or "UFO's" at no time.

"There was a LOUD NOISE and I felt like a huge hit at the time Capt. Ruano asked me to lower the landing gear. I know it was because of the landing gear hydraulic failure. Everybody was very scared but WE DIDN'T HIT NOTHING. We heard about UFO's after the incident. Some Air Traffic Controllers called (Enrique Kolbeck) looking for Capt. Raymundo Ruano by telephone while we were at the Aeronautical Authorities office at the airport during the paper work of the incident was in progress and Capt. Ruano was informed about some UFO sightings that was gathered during that day."

"That was 3 hours after the incident when Capt., Ruano told me if I would like to talk to a traffic controller and see the video and pictures taken from the incident. I told him I don't want to do that because it was almost 01:00 AM in the morning and I lived far outside Mexico's City in Cocoyoc."

"Jaime Maussan looked for me three times AFTER the incident and asked me if I would like to participate in a video interview were I should say that there were UFO's who caused the DC9 damage and I told him I couldn't do that because it was not real and he suggested me that I could say that a "Shock Wave" was the cause of the airplane's damage on main right landing gear." "I laughed when I heard his request and I told him as I am an expert in STEEL CUTTING which I studied and worked in for more than 5 years with my uncle who was nominated for nobel price before becoming to be a pilot and that the cause of the damage to the 'hydraulic link line' of the DC-9 XA-JEB involved in the incident couldn't be possible as to be from a collision with an object because I had knowledge in steel cutting and kinetics so I couldn't participate on that UFO collision video interview."

Capt. Ramon Ruiz Gomez  
Flying behind Capt., Ruano's flight 129 the day of the incident

Capt. Ramon Ruiz Gomez words:

"I took off from Guadalajara behind Ruano=92s flight and at all the time I had him in sight because there was a clear night sky and I didn't heard in the air frequencies anything regarding UFO's or any 'targets' as Kolbeck stated in the audio tape that Capt. Franz just showed to me. I was about 5 to 6 miles behind him and I heard when he declared an emergency so we were put on a holding pattern in San Mateo VOR ( radio facility) for almost 10 minutes. I didn't saw UFO's or another aircraft in the sky that night. I landed behind Ruano's airplane and I got down from my airplane, Ruano's airplane was at gate #8 and mine at gate #9. I went down to see what was the damage on his airplane and there was a hydraulic small leak in the right main landing gear"

Capt. Alejandro Luna Sotura, the third person or extra passenger sitting in the 'jump seat' inside the cockpit.

Capt. Alejandro Luna Sotura words:

"I was seating in the jump seat that night inside the cockpit, the flight was normal and when on final turn to the airport Capt. Ruano ordered the first officer Capt. Enrique Gomez to put the landing gear down the gear handle was moved to the down position there was a LOUD NOISE and NO HIT. I had never heard such a loud noise in my 30 years in aviation. There was no UFO's advice or "Target" from the air traffic control during all of the flight time".

Mechanic Francisco Martinez Meza-Aeromexico's Maintenance Supervisor attended XA-JEB DC-9 July 28 1994 the day of the incident

Mechanic Francisco Martinez Meza's words:

"There is a LIE regarding Alfonso Salazar against Cap. Raymundo Ruano's statement about that there was a 'broken strut' in the DC9's landing gear". It was a hydraulic leak in the 'link line' (ensemble between the hydraulic steel line and the fabric steel hose) of the brakes. There was NO RAZOR CUT as I heard the audio tape were a person named Alfonso Salazar who I don't remember very well because he said I was his teacher. I taught aeronautical mechanics 25 years ago but not 30 as Alfonso Salazar stated in the audio tape and there was NO BROKEN STRUT in any of both main landing gears. It was a hydraulic 'link line' leak".

Mechanic Alfonso Salazar lied about the damage in the DC9 landing gear, there was only a small hydraulic leak and NOT a CUT like with a 'razor' ( should say 'knife' or "cutter" ) Also he didn't mentioned about the STRUT CUT that Capt. Ruano explicit and repeatedly assert."

Information below in quotes provided by Jaime Maussan in his post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/dec/m24-033.shtml>

Mechanic Alfonso Salazar words in Jaime Maussan's post::

"Inspector Rodriguez (Martinez) confirmed that he observed that the hydraulic line on the right side landing gear had been cut as if it had been done with a razor."-

Mechanic Alfonso Salazar words in Jaime Maussan's interview on december 21, 2003 he said "like cutter" You can listen to his voice in the related web page.

There was NO CUT like with a "cutter" as Alfonso Salazar stated verbally. There was "no broken strut", said Francisco Martinez Meza as contrary of what Cap. Raymundo Ruano has told to the media for almost 10 years. There was only a small hydraulic leak in the brakes 'link' line, a hose closer to the main strut made from special fabric and steel for landing gear wheel's ensemble flexibility purposes.

Some questions:

- 1 - Why the names of crucial eyewitnesses are known till now after 10 years of the incident?
- 2 - What was the purpose to avoid mentioning for almost 10 years the names of the co-pilot and the third member inside the airplane's cockpit?
- 3 - Why Capt. Raymundo Ruano said he was told by Enrique Kolbeck that there were two "SHIPS" scouting his airplane?
- 4 - Why Enrique Kolbeck told to the media that he saw two ECHOES in the Radar screen and advised Capt. Ruano?
- 5 - Why Capt. Ruano told to the media many times that the air traffic controller told him that there was a UFO passing underneath his airplane on his final turn to the airport while the radar can't show vertical information of primary targets?

Please visit the following page (under heavy construction in english) I hope you like it and I wish it will help to those members interested in this case. I am sorry it is not to well organized as I wish but I'm working on it.

IT IS REALLY HUGE! (110K) ...enjoy!

AEROMEXICO'S AIRPLANE COLLIDES WITH A UFO IN 1994! True or False?...  
[http://www.alcione.org/OVNI94/OVNI94\\_engx.html](http://www.alcione.org/OVNI94/OVNI94_engx.html)

I hope this post can help those members interested in this case and any comments are welcome so please let me know any doubt about this case.

Best regards and thank you for your patience,

"You decide who you believe"

Capt. Alejandro Franz

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- "You can lie to many people many times, but you can't lie to  
all the people all the time" -unknown author -

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## More On Corso [was: DARK MATTERS! January 17th,

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>>>>>In my kindest thoughts I tend to attribute his whoppers to  
>>>>>either senility or manipulation by others.

>>>Correction: You didn't snip my last paragraph; I overlooked  
>>>this. But you apparently didn't read, or comprehend, it.  
>>>Translation: It suggests the possibility that he may not be a  
>>>conscious liar.

>>In 1997 during the Roswell 50th anniversary celebration I had  
>>an opportunity to meet with, and speak to, Col. Corso. Budd  
>>Hopkins and I were enjoying breakfast in the hotel dining room  
>>when Col. Corso walked in and sat down (alone) in one of the  
>>adjacent booths. That is how I got to meet him.

>>Although the comment that follows is subjective, it does come  
>>from someone who has spent a little time in the company of Mr.  
>>Corso. Assign any weight to it that you wish.

<snip>

Hello Ed, All,

You asked:

>Please be more specific and I'll share what I've learned and  
>other "thoughtful individuals" can participate and we can see  
>where the discussion goes.

Greg Sandow wrote a very thoughtful and detailed post about the inconsistencies in Corso's/Birnes book in response to a post from Terry Colvin. As a response to your question, I would like to simply repost Greg's observations if I may. As you will see, it is as concise as it can be and myself or anyone else would be hard put to add to it, or to improve upon it. I hope this answers your question, Ed. It is as comprehensive an answer as exists anywhere.

Thanks Greg for your permission to use this material. ;)

Philip Corso's "The Day After Roswell"

Reviewed by Greg Sandow  
via Virgil Priscu <[priscuv@shani.net](mailto:priscuv@shani.net)>

Damn. I never meant to buy it. I just thought I'd sit and read it in the bookstore, to see what it was like. But it turned out to be more substantial, more dubious, and more just plain quirky than I expected, so I had to have a copy.

Here's what's in it. The central UFO theme is a lot more detailed and newer than anyone has yet suggested here. But there's a smorgasbord of UFO references - Roswell, abductions, the autopsy file, cattle mutilations, MJ-12 - so random and incoherent you can easily suspect they were tossed in by someone who didn't really know the UFO literature, to give a manufactured story credibility.

And that's not all. Corso makes claims about non-UFO history - the U-2 incident and the Cuban Missile Crisis - that are, shall we say, at variance with the usual accounts. It turns out, in fact, that even in non-UFO terms Corso is a key figure in postwar events, and, if we factor in his alleged UFO role, he becomes one of the most important people in the 20th century. Though to give him credit, he's modest about his stature and in fact says that the importance of his work hadn't even occurred to him until he sat down to write what apparently (he's not entirely clear about this) was originally going to be quite a different memoir.

If I've read him correctly on this last point, of course, then Thurmond's staff might be right when they say they originally had an outline with nothing in it about UFOs. However, Corso says in the book that Thurmond knew the UFO secret, so Thurmond was going to be involved with the book whether he wrote the foreword or not.

To discuss some of these points in greater detail:

The key to Corso's UFO information is the title of the book - "The Day After Roswell." This refers to something initially quite limited, and fascinating - what happened to the crash debris. Corso says that it initially got scattered scientific study, some of which led to the development of the transistor.

But then it languished, until the early '60s when Corso went to work for a foreign technology unit of the U.S. Army. His superior asked him to look at the stuff, and suggest what might be done with it. Corso's report (I'm leaving out all the "supposedly"s here, to save wear and tear on my typing fingers) led to an ingenious project, in which suggestive bits of alien st=FD=FF=FF=FF,funneled into private-industry research projects that were already used to getting terrestrial foreign technology, and not asking questions about it. That is, one week they'd get parts from a crashed Soviet jet. The next week they'd get something alien. They wouldn't be told what either thing was.

The point here was to keep the work secret by NOT starting a massive new project - and, by the way, to cover the tracks of any alien-based technological developments.

This sounds plausible to me, though I'd be quick to stress I don't have the military or intelligence background for my assessment to mean much. One key to the plan was that security was just as important as information. That's why a full-bore study wasn't unleashed from the start. Corso's full story of the aliens includes more than this - they're hostile, for instance, and they're genetically-engineered creatures, optimized for space travel. And it has a grand and glorious conclusion. After alien technology helped create night vision equipment and lasers, among much else, it finally helped us build particle-beam weaponry that - when deployed as part of Reagan's Star Wars program - not only brought the cold war to an end, but brought about a stalemate with the aliens, whose UFOs could now be shot down! Corso somewhat fudges the extent of his involvement with this, since he left the army shortly after setting the initial project in motion (though his fudging may just be a reflection of a general carelessness that afflicts much of the narrative). Still, if this is where his work led, he's a hero - clearly, as the man who set us on the path of military equality with an alien invading force, one of the great

heroes of our time.

One passing thought: We've read here that somebody traced the development of the transistor through patents and articles in scientific journals, and found every step accounted for, thus suggests that the project was set up to create precisely this impression. Besides - and here I'm speaking for myself - patents and journal articles don't record where engineers and scientists get their ideas. If somebody's thinking is stimulated by a fragment of an alien TV set, they still have to theorize and experiment to imitate the thing - and it's those theories and experiments that show up in published data, not the inspiration for them.

So what about Corso's non-UFO heroism? This, friends and fellow ufologists, is a doozy. Corso takes personal credit for U.S. resistance to Soviet missiles in Cuba. I'm not exaggerating.

Corso says he had photographs clearly showing the missiles, and says that he knew President Kennedy wasn't going to do anything about it. So he leaked the information to Senator Kenneth Keating of New York, and, most crucially, to a reporter - and says that it was the reporter's articles that forced Kennedy to act!

Needless to say, you can't find this in standard histories.

Keating, it's true, sounded an early alarm; that I could document. But - while Corso is in synch with standard histories when he says the CIA didn't believe that Soviet ICBMs were in Cuba - the usual story depicts a steady buildup of data within the Kennedy administration that quickly persuaded Kennedy to act.

Corso also appears out to lunch when he reproduces quotes from phone conversations between Eisenhower and Soviet premier Khrushchev about the U-2 flights that eventually would wreck a U.S.-Soviet summit meeting. Corso seems to say (again, the sloppy tracking of details throughout the book makes this hard to be sure about) that his source is a buddy in the KGB, and he's correct, according to standard histories, to say that Eisenhower was dubious about the flights, and that the USSR knew all about them, even before they shot one down. But that Khrushchev and Eisenhower ever talked about it before the shooting, and even that they ever talked on the phone, is, um, new. You won't find any reference to it in the standard Stephen Ambrose biography of Eisenhower, or in Khrushchev's memoirs. For what it's worth, the hot line between the White House and the Kremlin wasn't even installed till the '60s.

There's also a hint somewhere about the CIA plotting Kennedy's assassination. Nothing more on the subject. And everything in the book is buried in a subtext right out of a spy novel. The CIA (which follows Corso around Washington to see what he's up to) is shipping secrets to the Russians. Nevertheless, an unstated bond between the CIA and the KGB adds a touch of stability to U.S.-Soviet relations, and Corso quite happily makes deals with the Soviet military, which hates the KGB. On one memorable page he even gets photocopies smuggled out of the Soviet embassy - the point being to find out exactly what secrets the CIA has revealed!

Thurmond? The reference to his secret knowledge is brief, and just a bit coy. I can't find it, for the moment, and the book has no index. But in essence it's this. Corso finds his superior, General Arthur Trudeau, talking to Thurmond. Thurmond says something about "them," and Corso understands that "they" are the aliens. If that's all he has to go on, you might wonder why he's so sure but he does state outright that Thurmond knew.

UFO data? What a mishmash. The book begins, in fact, with an account of the Roswell crash, complete with reconstructed dialogue. It reads like fiction - or, to give a proper UFO antecedent, like one of Keyhoe's books, though the facts Keyhoe alleged always checked out. Maybe to give himself an out, Corso says he's heard many versions of the crash story, and that this is just one of them. As we've read here, Major Jesse Marcel is on hand at the crash site, overseeing the recovery of the body of the craft, and the aliens. That's at variance with standard Roswell accounts, which, as Dennis Stacy has pointed out, leave us wondering why Marcel wasn't there, or, if he was, why he

never talked about it afterwards.

But there's more. A sentry shoots an alien that starts to move, and there are named witnesses heretofore unknown (or at least not listed in the indexes of the standard Roswell books). Who's Steve Arnold? Corso says he rode shotgun on one of the staff cars heading for the recovery site, and was the first to disembark. Who's Roy Danzer, a plumbing subcontractor who was fitting pipe at the base, and saw the recovery convoy arriving with the alien bodies, one of which Danzer saw?

Corso mentions the members of MJ-12, without naming the organization. He says the aliens have six fingers; that's from the autopsy film. He's confusing on abductions. I've said that much in this book isn't clear, and the abduction references go to the front (or rear) of the pack. It's hard to tell, but Corso does seem to state that abductions were known in the '50s and known to be widespread in the '60s, something the UFO literature won't support. (But when Corso might have been referring to secret military data. Who knows?)

These UFO references are a mess, basically. Corso at least should have noted where they fit. As in: "Yes, UFO researchers have found these names, and say they were part of a group called MJ-12. I never heard that name, but the group did exist, and these were the guys who ran it." As things stand, every one of these references seems phony, as if Corso (or his ghostwriter) had plucked factoids from various UFO sources, to make the story seem credible.

What WOULD make the tale believable? More facts. Backup. Corroboration. The book, taken as a whole, is simply weird. Suppose it's fake. Why on earth would Corso, after what appears to have been a distinguished career, smash his reputation for...what, money? Fame? Attention? Why would he say Thurmond knew the secret, when that means Thurmond would certainly be asked, and presumably would deny the whole thing?

But then suppose the story is real. Is this how a distinguished military man spills the greatest secret in human history? By hiring a ghostwriter to write an incoherent popular potboiler?

Wouldn't a better plan be, first, to make sure the book makes sense, and addresses obvious problems right where they occur, and second to call a press conference, in which supporting evidence and maybe even a supporting witness or two would see the light of day?

There's precious little in the book for anyone to work with. Here and there you find a name - "Dr. Mark Johnson," for instance, identified as an "aeronautical research scientist" from Hughes Aircraft, whom Corso says he met at Fort Belvoir [Virginia], and who knew the alien secret. Does this man exist? And how did Corso emerge from this long history without a single document? All he seems to have are some shadowy photos of UFOs, and even these he says he can't vouch for as genuine.

But wait - there ARE documents! He mentions them in the text, and even quotes from them. For instance, he has a private copy of General Trudeau's apparently unpublished memoirs. He even quotes a paragraph, in which UFOs aren't mentioned. Is that the best he could do? What do the rest of the memoirs say? Would I be right to suspect that UFOs aren't mentioned anywhere in them?

And then there are Corso's sharply written reports to Trudeau, which he quotes from liberally. Could we, perhaps, see a page or two? Can we verify that they really were written in the '60s, or that at least they could have been? What security markings do they bear, if any? The book doesn't tell us.

Corso also mentions his journals. Can we see them? Can we verify their age? This is getting frustrating - unless, of course, we simply conclude that the whole thing is bogus, and that we're not seeing these documents because they don't exist.

Finally, there's something else. Apparently this secret wasn't very tightly kept. The Soviets knew all about it. Even the Nazis did - Corso thinks they'd recovered their own alien UFO, and were on the way to learning the aliens' secrets. The ET threat was discussed at National Security Council meetings, he also says, was known about at high levels in all the armed services,

and was widely known (or at least rumored) in science and private industry.

So where's the evidence for that? Stalin, Corso says, pitched a fit when he heard about Roswell. Are there Kremlin files that say so? And what about the hundreds or thousands of politicians, generals, admirals, Washington insiders, scientists and industrial magnates who knew about the aliens? Surely - if Corso's book is true, and he's still alive after writing it - somebody, somewhere, is going to step forward to say that they were there, too.

(Delightful fact! Corso's view of the aliens does not support other alleged insiders' reports - not Bob Lazar's, with its spacecraft fueled by element 115, or William Uhouse's (he being Glenn Campbell's "Jarod II"), with its deal between the ETs and our government: their technology in exchange for a steady supply of boron. Who should we believe?)

Greg Sandow

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## Launch of X-43A

From: Don Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 07:41:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:37:16 -0500  
Subject: Launch of X-43A

This from NASA

Don Ledger

RELEASE: 04-031

Captive Carry Test Prepares NASA For Next Hyper-X Flight

The second of three unpiloted X-43A vehicles in NASA's Hyper-X program is being prepared for a no earlier than Jan 24, 2004, captive carry flight, which is the dress rehearsal for its free flight currently scheduled for Feb. 21, 2004.

Pending thorough evaluation of all flight data, the captive-carry test could lead to the December flight of the X-43A stack. The stack, consisting of the X-43A and its modified Pegasus booster will be air-launched by NASA's B-52 carrier aircraft at 40,000 feet altitude. The booster will accelerate the experimental vehicle to Mach 7 at approximately 95,000 feet altitude. At booster burnout, the X-43 will separate and fly under its own power on a preprogrammed path.

Distinctive to the X-43A is the blending of its integrated airframe with a scramjet or supersonic combustion ramjet engine, intended to make the X-43A the first air-breathing hypersonic vehicle in free flight. The hydrogen-fueled aircraft has a wingspan of approximately 5 feet, measures 12 feet long and weighs about 2,800 pounds.

The flight of vehicle two is programmed for Mach 7 - seven times the speed of sound. The third vehicle of the series is planned to reach Mach 10. Using an air-breathing scramjet engine instead of conventional rocket power, the X-43A could be the forerunner in providing faster, more reliable and less expensive access to space. A scramjet uses oxygen from the atmosphere, unlike rockets that must carry oxidizer onboard. This could enable scramjet vehicles to carry bigger payloads, travel farther, or be smaller than comparable rocket vehicles.

On June 2, 2001, the first X-43A vehicle was lost moments after the stack was released from the wing of the B-52. Following booster ignition, the combined booster and X-43A vehicle deviated from its flight path and was deliberately terminated.

Investigation into the mishap showed that there was no single contributing factor but the root cause of the booster going off its trajectory was resolved through development of better analytical models and modification of the control system in the booster. Now, the booster will carry less propellant and will be released from 40,000 feet instead of 20,000 feet as was done in the first flight.

Due to risky nature of the flight, the experimental aircraft will fly in the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Sea Range over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of southern California, where after powered flight, it will glide to a safe impact and sink. NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., and Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif., conduct the Hyper-X program jointly.

Allied Aerospace Industries in Tullahoma, Tenn., built both the vehicle and the engine, and Boeing North American in Huntington Beach, Calif., designed the thermal protection and propulsion control systems. The booster is a modified Pegasus rocket from Orbital Sciences Corp. Chandler, Ariz.

Media who plan to go to the runway to observe and photograph the B-52/X-43A stack takeoff must contact the NASA Dryden Public Affairs Office at: 661/276-3449. The west gate off highway 14 at Rosamond, Calif., will be the only entrance for media.

Still photos and video footage will be available from the Dryden Public Affairs Office to support this release four hours after the return of the B-52.

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## Bush Makes Passing UFO Reference

From: Grant Cameron <[presidentialufo@presidency.com](mailto:presidentialufo@presidency.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 19:41:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:41:28 -0500  
Subject: Bush Makes Passing UFO Reference

Source: ABC News.Com

[http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Politics/ap20040122\\_1535.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Politics/ap20040122_1535.html)

01-22-04

The Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. Jan. 22 =97 President Bush claimed broad progress Thursday in the war against terrorism but warned against complacency toward "the ultimate danger." He proposed spending more than \$30 billion on combating terrorism at home next year.

<snip>

The streets along Bush's motorcade route were lined with hundreds of supporters, and the convention hall was packed on his sixth visit to the state as president. The White House lined up cadets from the New Mexico Military Institute behind him for his speech.

Afterward, Bush made a rare motorcade-route stop to linger with locals on the way out of town. Bounding into the Nuthin' Fancy Cafe, the president hugged a few delighted restaurant patrons, saying he wanted to help "this lady put some money in her pockets."

"I need some ribs," Bush said from behind the counter, his arm around a diner employee. "I'm hungry."

He made passing reference to the years of talk about a 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, a small city surrounded by rugged land.

"I understand you had reports this morning of an unfamiliar aircraft," Bush said. "Don't worry, it was just me."

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## Re: UFO At The OLF? - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 14:06:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 08:39:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO At The OLF? - Velez

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 19:06:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 06:19:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO At The OLF? - Balaskas

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 16:07:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: UFO At The OLF?

><snip>

>>"Triangles!" Time and again UFOs will assume a formation in the  
>>sky. The geometric shape of a triangle. I will be posting video  
>>shortly of a 'cluster' of "UFOs" (UAPs or whatever term you  
>>prefer,) some of which are hovering in a triangular 'formation.'

>>This detail comes up often enough in reports to warrant noting.  
>>I don't pretend to know 'why' but the number 'three' and  
>>triangular shapes come up often in connection with the  
>>phenomena. I have had the symbol of a 'triangle' with glowing  
>>lights at each point as the logo of the AIC website for years. I  
>>used it intentionally. I knew that any 'genuine' abductees that  
>>showed up or stumbled upon the website would recognize the  
>>symbol \_immediately\_ and realize that they were at the site of  
>>someone who was 'intimately' familiar with the phenomenon. I  
>>wanted a 'signal' on the front page of the website for anyone  
>>who has been affected by the phenom.

>>I just find it interesting how this configuration keeps coming  
>>up in connection with 'them.'

><snip>

Hello Nick,

You wrote:

>The three coins you tossed on your bedroom dresser; the three  
>birds spotted flying in formation overhead; the cigarette glows  
>of three people smoking in the dark; etc., what do they all  
>form? Triangles!

Ya know, Nick, sometimes I wonder if you're being  
\_intentionally\_ obtuse or not. Click on the following URL and  
observe the 'formation' of the white objects in the lower left  
quadrant of the pictures.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/ovnis/>

Do you see three objects in a 'triangular' formation? If not,  
then the discussion ends here. If you do see the 'triangle,'  
consider this; it's not the first time that it has happened. Nor  
is Mexico the only place it has happened.

As stated in my original post, I will be posting the whole of  
the video as soon as I can. Once the video is on-line the List  
will notified and you will be welcome to view it in its entirety  
and post comment if you wish.

>There are no exceptions to this fact except possibly in  
>extremely distorted triangles such as the line of three stars  
>that make up the belt of Orion (which would still appear as a  
>triangle from different points in space) or three objects that  
>have merged to form a single point

C'mon Nick. Of course! Following your logic, if an observer is far enough away, he/she won't see anything at all. So what? You say that to say what?

You pass judgement without even having seen the examples I intended to provide in order to add some substance to my remarks. You stand up in the blind, whip out your shotgun and start firing willy-nilly long before the ducks are even airborne!

>- like the trinity nature of man (body, mind and spirit) and God.

\_?\_ Huh??? I thought we were talking "UFOs" here.

Nick, I am also in receipt of your private post about the evidence for the universe being less than 10,000 years old. 'Creationists' have been scrambling to prove that the universe is only 6,000 years old in order to prove that the Bible is a 'literal' text. God and the trinity are not in question at the moment.

>Maybe artists and creative/talented people such as yourself can  
>see or appreciate things that are not obvious to us cannot, but  
>I fail to see any mystery in "three" and "triangles", especially  
>in the connection to UFOs.

You would if you knew how often it comes up. It is what I am trying to make everyone aware of. As I have already said, I will provide some examples shortly. Please be patient. And for Pete's sake, stop jumping the gun. I use the term "UFO" and you're literally jumping out of your skin before I have a chance to put it all out there. Relax. There'll be plenty of time for you to dismiss it all. <VBG>

Regards,

John Velez

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## White House Downplays Roswell UFO Connection

From: Grant Cameron <[presidentialufo@presidency.com](mailto:presidentialufo@presidency.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 19:45:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:45:16 -0500  
Subject: White House Downplays Roswell UFO Connection

Source: The New York Daily News

<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/157158p-137982c.html>

W's Roswell landing

President Bush is heading to Roswell, N.M., today but he won't be talking about his vision for a manned mission to Mars - even though some Roswellians might be able to give him directions to the Red Planet.

Roswell is where, some still believe, alien spacecraft landed on a farm in 1947.

Asked by reporters aboard Air Force One about the connection between the UFO sightings and Bush's visit, White House spokesman Scott McClellan started humming an eerie TV theme.

"Dee-dee-dee-dee, dee-dee-dee-dee," McClellan said with a smile. "I think we're entering the Twilight Zone now."

The Daily News' Ken Bazinet reports that Bush plans to talk about the war on terrorism. Maybe the intergalactic kind.

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## SPI Lecture 02-28-04

From: Philip Mantle <[suemantle@ntlworld.com](mailto:suemantle@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 21:33:14 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:12:55 -0500  
Subject: SPI Lecture 02-28-04

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From: Malcolm Robinson  
To: [scotcats@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:scotcats@ukonline.co.uk)  
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 8:51 AM  
Subject: SPI Lectures

Hi,

Find below, the flyer for next month's SPI London Lecture. The press and magazines the radio and TV folk have all been notified. The flyers for the full 2004 SPI programme go out to all early February.

Included is the blurb for the Life After Death talk by Ron Pearson. Could I ask all you kind hearted folk to circulate this amongst those who you think will be interested. Would Editors of UFO & paranormal mags and web sites kindly do your bit as well.

May I thank one and all for your help to SPI during 2003 and I hope to see you all at our lecture programme during 2004.

Best wishes to all.

Malcolm Robinson (Founder SPI Scotland-England)

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Strange Phenomena Investigations

'Survival Physics, Life After Death'

Guest Speaker

Ron D. Pearson

Date: Saturday 28th February 2004.  
Venue: The Sols Arms, 65-68 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2PN.  
Time: 3:00pm till 6:30pm.

Nearest Tube Station: Warren Street on the Northern Line.

Ron Pearson

Across all scientific disciplines the paranormal is perceived as a threat to be discredited since it challenges their paradigms. Obfuscation will continue until a theoretical base adequately extends the compass of physics. A solution appears as the existence of an ultimate level of reality is explored. It seems

to create our matter out of itself. Our immortal minds are part of this background structure and with this model almost every paranormal phenomenon is given an explanation as potentially real. Experimental proof by famous though discredited scientists will be presented and some personal experiments will be recounted.

The subject of Life After Death means something to everyone whether we want to enquire about it or not. Here is someone who has studied the physics of the subject and comes to London to share his research with us. Miss this one at your peril.

Admission: Public 7:00 Pounds Sterling  
SPI Members 5:00 Pounds Sterling.  
(Price Includes Buffet)

Entrance is by payment at the door. Any cheques should be made payable to Strange Phenomena Investigations. Strange Phenomena Investigations Web Site: [www.spiuk.net](http://www.spiuk.net)

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These meetings are designed for people with an interest in strange phenomena that wish to find out more about the strange world of the unexplained. Join like-minded individuals who share this fascination for all things weird and wonderful. Join in the after lecture debate and find out about all the latest research. Please note that the views expressed by our guest speakers may not necessarily reflect those of SPI as a whole.

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## Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 22:50:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 10:18:56 -0500  
Subject: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

The City of Whittlesea has released a press item and photograph on a UFO Photograph taken by an employer at 2:00pm on the 15th Jan 2004.

The Council communication officer spoke on radio station 3AW at 11:35 a.m. today, vouching for the employee and the image authenticity.

Image At:

<http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/content/content.asp?cnid=1545>

PRA viewed the image on Tue 20th and could no offer any explanation to reporter Peter Taylor <[taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au](mailto:taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au)> from the Whittlesea Leader, a local newspaper who will be running the story.

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## Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 17:36:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:17:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Sandow

>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 04:34:58 -0500  
>Subject: Bush's Roswell Visit

>Phoenix-AP -- President Bush wraps up a  
>post-State-of-the-Union political swing today with a stop in  
>New Mexico.

>He's visiting the city of Roswell to address one of the main  
>themes of his speech to Congress: the war on terror.

>The White House insists the stop has nothing to do with  
>Roswell's role in UFO lore. Believers are convinced a flying  
>saucer crashed there in 1947 and that the government's been  
>covering it up ever since.

This is hilarious. As I've said here before, my wife's family  
lives in Roswell, and I've made several long visits there.

To us on UpDates, and obviously to the Associated Press and  
others in the media, Roswell is the place where the UFO crashed.  
To people who live there, it's the town they live in, notable  
for its pecan growers and as the business hub for that part of  
New Mexico. It's also notable for two terrific art museums,  
quite a surprise for a city that small. The UFO stuff is, for  
most people there, just this tourist nonsense that goes on  
downtown.

And then there's politics. New Mexico traditionally votes  
Democratic, and has a go-getter Democratic governor. I can  
imagine, though, that Bush sees New Mexico as a state he might  
do better in, since Republicans have been very strong in the  
southwest. So why would Bush's visit have anything to do with  
UFOs? Especially since whatever was recovered from the crash  
(assuming the crash really happened) wouldn't even be in Roswell  
any more!

If Bush wants to enjoy the streetlamps downtown with alien faces  
on them, or the UFO Museum (which, compared to the art museums,  
looks like somebody's high school science project), or if he  
wants to buy an alienburger at some enterprising fast food place  
downtown - hey, let him enjoy himself. But it's hard to believe  
anyone in Roswell would even think to connect his visit with all  
the UFO tourist stuff.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 15:16:02 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 08:31:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Miller

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 08:52:57 -0800  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 12:54:22 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:05:36 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>><snip>

>Stuart,

>What would the world believe if SETI announced that near one of  
>their observatories they witnessed a "disc-shaped" UFO; that it  
>was seen to land, small humanoid beings emerged, walked around  
>for a few minutes, re-entered the craft and took off; further,  
>that the craft exhibited extraordinary flying characteristics,  
>e.g., right angle turns at extremely high speeds, and finally  
>seemed to change shapes (morph) before leaving eyeshot?

Hi Frank,

I think you know what I'm going to say. I'm fairly sure they's  
be believed. And what would really be ironic is that Terry  
Hansen's theories would be confronted and the press would have  
no choice but to get behind them. They could not ignore SETI, a  
respected and above all, very well known internationally  
acclaimed scientific organisation.

Do you agree with what I've said or do you think differently?

It was tempting to say, "Regretfully they'd be believed" or  
"unfortunately" but that would be selfish and quite frankly, a  
little stupid. But it does lead on to a whole host of other  
strands. Lets say SETI receive a signal - the equivalent of a TV  
picture so we can see that the ET's are solid biological  
entitites and they come from a planet 8 light years away. We are  
told that this is the first time any contact with an  
extraterrestrial source has ever taken place and that prior to  
that, there had been no type of ET contact with Earth before.

Your joy at the discovery of extraterrestrial life would be  
tempered with the sudden realization that whatever occured at  
Rendlesham didn't involve aliens. Roswell never happened and so  
on and so forth. All the emotional investment that many, many  
people have made in their belief that ET existed and has been  
here before, gone. All those who believe in the dimensional  
theory or whatever, dropped down a well of depression and anti-  
climax. And then think about the poor sceptics. Multiply that  
scenario quite a few times.

The more you think about the implications of contact, the more

uncomfortable it becomes.

Hail to the governments of the world for protecting us from ourselves.

Stuart Miller

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## New Mars Editorial & My Apologies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 23:03:42 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 10:25:32 -0500  
Subject: New Mars Editorial & My Apologies

Firstly, let me apologize to those among you who have received unsolicited email about implausible Mars coverups. I accidentally sent a message using the Cc: function when it should have been a Bcc:. Please accept my apologies.

Secondly, here is my latest Mars editorial, which happens to deal with the mishap related above.

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From Posthuman Blues:

The conspiracy-mongers are out in full-force after the revelation that the Spirit Mars rover has gone (almost) silent.

Richard Hoagland is going full-steam ahead with the colorful notion that the National Security Agency (NSA) knocked Spirit out of commission before it could discover alien artifacts. It almost sounds reasonable... until you look at the supposed "artifacts" Hoagland's talking about and take time to consider that Hoagland seems to have a never-ending stock of nefarious scenarios in store in case something unfortunate should befall a NASA mission.

If you make enough predictions, you're bound to be in the ballpark every once in a while. And if you're as charismatic and earnest as Hoagland, your audience will likely forget all of your past predictions that never materialized. In fact, they'll be falling all over themselves to ride the Belief Train. Sure, it's a fleeting ride. But like any good fiction, it's certainly fun while it lasts.

But what happens if JPL manages to get Spirit back online? There's a reasonable chance they might. Spirit didn't go utterly silent like Britain's Beagle 2; it merely stopped relaying science data. So if Spirit "wakes up" and hails Earth with a new stream of images, what happens to Hoagland's scheme? I suppose we'll be asked to believe that everything seen after the rover's silence is either fabricated and thus not to be trusted or that the "good guys" in the space/intelligence community beat the NSA at their own game. Whatever happens, Hoagland will have a nicely packaged answer. And it will sound weirdly logical, at least on first take.

And then the next probe will have landed and everyone will obligingly forget all about the malevolent NSA's plan to stifle Spirit. A new and better Mars conspiracy will be afoot soon enough.

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

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

"After the Martian Apocalypse": in bookstores July, 2004

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

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## Re: Argentinean Space Junk Follow-Up - Corrales

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1@earthlink.net](mailto:lornis1@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 13:42:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 08:55:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Argentinean Space Junk Follow-Up - Corrales

Andres Duarte, scientific advisor for Chile's CIFAEE, has posted the following:

"The sighting coincides approximately with the site, the date and time for the predicted re-entry (1200 hrs. UT of 01.20.04) and the size (2.3\*1.2m) and stage configuration (PAM-D) for the Delta II booster, model 7925, that placed the GPS 2-23 satellite into orbit. It is also interesting that the recovery of the remains has not yet been published, although the sighting of the re-entry is. According to the background information consulted, the last recovery of space debris took place in 2002 in Angola. The PAM-D module is employed in the launching satellites from Delta II boosters--on which it serves as the third stage-- or else from the space shuttle payload bay.

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Special thanks to Andres Duarte

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## Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 16:39:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 09:15:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Stanford

>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs@comcast.net](mailto:fadeddiscs@comcast.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 21:05:43 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>>From: Louise Nicolaidides <[Louise.Nicolaidides@sw.ca](mailto:Louise.Nicolaidides@sw.ca)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:UFOUpdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:34:33 -0500  
>>Subject: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>>I am a newbie and consider myself in "catch-up" mode at  
>>present.

>>I stumbled upon this List several months ago and am in awe of  
>>the depth of knowledge of the people who post here. I have  
>>learned more in 4 months than, I dare say, in years! I feel  
>>utterly awakened.

>>Thank You All!

>Ms. Nicolaidides,

- >1. Don't believe everything you read.
  - >2. Don't believe everything you think.
  - >3. Don't forget to learn the history of Ufology.
  - >4. Don't forget that when the oldster's of Ufology get their  
>hackles up and go on a toot, just enjoy the ride.
  - >5. Don't forget CSICOP is a cult.
- >So, there you have it, but whadda ya got? <g>

Hello Louise Nicolaidides,

Welcome to the interesting but sometimes highly opinionated  
world of UFO UpDates. Speaking of opinions, let me share one of  
mine.

Wendy Connors sized things up very well, but I would add a few  
points concerning her factual # 5:

CSICOP ("Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of  
the Paranormal") is not just a cult, it is a religious cult, and  
a few of their articles of faith and dogma (poorly disguised as  
'rationality') seem to be (but they don't admit it):

- (1) Unexplainable UFOs no not exist and cannot exist!
- (2) Nothing we cannot understand exists or could ever exist!
- (3) Never expand your concept of reality beyond 19th and early-  
20th-century discoveries because there is at least a possibility  
that you might be wrong!
- (4) Beware of considering the possible phenomenological

ramifications of quantum entanglement because you might get entangled in it! [ :) ]

And, Finally,

(5) Debunk first because that may prevent further inquiry or investigation that could embarrass you and the Church of CSICOP hierarchy.

Of course, Louise, there are a few, unfortunately, who represent the opposite extreme to CSICOP on this list, and who seem to think that whatever they enjoy believing (about UFOs or anything else) is a fact. An example of such unfounded belief: That the late Philip Corso was a lover of truth and accuracy, blissfully ignoring the fact that, contrary to Corso, the develop of solid-state electronics has its own, well-documented, natural technological evolution among innovative terrestrial engineers and scientists, in a way that does not require reverse-engineering of items from a UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico, to be rationally explained.

So, Wendy's advice not to believe everything you read or might even imagine, is good advice. And, yes, seek out the historic studies that deal with UFO reports and their analysis. It is an essential background that absolutely must be had by any serious student of UFO reports and phenomena, if one is to wade discerningly through the deep morass of reality, rumors, half-truths, and outright lies that so plague the UFO field today. Objective skepticism (not the kind that CSICOP promotes) is a good procedural mode.

I've been studying and trying to understand UFOs for fifty-six years (using sophisticated electronic and optical instruments during UFO events during over thirty of those years) and I'm still learning and, on the best of days, having fun at it and preparing to publish the results of those years of fascinating discovery.

Every good wish, Louise. Be patient, and remember to allow yourself, when possible, to have fun in the process of learning. One learns better (and retains it better) that way.

Ray Stanford

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

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## European Probe Detects Mars Water Ice

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 05:57:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 10:47:24 -0500  
Subject: European Probe Detects Mars Water Ice

Source: CNN

<http://edition.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/01/23/mars.water.ice/>

Friday, January 23, 2004

European Probe Detects Mars Water Ice

(CNN) - The European orbiter Mars Express detected ice at the Red Planet's south pole, mission officials at Darmstadt, Germany, said Friday.

NASA's Mars Odyssey, also an orbiter, confirmed water ice at the north pole, along with dry ice - frozen carbon dioxide - in 2002. It picked up signs of hydrogen at the south pole, the first indication that water ice might be found there.

Mars Express confirmed Odyssey's suspicions about the south pole.

"We have already identified water vapor in the atmosphere," scientist Vittorio Formisano said. "We have identified water ice on the soil on the south polar caps."

Mars Express headed off for the fourth planet on June 2 specifically to look for water. It carried with it the European Space Agency's rover, Beagle 2, but that craft was never heard from after its expected Dec. 25 landing.

Express, however, attained its final operational orbit in the last week and has continued its scientific mission. Express made an unsuccessful attempt to contact Beagle 2 earlier this month when it passed near the rover's landing site.

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Secrecy News -- 01/23/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood@fas.org](mailto:saftergood@fas.org)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 12:12:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:34:45 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/23/04

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 7  
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RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY INTRODUCED ON PLAME LEAK

Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ) and several colleagues introduced a "resolution of inquiry" to request that the Bush Administration provide Congress with "all documents... relating to the disclosure of the identity of Ms. Valerie Plame as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency during the period beginning on May 6, 2003, and ending on July 31, 2000."

Ms. Plame's formerly clandestine status was leaked to columnist Robert Novak last summer, in what some alleged to be an act of retaliation directed at her husband, Amb. Joseph Wilson, a Bush Administration critic.

See the introduction of House Resolution 499 on January 21 here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/h012104.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/h012104.html)

According to a report on the Time Magazine web site, a grand jury has been convened to pursue the Plame leak investigation. See:

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,581456,00.html>

CRS ON RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY

The origins and recent history of "resolutions of inquiry" were elucidated in a report by the Congressional Research Service last year.

Such resolutions are a tool that is unique to the House of Representatives for eliciting information from the Executive Branch.

"Resolutions of inquiry are often much more effective in obtaining information from the executive branch than one would expect..." wrote CRS expert Louis Fisher.

See his report on "House Resolutions of Inquiry," May 12, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RL31909.pdf>

Congress has not authorized, and in fact has actively obstructed, direct public access to CRS reports like this one.

## WAXMAN ON INCONSISTENCIES IN LEAK INVESTIGATIONS

The Bush Administration has responded to public disclosures of classified information in markedly different ways depending on whether or not the disclosures served the political interests of the White House, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) recently argued.

An investigation into whether former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill improperly disclosed a "secret" document was commenced within a day. In contrast, the Plame leak investigation took months to get off the ground, he said. Meanwhile, journalist Bob Woodward's flattering presentation of classified information in his book "Bush at War" apparently prompted no investigation at all.

"Please explain the process by which the Administration determines whether it is appropriate to provide journalists with access to classified information," Rep. Waxman wrote provocatively to national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

See his January 14 letter (flagged by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press at [www.rcfp.org](http://www.rcfp.org)) here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/waxman011404.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/waxman011404.pdf)

## FAS FOIA NEWS

An FAS Freedom of Information Act lawsuit for historical intelligence budget data is poised to move forward after a federal court approved a procedural motion last week.

Last year, the Central Intelligence Agency said that it was "unable to locate" the intelligence budget totals we had requested for 1947 and 1948. In response, we petitioned the court for leave to amend our FOIA complaint to seek declassification of budget data all the way through 1970.

Last week, Judge Ricardo M. Urbina granted the petition:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/rmu011604.pdf>

This week, accordingly, the amended complaint was formally docketed. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/sa070203-amend.pdf>

CIA has not yet responded to the amended complaint. But in a 2000 FOIA denial, the Agency said that disclosure of historical budget figures, even if they are 50 years old, would damage national security and jeopardize intelligence sources and methods.

Also this week, the Justice Department said it may release previously denied portions of its internal investigation into the conduct of the Wen Ho Lee case. The Clinton Administration had promised that results of the investigation would be publicly released, but the Bush Administration refused to do so.

In response to an FAS FOIA appeal, however, Richard L. Huff of the Justice Office of Information and Privacy wrote that classified portions of the report would be reviewed for possible declassification, and that unclassified portions would be processed for possible release. See his January 21 letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2004/01/doj012104.pdf>

## AIR FORCE ONE APPROACHES ROSWELL

President Bush yesterday went to Roswell, New Mexico, site of the legendary 1947 crash of something or other.

As Air Force One approached Roswell, White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters humorously that "When we land today there are certain things that we may ask you not to report, that you may see."

"I'm not playing that game," replied one unidentified reporter. "If there's a flying saucer, it's going on the wire, man."

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/01/wh012204.html>

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## Top UFO Movies Of All Time

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 11:58:49 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:43:01 -0500  
Subject: Top UFO Movies Of All Time

I have just released my take on UFO movies, citing the ones that I think deserve attention for one reason or another.

The annotated list is at:

[www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm](http://www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm)

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## January 22 From Roswell And Goffstown

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcoleman@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 14:30:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:48:17 -0500  
Subject: January 22 From Roswell And Goffstown

January 22 - Reporting Live from Roswell and Goffstown

Isn't the overlapping nature of time and space, history and the inexplicable, sometimes beyond belief and full of Fortean humor?

Take this interesting date, January 22, and what we saw happen on this day in 2004.

Lest we remember, first, that it was on January 22, 1948, that Project Sign (a/k/a Project Saucer) was formally established. This was a commission to study UFOs, ordered formed by Major General L. C. Craigie, Director of Research and Development of the U.S. Air Force.

Then on January 22, 2004, the Democratic candidates for President of the United States have their final pre-New Hampshire primary debate in Goffstown, on the same day that President George W. Bush visits Roswell, New Mexico for his first time, as President. How funny is this?

Roswell, of course, is important for whatever happened there in 1947. For a good capsule overview on Roswell, with an illustration of one of the example ETs, see pages 22-23 of The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials (1996)

<http://www.anomalist.com/books/ets.html>

Goffstown is best remembered as the location for Lyndia Morel's sighting on November 2, 1973. She said she saw a smallish humanoid figure with a grayish round head that had a wrinkled face with two dark eyes. For what these NH aliens may have looked liked, see Patrick Huyghe's ET field guide, noted above, and compare to another NH ET shown on page 31.

Intriguingly, Project Sign was replaced by Project Grudge, which officially closed, but continued as Project Blue Book. In 1963, the new director was Major Hector Quintanilla. He had a few things to say about Roswell, really very few. Asked about Roswell by Alex Chionetti, Quintanilla would comment by not answering, instead saying: "Hanger 18. I once went, but there was nothing else than an empty structure, nothing special, no little guys, no ships." Bluebook closed in 1966.

For those watching, and understanding the significant of the event, here we have our son of the CIA President and Skull and Bones guy, visiting Roswell. And then for an extra bit of a shock, how was it to see that one of the reporters commenting on President Bush's visit to Roswell for MSNBC News was none other than a reporter named Carl Quintanilla?

All coincidences, I suppose. But enough to keep Charles Fort smiling in his grave.

Happy trails,

Loren Coleman

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 02:03:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

>From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 22:50:44 -0500  
>Subject: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>The City of Whittlesea has released a press item and photograph  
>on a UFO Photograph taken by an employer at 2:00pm on the 15th  
>Jan 2004.

>The Council communication officer spoke on radio station 3AW at  
>11:35 a.m. today, vouching for the employee and the image  
>authenticity.

>Image At:

><http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/content/content.asp?cnid=1545>

>PRA viewed the image on Tue 20th and could no offer any  
>explanation to reporter Peter Taylor  
><[taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au](mailto:taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au)>from the Whittlesea Leader, a local  
>newspaper who will be running the story.

>City of Whittlesea Offices - Ferres Boulevard, South Morang  
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><http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/>

Hello John, All,

"UFO?" Why that's no "UFO", it's an "IFO!" (Identified Flying Object) I downloaded and carefully scrutinized the photo. The sky is what 'appears to be' a gunmetal grey, metallic, domed disc moving at a very high rate of speed. A 'classic' (as in "The Day The Earth Stood Still") flying saucer! There, see? That wasn't so hard to 'identify' was it? <VBG>

Things to consider... in clear, bright daylight, when this photo was taken, the built-in automatic light meter in the digital camera would have set a fast shutter speed. (For those unfamiliar with cameras and lenses; there is a light meter built-into modern difital cameras that sets the shutter to open and close quickly when the conditions are bright, or to stay open fractions of a second longer under dark conditions so that enough light will accumulate to be able to record an image. It is that way for film cameras and for the sensors in a digital camera as well.)

The domed disc really has to be moving at a tremendous speed in order for its image to appear smeared, blurred in the photo. Because of the bright daylight conditions and the speed with which the shutter opened and closed, for that object not be frozen in its tracks, it had to be moving at a fair clip. Fodder for further analysis.

Questions we'll never answer are; Wherezitfrum? Whomaydit? Whoozflyinit? It's a shame really. Those are the questions whose answers hold out the most promise for enlightenment.

As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer!

:)

Regards,

John Velez

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### UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

From: Louise A. Lowry <[ShnSassy1@aol.com](mailto:ShnSassy1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 02:09:32 -0500  
Subject: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne Australia

[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html)

Creating a buzz: the photo taken by council worker Roland Rozario of a crailway crossing shows a mysterious object in the sky.

UFO picture a saucer wonder  
Kate Uebergang  
urban affairs reporter  
24jan04

WHILE man is making his mark on Mars, some humans are wondering if aliens have zoomed into Melbourne.

A mysterious photograph has sparked a UFO frenzy in the city's north.

Both believers and sceptics are scratching their heads over this picture, snapped in Beveridge by a council officer last week.

Whittlesea Council is considering informing NASA and has already sent the image to Australian authorities.

The photographer, Whittlesea Council traffic engineer, Roland Rozario said he could not explain the digital photo, which shows a small round object zooming through the top right side of the frame.

Mr Rozario said he and a colleague were doing a routine audit of a railway level crossing about 2pm on Thursday, January 15.

"We didn't see or hear anything when we were there," he said. "I took about 10 or 12 photos, facing east and west.

"Then I came back to the office, downloaded the images and noticed an object in one photo.

"I still don't know what it is. I passed it around the office and people didn't know what it was. A few said it didn't look like a bird, an aircraft or even a bug in front of the camera."

Mr Rozario said a train passed through the crossing just seconds after the photograph was taken and believes a passenger may have spotted something in the sky.

Whittlesea Council's communications officer, Jim Linton, said the image to the Chief Defence Scientist, Defence Science and Technology Organisation and the Civil Aviation Authority.

He said the council was considering referring it to NASA and other authorities.

"As a municipal council we have this image and we believe it is responsible to pass it on to the Government authorities who have the expertise and let them work it out," he said.

Mr Linton said staff assured the council the photograph was not

altered or tampered with.

"We're not making any claim on it. We're looking for some expert who can look at it and tell us. Maybe there will never be an answer."

Weather bureau senior forecaster Peter Blake said the photograph did not look like anything meteorological.

"It almost looks like a plane from the rear. It is certainly not a weather balloon," Mr Blake said. Local flying saucer experts also struggled to explain the photograph.

Victorian UFO Research Society scientific adviser Bernard Wilson said the group needed more information in order to make a full assessment.

"There are some interesting aspects to this photo. The sun reflections from the object and the rails appear to be fairly consistent," he said. "There appears to be some motion blur to the left of the image which might indicate a fast-moving object."

But the Australian UFO Research Network Victorian director George Simpson said a digital photograph was not considered acceptable evidence of a flying saucer.

"They cannot be verified. They are too easily manipulated on the computer and you don't have a negative," he said.

Mr Simpson said he had not heard of any other recent sightings in Melbourne's north. But he said a local member would investigate the sighting for his group.

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Para-Discussion List: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Para-Discuss/>

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## Pravda: Soviet Army Fought UFOs

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Source: Pravda

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11873\\_UFO.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/11873_UFO.html)

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### Soviet Army Fought UFOs

Soviet military encountered many UFOs, maybe for this reason in the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. UFO researchers often blame the military of hiding the cases of alien rockets and disseminating false information of UFO. Army officers are not interested in the disputes about alien civilizations, they are interested in knowing what impact UFO can impose to military equipment and personnel. 1947. Antiaircraft guns of Transcaucasian Military District fired on the flying cigar-shaped object which came from the side of the Turkish border. The object's flying altitude was below 4,000 meters, and the guns were capable of reaching a target at the altitudes up to 12,000 meters, but that time the fire made no harm to the "cigar". Then the cigar increased its speed and flew away over the mountains. This incident could cause much trouble, because earlier the border guards and military ships monitoring service missed this target. Then the military was unable to trace this flying object over the country's territory. The Border District command ignored and ordered the monitors not to disclose the information that the object reached a speed up to 2000 kilometers per hour. Similar case took place in 1984 in Turkestan Military District. Near the city of Astrakhan air-defense system marked the ball-shaped object flying at the altitude of 2000 meters along the Caspian seashore in the direction of the state border. The object did not respond to the inquiry made by the military on the radio. Two fighter-planes took off, but they were unable to bring the object down. After being under fire, the object descended up to 100 meters, and at this low altitude the planes were unable to continue firing. Despite being fired at, the object was having a regular speed. The ball passed over several military units, which allowed to make its photo. Near the city of Krasnoyarsk the military tried to bring the object down with the helicopter. However, it quickly increased its altitude so that the helicopter could not reach it. After firing all its supply of shells, the helicopter landed, and the ball abruptly flew in the direction of the sea and disappeared from the radar screens. In the same area the similar scenario case happened later. The object having the shape of cylinder demonstrated its invulnerability.> Such a demonstration could be the purpose of its flight, because this UFO was having a speed of 100 kilometers per hour. One can blame the military of inhuman actions on bringing down flying objects. But what can they do if the object was moving in the direction of the state border and they had the order to destroy such objects? In 1985 near the town of Krasnovodsk the radar station under the command of Captain Valuev registered the disc-shaped object in size of 1,000 meters! The object was immovable, and some time later a small disc in size of 5 meters flew out of it and then landed on Krasnovodskaya spit. Patrol boats rushed to that area, but when they reached the distance of 100 meters from

the object, it took off and flew one kilometer away. This happened five times. Then the object flew up at a huge speed, reached the bigger disc, which finally flew away spaceward.

In the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. Among the laboratory's tasks was researching anti-gravitation, but the research results were made secret. Its testing area was near the town of Kapustin Yar on purpose. In the end of June of 1971 the military could see over this area a black cigar-shaped flying object floating under the clouds at the altitude of 800 meters. The object was 25 meters long and had about 3 meters in diameter. It had neither stabilizers nor wings nor engines and was moving at the speed of 150 kilometers per hour producing no noise.

In 1978 the Soviet Ministry of Defense accepted Network MO program. Special military unit in the town of Mytishi was in charge of collecting data, and newly established "space troops" were designated to fight possible threat from space.

In the beginning of August 1987 five soldiers of Leningrad Military District went to the North of Karelia region on a special mission. They were required to guard the object of unknown origin. It was found on the territory of another military unit near the town of Vyborg. The item was 14 meters long, 4 meters wide, 2.5 meters high. The object had neither doors no hatches, and all attempts to open its hull were unsuccessful. The military tried to break off some object parts, but were only able to take some rods from its stern. In the end of September the object disappeared from the hangar without leaving a trace.

Alexander Dremin

Source: <http://www.anomalia.narod.ru/photo/120.htm>

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## Open Invitation To Debate On SDI

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Subject: Open Invitation To Debate On SDI

Hello All,

On behalf of Errol Bruce-Knapp and myself I would like to extend an invitation to Mssrs. Franz, Maussan, Kolbeck and Capt. Ruano to have an open debate/discussion on the subject of the aircraft/UFO collision case on 'Strange Days... Indeed.'

The program would air on Saturday night January 31, 2004 at 9:00 pm EST. SDI can be heard 'live' over the Internet either; by going to the Virtually Strange Network:

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

and clicking on the Newstalk 1010 CFRB banner/link in the middle of the page, or by going to:

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

and clicking on the 'Listen Live' link provided.

SDI will act as a neutral venue where these four gentlemen can hopefully discuss/settle some of their differences. Please contact Errol Bruce-Knapp at:

[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)

to confirm your acceptance of this invitation and so that arrangements can be finalized. Members of UFO UpDates will be kept apprised of any new developments via this List.

I look forward to hearing from all parties concerned. Even more so, to the upcoming discussion. Of course, all listeners and UpDates List members are welcome to participate by calling in or e-mailing their questions and comments for our invited guests.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

John Velez  
Contributing Editor  
Strange Days... Indeed

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## Re: New Mars Editorial & My Apologies - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 02:21:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Mars Editorial & My Apologies - Stanford

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>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 23:03:42 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: New Mars Editorial & My Apologies

>Firstly, let me apologize to those among you who have received  
>unsolicited email about implausible Mars coverups. I  
>accidentally sent a message using the Cc: function when it  
>should have been a Bcc:. Please accept my apologies.

>Secondly, here is my latest Mars editorial, which happens to  
>deal with the mishap related above.

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>From Posthuman Blues:

>The conspiracy-mongers are out in full-force after the  
>revelation that the Spirit Mars rover has gone (almost) silent.

>Richard Hoagland is going full-steam ahead with the colorful  
>notion that the National Security Agency (NSA) knocked Spirit  
>out of commission before it could discover alien artifacts. It  
>almost sounds reasonable... until you look at the supposed  
>"artifacts" Hoagland's talking about and take time to consider  
>that Hoagland seems to have a never-ending stock of nefarious  
>scenarios in store in case something unfortunate should befall a  
>NASA mission.

>If you make enough predictions, you're bound to be in the  
>ballpark every once in a while. And if you're as charismatic and  
>earnest as Hoagland, your audience will likely forget all of  
>your past predictions that never materialized. In fact, they'll  
>be falling all over themselves to ride the Belief Train. Sure,  
>it's a fleeting ride. But like any good fiction, it's certainly  
>fun while it lasts.

>But what happens if JPL manages to get Spirit back online?  
>There's a reasonable chance they might. Spirit didn't go utterly  
>silent like Britain's Beagle 2; it merely stopped relaying  
>science data. So if Spirit "wakes up" and hails Earth with a new  
>stream of images, what happens to Hoagland's scheme? I suppose  
>we'll be asked to believe that everything seen after the rover's  
>silence is either fabricated and thus not to be trusted or that  
>the "good guys" in the space/intelligence community beat the NSA  
>at their own game. Whatever happens, Hoagland will have a nicely  
>packaged answer. And it will sound weirdly logical, at least on  
>first take.

<snip>

Hi Mac & Other Readers,

Mac,

I applaud your caution about Hoagland's (as-usually is the  
case with him) paranoid-sounding, and, in my opinion, absolutely  
unfounded, and thoroughly delusionary declaration alleging that

the NSA is behind the rover's transmission problems because (as Hoagland seems to imply) the light-colored rock, "Adirondack", is artificial and NSA wanted to hide what we might learn about it.

That shows just how far Hoagland's imagination can go in seeing things that are not there, in natural patterns. Everything about "Adirondack" looks completely natural. Of course, it is not the lay person's image of a Mars rock. So what! Those who have not seen it may click on

[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit\\_adirondack\\_040120.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit_adirondack_040120.html)

and then click on the box to the right under "Images" for a larger version. Whether "Adirondack" is a rock that originated on Mars or a meteorite\* (say a shiny, white type with some slightly darker, gray 'splotches' like the aubritic meteorite, Pena Blanca Springs), I cannot be sure, but it displays a distinct feature at the top that looks very much like what one might expect to find on some rocks on Mars: An apparent small impact-excavation crater with what seem to be clear signs of high-energy excavation that can be rather distinctly seen immediately below and toward the 4:00 o'clock position from the highest point of the rock. (Such a crater might occur because the much thinner atmosphere on Mars would retard approaching cosmic bodies far less than does earth's thicker, deeper atmosphere, allowing even small meteorites to produce impact excavations on rocks.)

Such an impact could easily have caused a 'spall' of rock to be knocked off the main body, with the exposed, fresh (and, thus, brighter) area of break-off spreading as it goes toward the 5:00 o'clock position relative to the smaller seeming impact crater. It is quite funny that Hoagland referred to this whiter, more freshly exposed area as evidence for his allegation of artificiality and the resultant alleged cut-off of data from Spirit by NSA!

If anyone wants assistance in spotting the small, seeming impact-excavation crater on the top of the "Adirondack" rock, don't hesitate to ask me, privately, for help finding it.

Best wishes to all,

Ray Stanford

\* The old surfaces on Mars would be excellent places to search for meteorites, even as are those of northern Africa, today. Furthermore, the conditions for preservation of meteorites are likely far better on Mars than is that at most (if not all) terrestrial locations.

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

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## Quantum Entanglement

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Subject: Quantum Entanglement

In an earlier post, today, I suggested that CSICOP may have among other articles of faith: "Beware of considering the possible phenomenological ramifications of quantum entanglement because you might get entangled in it!" :)

By coincidence, NASA Science News for the same day has a related article:

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm?list159275](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm?list159275)

Enjoy reading about one practical application of a documented but still-not-understood-as-to-mechanism phenomenon that, just two or three decades ago, would surely have been declared by CSICOP to be irrational pseudoscience that must be exposed to save the unwashed masses from believing superstition.

Ray Stanford

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## Spooky Atomic Clocks

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 02:52:21 -0500  
Subject: Spooky Atomic Clocks

Spooky Atomic Clocks  
NASA-supported researchers hope to improve high-precision clocks by entangling their atoms.

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm)

January 23, 2004:

Einstein called it "spooky action at a distance." Now NASA-funded researchers are using an astonishing property of quantum mechanics called "entanglement" to improve atomic clocks - humanity's most precise way to measure time. Entangled clocks could be as much as 1000 times more stable than their non-entangled counterparts.

This improvement would benefit pilots, farmers, hikers - in short, anyone who uses the Global Positioning System (GPS). Each of the 24+ GPS satellites carries four atomic clocks on board. By triangulating time signals broadcast from orbit, GPS receivers on the ground can pinpoint their own location on Earth

NASA uses atomic clocks for spacecraft navigation. Geologists use them to monitor continental drift and the slowly changing spin of our planet. Physicists use them to check theories of gravity. An entangled atomic clock might keep time precisely enough to test the value of the Fine Structure Constant, one of the fundamental constants of physics.

"The ability to measure time with very high precision is an invaluable tool for scientific research and for technology," says Alex Kuzmich, a physicist at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Through its office of Biological and Physical Research, NASA recently awarded a grant to Kuzmich and his colleagues to support their research. Kuzmich has studied quantum entanglement for the last 10 years and has recently turned to exploring how it can be applied to atomic clocks.

- Particles entwined

Einstein never liked entanglement. It seemed to run counter to a central tenet of his theory of relativity: nothing, not even information, can travel faster than the speed of light. In quantum mechanics, all the forces of nature are mediated by the exchange of particles such as photons, and these particles must obey this cosmic speed limit. So an action "here" can cause no effect "over there" any sooner than it would take light to travel there in a vacuum.

But two entangled particles can appear to influence one another instantaneously, whether they're in the same room or at opposite ends of the Universe. Pretty spooky indeed.

Quantum entanglement occurs when two or more particles interact in a way that causes their fates to become linked: It becomes impossible to consider (or mathematically describe) each particle's condition independently of the others'. Collectively they constitute a single quantum state.

Two entangled particles often must have opposite values for a property - for example, if one is spinning in "up" direction, the other must be spinning in the "down" direction. Suppose you measure one of the entangled particles and, by doing so, you nudge it "up." This causes the entangled partner to spin "down." Making the measurement "here" affected the other particle "over there" instantaneously, even if the other particle was a million miles away.

While physicists and philosophers grapple with the implications for the nature of causation and the structure of the Universe, some physicists are busy putting entanglement to work in applications such as "teleporting" atoms and producing uncrackable encryption.

Atomic clocks also stand to benefit. "Entangling the atoms in an atomic clock reduces the inherent uncertainties in the system," Kuzmich explains.

At the heart of every atomic clock lies a cloud of atoms, usually cesium or rubidium. The natural resonances of these atoms serve the same purpose as the pendulum in a grandfather clock. Tick-tock-tick-tock. A laser beam piercing the cloud can count the oscillations and use them to keep time. This is how an atomic clock works.

"The best atomic clocks on Earth today are stable to about one part in 10<sup>15</sup>," notes Kuzmich. That means an observer would have to watch the clock for 10<sup>15</sup> seconds or 30 million years to see it gain or lose a single second.

The precision of an atomic clock depends on a few things, including the number of atoms being used. The more atoms, the better. In a normal atomic clock, the precision is proportional to the square-root of the number of atoms. So having, say, 4 times as many atoms would only double the precision. In an entangled atomic clock, however, the improvement is directly proportional to the number of atoms. Four times more atoms makes a 4-times better clock.

Using plenty of atoms, it might be possible to build a "maximally entangled clock stable to about one part in 10<sup>18</sup>," says Kuzmich. You would have to watch that clock for 10<sup>18</sup> seconds or 30 billion years to catch it losing a single second.

Kuzmich plans to use the lasers already built-in to atomic clocks to create the entanglement.

"We will measure the phase of the laser light passing through the cloud of atoms," he explains. Measuring the phase "tweaks the laser beam," and if the frequency of the laser has been chosen properly, tweaking the beam causes the atoms to become entangled. Or, as one quantum physicist might say to another, "such a procedure amounts to a quantum non-demolition (QND) measurement on the atoms, and results in preparation of a Squeezed Spin State."

How soon an entangled clock could be built - much less launched into space aboard a hypothetical new generation of GPS satellites - is difficult to predict, cautions Kuzmich. The research is still at the stage of just demonstrating the principle. Building a working prototype is probably several years away.

But thanks to research such as this, having still-better atomic clocks available to benefit science and technology is only a matter of time.

End of article - - - - -

Does anyone else see the same implications I do. If there exists this phenomena of instantaneous action over great distances, couldn't a very technologically advanced race of beings have learned how to utilize this effect for interstellar travel? Just a thought.

Terry

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## Super-Secret U.S. Air Force Base At Roswell?

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Subject: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force Base At Roswell?

The following is an excerpt from an article published today.

Patriot Act... Benefits of Voting for Bush... Your name in space

Scripps Howard News Service, January 23, 2004

<http://www.knoxstudio.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=WASHCALL-01-23-04&cat=WW>

When President Bush visited the super-secret U.S. Air Force base at Roswell, N.M., White House officials joked with reporters on Air Force One that they might be asked not to report on some things they saw at the super-secret base. "I'm not playing that game," one reporter responded. "If there's a flying saucer, it's going on the wire, man."

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## Re: White House Downplays Roswell UFO Connection -

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Subject: Re: White House Downplays Roswell UFO Connection -

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>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 19:45:22 -0500  
>Subject: White House Downplays Roswell UFO Connection

>Source: The New York Daily News

><http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/157158p-137982c.html>

>W's Roswell landing

>President Bush is heading to Roswell, N.M., today but he won't  
>be talking about his vision for a manned mission to Mars - even  
>though some Roswellians might be able to give him directions to  
>the Red Planet.

>Roswell is where, some still believe, alien spacecraft landed on  
>a farm in 1947.

>Asked by reporters aboard Air Force One about the connection  
>between the UFO sightings and Bush's visit, White House  
>spokesman Scott McClellan started humming an eerie TV theme.

>"Dee-dee-dee-dee, dee-dee-dee-dee," McClellan said with a smile.  
>"I think we're entering the Twilight Zone now."

>The Daily News' Ken Bazinet reports that Bush plans to talk  
>about the war on terrorism. Maybe the intergalactic kind.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

I met the Apollo XIV Astronaut Edgar Mitchell several years ago  
at a meeting of the Noetic Institute which he founded. He told  
us that the Roswell incident with the alien definitely happened.  
The aliens bodies did indeed get taken to a lab by the  
government.

Edgar Mitchell is not a flake.

Commander Mitchell is an astute and sincere person who underwent  
instant conscious raising on this lunar voyage. Incidentally, he  
was born in Roswell.

He told us some fantastic intimate details of the space flight.  
One was that he, and every other astronaut (and the cosmonauts)  
always went up as a scientist, a technocrat and came back as a  
humanist.

The most important thing for him was when he was alone in the  
space craft while the other two astronauts were walking on the  
moon. He was in total darkness, silence and isolation. Totally  
cut off from everything - he said his mind when into an  
expansion type mode where the consciousness is, and the fact  
that we only use a tiny part of our brain because of all the  
stimulation, is absolutely true. And that's how it happened. He  
said some sort of divine consciousness incident occurred at that  
moment.

After that he came back to earth and was never the same again. He founded the Institute of Noetic Science to bring Science and the Intuitives together. His book "The Way of the Explorer" is fascinating.

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## Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Friedman

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:06:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Friedman

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>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 17:36:01 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit

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>>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 04:34:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Bush's Roswell Visit

>>Phoenix-AP -- President Bush wraps up a  
>>post-State-of-the-Union political swing today with a stop in  
>>New Mexico.

>>He's visiting the city of Roswell to address one of the main  
>>themes of his speech to Congress: the war on terror.

>>The White House insists the stop has nothing to do with  
>>Roswell's role in UFO lore. Believers are convinced a flying  
>>saucer crashed there in 1947 and that the government's been  
>>covering it up ever since.

>This is hilarious. As I've said here before, my wife's family  
>lives in Roswell, and I've made several long visits there.

>To us on UpDates, and obviously to the Associated Press and  
>others in the media, Roswell is the place where the UFO crashed.  
>To people who live there, it's the town they live in, notable  
>for its pecan growers and as the business hub for that part of  
>New Mexico. It's also notable for two terrific art museums,  
>quite a surprise for a city that small. The UFO stuff is, for  
>most people there, just this tourist nonsense that goes on  
>downtown.

>And then there's politics. New Mexico traditionally votes  
>Democratic, and has a go-getter Democratic governor. I can  
>imagine, though, that Bush sees New Mexico as a state he might  
>do better in, since Republicans have been very strong in the  
>southwest. So why would Bush's visit have anything to do with  
>UFOs? Especially since whatever was recovered from the crash  
>(assuming the crash really happened) wouldn't even be in Roswell  
>any more!

>If Bush wants to enjoy the streetlamps downtown with alien faces  
>on them, or the UFO Museum (which, compared to the art museums,  
>looks like somebody's high school science project), or if he  
>wants to buy an alienburger at some enterprising fast food place  
>downtown - hey, let him enjoy himself. But it's hard to believe  
>anyone in Roswell would even think to connect his visit with all  
>the UFO tourist stuff.

I agree, but let us also not forget that Roswell has the world's  
largest mozzarella Factory and that the 13,000' runway at the  
old Roswell Army Air Field is one of the longest runways in the  
country.

There is even a guy there who is in the business of painting  
747's with plenty of room for them to dry. The New Mexico



Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Friedman

Military Institute provides a nice military backdrop.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 22:02:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:15:22 -0500  
Subject: Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted -

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 14:28:57 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 08:19:48 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2004 06:05:21 -0500  
>>>Subject: Andrews AFB Jet Chase Final Report Posted

>>>It's taken more than a year and a half to collect the agency  
>>>information, and the final report on the event has now been  
>>>posted to the Fund for UFO Web Site. This report was published,  
>>>for the most part, in IUR. However, some information that was  
>>>edited out has now been re-added, making this the most complete  
>>>report released. You can view the report at:

>>>[http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726\\_IUR.htm](http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_IUR.htm)

>>>In many ways this case remains very strange and the reaction of  
>>>the military was apparently not consistent with the reaction  
>>>that is being exhibited normally during our high alert status.  
>>>This is, of course, up to interpretation by the individual  
>>>looking at the case, but it remains very interesting.

>>Hmm. something very interesting here. I wonder if there isn't  
>>Gun Camera footage Showing Little Grey Butts in the Portholes of  
>>whatever they tried to intercept.<G>

>Well, they have been mooning us for 50 years. It's about time we  
>got gun camera footage of it!

Now maybe I understand why an old Native American out in Arizona  
used to often say to me in my younger days, "Young man, I tell  
you again, those UFOs been around for many moons!" :)

Ray Stanford

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

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 3 - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@charter.net](mailto:gtmccoy@charter.net)>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 23:39:23 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:23:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 3 - McCoy

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>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 3

>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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>=====

>UFO ROUNDUP  
>Volume 9, Number 3  
>January 21, 2004  
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

Hello, all.

Oh, Lordy, give me a break.

<snip>

>From the UFO Files...

>1944: SECRETS OF THE  
> ANTARCTIC REICH

>If you had been a Wehrmacht soldier at the bombed-out  
>railroad station in Poltava, a city in the Ukraine, during  
>the summer of 1942, you would have seen a very strange-  
>looking military unit on the march, heading for a waiting  
>passenger train.

>The unit consisted of women, all of them blond and  
>blue-eyed, between the ages of 17 and 24, tall and  
>slender, their sensational figures encased in striking  
>sky-blue uniforms. Each woman wore an Italian-style  
>garrison cap, an A-line skirt with the hem below the knee,  
>and a form-fitting jacket with the insignia of the SS.

Well, slender isn't good for having babies,as a norm...  
Especially when you are mothering NAZI SS Orc kids.

>You might have thought the SS had recruited a platoon  
>of high-class call girls. But the truth was far stranger  
>than that. You would have been looking at Reichsfuhrer-SS  
>Heinrich Himmler's latest brainstorm--the Antarktisches  
>Seidlungensfrauen (ASF).

Ok, Himmler sends a group of Else Sommer's look alikes to  
Antartica without their Macy's cards-riiight.

>The story actually begins in 1938, when the German  
>seaplane carrier Schwabenland sailed across the South  
>Atlantic, bound for Queen Maud's Land in Antarctica.  
>According to Russian ufologist Konstantin Ivanenko, "The  
>Schwabenland sailed to Antarctica, commanded by Albert  
>Richter, a veteran of cold-weather operations. The  
>Richter expedition's scientists used their large Dornier

>seaplanes to explore the polar wastes, emulating Admiral  
>Richard E. Byrd's efforts a decade earlier. The German  
>scientists discovered ice-free lakes (heated by  
>underground volcanic features--J.T.) and were able to land  
>on them. It is widely believed that the Schwabenland's  
>expedition was aimed at scouting out a secret base of  
>operations."

What is not said is that the Nazi's never had any real interest in Sea operations, the German fleet would have been decimated by the Japanese. in an alternative universe.

The German U-boat fleet was busy concentrating on sinking ships, not transporting Blonde sireens to Antartica.

>A German base was established in the Muhlig-Hofmann  
>Mountains, just inland from the Princess Astrid Coast.  
>The area was renamed Neuschwabenland (German for New  
>Swabia--J.T.) and "the base was known only as Station  
>211."

>From the movie Schindler's List (available on DVD in  
>March--J.T.), people have gotten the idea that killing  
>Jews was the Nazis' main concern. But in actual fact,  
>Hitler and the SS were just as ruthless with the rest of  
>the population in their eastern European empire, thinking  
>nothing of shuffling large numbers of people around in  
>their quest for a more perfect Aryan race.

Ok, but, my Father-in-Law (a German-American by the way) Was in the First American units in Dachau, and saw the Holocaust. not many others there..

>This shuffle was accomplished by a little-known  
>office of the SS called the Rasse und Seidlungshauptamt  
>(German for Race and Settlement Bureau--J.T.) or RuSHA.  
>In the Ukraine alone, RuSHA drafted 500,000 women for  
>forced labor in the munitions factories of Nazi Germany.  
>It was RuSHA which selected women for Himmler's unit  
>of Antarctisches Seidlungsfrauen (German for Antarctic  
>Settlement Women--J.T.) About half of the "recruits" were  
>Volksdeutsch--ethnic Germans whose ancestors had settled  
>in the Ukraine in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth  
>Centuries. The others were native Ukrainians whom RuSHA  
>had "upgraded" to full Aryans. This process was called  
>Eindeutschung (Translated: Germanization--J.T.).

Volga Germans, I've known more than a few, most in Russia, fought Hitler, Heck most in the USA did too...

>According to Ivanenko, "There is increased popularity  
>for the idea of a 'German-Slavonic Antarctic Reich.' It  
>is said that 10,000 of the 'racially most pure'  
>Ukrainians, out of half a million deported in 1942 by  
>Martin Bormann, were transported to the German Antarctic  
>bases during World War II, in the proportion of four  
>Ukrainian women to one German man."

Yeah, Right. My Uncle Breen, who was with the US Army Railroad Corps had a story about freeing Ukrainian women who promptly started, by hand, to tip over boxcars, said about the Ukrainian women: "They could switch boxcars without the benefit of a locomotive! Oh, the prisoners thought that the Germans hadn't left the Railroad....."

>If true, this would mean that Himmler transferred  
>2,500 Waffen-SS soldiers, who had proven themselves in  
>combat on the Russian front, to Station 211--now  
>Neuschwabenland--in Antarctica. This may be the source of  
>the myth of the "Last SS Battalion."

Okay, when the Allies won, they got cut off. Antartica makes the Russian front look like Wakiki..... Who's supplying them?

>An ASF training camp was set up in Estonia, on a  
>peninsula near Ristna on Hiiumaa Island in the Baltic Sea.  
>It was a combination finishing school and boot camp, where  
>the ladies took lessons in charm and housekeeping along  
>with their courses in polar survival. Himmler kept the  
>camp's existence a closely-guarded secret. For "unhappy  
>campers," the only escape consisted of a one-way train

>ticket to Auschwitz.

>(Editor's Note: There is one known instance of an ASF  
>"deserter." In 1943, Auschwitz guard Irma Griese, 22, the  
>off-and-on girl friend of Dr. Joseph Mengele, took to  
>wearing a sky-blue ASF uniform, which she had scavenged  
>from a pile of inmate clothing. Griese was hanged in 1946  
>for war crimes. The uniform's original owner must have  
>had serious second thoughts about a permanent move to  
>Antarctica.)

>The failure of Grossadmiral Karl Doenitz's U-boat  
>offensive by May 1943 freed up dozens of "milk cow" U-  
>boats. These were large submarines, almost as big as  
>tramp steamers, which Doenitz had used to supply his U-  
>boat "wolf packs" in remote seas of the world. Himmler  
>now put them to work carting supplies and personnel to  
>Antarctica.

The "milch cows" were as Vulnerable to ASDIC (Sonar) and the  
ships tha used them. They would've been seen.

>Himmler's rationale for sending thousands of settlers  
>to Antarctica can only be understood within the context of  
>his mystic beliefs. As a result of his youthful reading  
>of New Age books, his association with the occultist Dr.  
>Friedrich Wichtl, and his membership in the Artamen,  
>Himmler became a believer in the Hindu concept of world-  
>ages or yugas. He believed that the current age, or Kali  
>Yuga, would end in a global cataclysm, thereby giving  
>birth to a new world-age called the Satya Yuga.

Conveniently free of Jews of Course

>By sending a Nazi colony to Antarctica, Himmler was  
>ensuring that a remnant of the "pure Aryan race" would  
>survive the coming cataclysm with its society and culture  
>intact. They would then take possession of Antarctica  
>when the cataclysm melted the south polar ice cap.

>According to believers, the Neuschwabenland colony  
>survived the end of World War II and Operation High Jump,  
>a battle with Admiral Byrd's Antarctic task force in the  
>summer of 1947.

>Ivanenko writes, "The total population of Nazis in  
>Antarctica now exceeds two million and that many of them  
>have undergone plastic surgery in order to move about with  
>greater ease through South America and conduct all manner  
>of business transactions."

Plastic Surgery? to move among the Population of South America?  
Geez, I Wouldn't Turn a head from San Palos to Buenos Ares.

What does this involve, body waxing yer Valkyies with a Mohogany  
Stain?

>In 1969, author Michael X. Branton wrote a book  
>"alleging that the Nazis had managed to build rudimentary  
>flying saucers and transfer them to the Antarctic in  
>1944."

>Ivanenko called the Antarctic Reich "one of the most  
>militarily powerful states in the world because it can  
>destroy the USA several times over with its submarine-  
>based nuclear missiles, remaining itself invulnerable to  
>U.S. nuclear strikes because of the two-mile-thick ice  
>shield" overhead.

Ok, I'll bite. the Nazis are "militarily powerful" and due to  
the "Ice Shield" they are like Superman's "Fortress of  
Solutude".

>The city of Neuberlin, the colony's capital, sprawls  
>through "narrow subglacial tunnels" under the mountain  
>range, heated by volcanic vents and adjoining the  
>prehistoric ruins of Kadath, which may have been built by  
>settlers from the lost continent of Atlantis well over  
>100,000 years ago.

Ok, Mordor.

>Most amazing of the stories about Neuberlin is the  
>claim that, like Shambhala, the city has an Alien Quarter,  
>where Pleiadians, Zeta Reticulans, Reptoids, Men In Black,  
>Aldebarani and other visitors from the stars dwell.

Still haven't convinced me it's not Mordor.

>Ivanenko reported that talk about the Antarctic Reich  
>is "becoming more and more popular" in Russia, Poland, the  
>Ukraine, Belarus and other countries in eastern Europe.  
>He writes, "In the May 10, 2003 issue of the (newspaper)  
>Frankfurter Allgemeine, Polish journalist A. Stagjuk  
>criticized Poland's decision to send troops to Iraq" to  
>assist with the Allied occupation. "At the end, he said,  
>'The next Polish government will sign a treaty with  
>Antarctica and declare war on the USA.'"

Ah the Poles have been the Door Mat of Europe for centuries, why  
throw in with the enemy?

I knew a Pole who fought with the RAF-It was personal with him.  
A great people, and country.

>Ivanenko added that Stagjuk's words were broadcast on  
>the shortwave radio station Deutsche Welle the same week.  
>"Some analysts compared this sentence to famous code  
>phrases which started wars in the Twentieth Century, such  
>as 'Over all of Spain, the sky is cloudless' in 1936, and  
>'Climb Mount Niitaka' in 1941."

>(Editor's Note: "Climb Mount Niitaka" was the signal  
>Admiral Yamamoto sent to Kido Butai, the Imperial Japanese  
>Navy's fleet, to begin the attack on Pearl Harbor.)

"I fear tha all we have done is awaken the sleeping Giant and  
filled him with terrible resolve!"-Yamamoto.

>It is strange to think of a large population living  
>under the ice of Antarctica, totally divorced from the  
>"mainstream" world. Then again, there are Jivaro  
>indigenous people living on Lago de Yanayacu (lake), less  
>than 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of Iquitos, Peru, who  
>have never heard of Courtney Love.

I didn't want to hear of Courtney love.

>So, is there a city under the ice inhabited by the  
>grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the original SS  
>settlers? Or is it just an urban legend stemming from the  
>chaotic conditions that prevailed in Europe during World  
>War II?

If it is so, they are fueling the fires of Al Queda, however,  
this is a Pipe dream for the Holocaust deniers, the people who  
aren't willing to admit in our "enlightened" age we are so  
willing to send Millions to to their Death.

GT McCoy  
couldn't Pass for an Aryan - don't want to

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## Re: Whittlesea UFO Story Unfolds - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor@hypermax.net.au](mailto:aufor@hypermax.net.au)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 17:39:10 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:25:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea UFO Story Unfolds - Harrison

Hi List

Whittlesea UFO story unfolds - follow the links:

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/WhittleseaUFO.html>

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/UFOBirdsFinland.html>

[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html)

Keeping you all up todate

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Regards Diane Harrison  
National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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## Re: Top UFO Movies Of All Time - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 02:10:55 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:26:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Top UFO Movies Of All Time - Groff

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
>To: [updates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:updates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 11:58:49 -0600 (CST)  
>Subject: Top UFO Movies Of All Time

>I have just released my take on UFO movies, citing the ones that  
>I think deserve attention for one reason or another.

>The annotated list is at:

>[www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm](http://www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm)

One of my faves that would probably go on my also-ran list is  
'Starman' with Jeff Bridges. (Green means 'Go', Yellow means 'Go  
Faster')

Terry

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Crockett

From: Josh Crockett <[ThirdEyeChing@aol.com](mailto:ThirdEyeChing@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:46:15 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:47:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Crockett

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>Hello John, All,

>"UFO?" Why that's no "UFO", it's an "IFO!" (Identified Flying  
>Object) I downloaded and carefully scrutinized the photo. The  
>sky is what 'appears to be' a gunmetal grey, metallic, domed  
>disc moving at a very high rate of speed. A 'classic' (as in  
>"The Day The Earth Stood Still") flying saucer! There, see? That  
>wasn't so hard to 'identify' was it? <VBG>

>Things to consider... in clear, bright daylight, when this photo  
>was taken, the built-in automatic light meter in the digital  
>camera would have set a fast shutter speed. (For those  
>unfamiliar with cameras and lenses; there is a light meter  
>built-into modern digital cameras that sets the shutter to open  
>and close quickly when the conditions are bright, or to stay  
>open fractions of a second longer under dark conditions so that  
>enough light will accumulate to be able to record an image. It  
>is that way for film cameras and for the sensors in a digital  
>camera as well.)

>The domed disc really has to be moving at a tremendous speed in  
>order for its image to appear smeared, blurred in the photo.  
>Because of the bright daylight conditions and the speed with  
>which the shutter opened and closed, for that object not be  
>frozen in its tracks, it had to be moving at a fair clip. Fodder  
>for further analysis.

>Questions we'll never answer are; Wherezitfrum? Whomaydit?  
>Whoozflyinit? It's a shame really. Those are the questions  
>whose answers hold out the most promise for enlightenment.

>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

Greetings John Velez & List,

Nice observations John. I took the liberty of enlarging the  
Whittlesea "UFO". I made some slight contrast adjustments to  
bring out the shape.

You can take a look here:

<http://www.freewebs.com/ufoscience/whittlesea.htm>

>... 'appears to be' a gunmetal grey, metallic, domed  
>disc moving at a very high rate of speed...  
>The domed disc really has to be moving at a tremendous speed in  
>order for its image to appear smeared, blurred in the photo.

Yes, you can clearly see blurring on the left side.

>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer!

I'll have to agree.

Josh Crockett

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:44:28 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:50:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 17:08:28 -0600  
>Subject: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>Spooky Atomic Clocks  
>NASA-supported researchers hope to improve high-precision clocks  
>by entangling their atoms.

>[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm)

>January 23, 2004:

>Einstein called it "spooky action at a distance." Now NASA-  
>funded researchers are using an astonishing property of quantum  
>mechanics called "entanglement" to improve atomic clocks -  
>humanity's most precise way to measure time. Entangled clocks  
>could be as much as 1000 times more stable than their non-  
>entangled counterparts.

<snip>

>Einstein never liked entanglement. It seemed to run counter to a  
>central tenet of his theory of relativity: nothing, not even  
>information, can travel faster than the speed of light. In  
>quantum mechanics, all the forces of nature are mediated by the  
>exchange of particles such as photons, and these particles must  
>obey this cosmic speed limit. So an action "here" can cause no  
>effect "over there" any sooner than it would take light to  
>travel there in a vacuum.

<snip>

>But thanks to research such as this, having still-better atomic  
>clocks available to benefit science and technology is only a  
>matter of time.

>End of article

>Does anyone else see the same implications I do. If there exists  
>this phenomena of instantaneous action over great distances,  
>couldn't a very technologically advanced race of beings have  
>learned how to utilize this effect for interstellar travel? Just  
>a thought.

Hello Terry:

Thousands of people must have asked the same question, a good  
one by the way.

To the best of my knowledge and the prevailing wisdom, no. You  
cannot even send one bit of superluminal information this way,  
let alone a spacecraft.

I wrote a wordy message of explanation on this list, it should  
be in the archives.

What is spooky, is the instantaneous affect of something here,  
on something far away... regardless of distance.

Then reality intrudes... you cannot send messages that way! What happens, is that the states of these particles (up/down spin etc. etc.) are completely random to begin with. So, you flip your spin, and somebody else's, far away, flips the other way. Just measuring the spin changes it. Your correspondent cannot tell if you flipped the particle or not, nor if it was ever flipped in the first place. Zero information transfer, sorry.

That being the case, Einstein's laws are not overruled. If anything, this vindicates Einstein, as has happened so many times in the past\*.

What I'd like to know more about, is how they discovered this amazing effect in the first place. Its not Art Bell stuff. This has been verified independently and made the mainstream journals unless I'm very mistaken.

Science fiction aside, there could be some really neat discoveries and technology coming out of this, as the better atomic clock demonstrates. Thanks for the article.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

\* Ufologist Bruce Cathie of New Zealand made certain improvements to Einstein's  $e=mc^2$  equation BTW, but only numerologists let that slide. I sure won't.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/ELTANIN.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Parliament/3460/bruce.html>

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## The Next Space Race: China Heads To The Stars

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe@ufology.org.uk](mailto:joe@ufology.org.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 11:22:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:52:31 -0500  
Subject: The Next Space Race: China Heads To The Stars

>From the NY Times (extract):

Full story at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/01/22/international/asia/22SPAC.html>

[Free subscription required]

Published: January 22, 2004

The Next Space Race: China Heads to the Stars  
By Jim Yardley and William J. Broad

BEIJING, Jan. 21 - When President Bush outlined his ambitious vision last week for a new era of space exploration, one country in particular was on his mind as he extended an invitation for international cooperation: China.

In the last year, China succeeded in becoming only the third nation to put an astronaut into orbit, definitively signaling that it intends to break into the front rank of space explorers.

The Chinese plan to send more astronauts into space next year, to launch a Moon probe within three years, and are aiming to land an unmanned vehicle on the Moon by 2010, a half decade before the deadline President Bush set for the next Americans to arrive there.

Joe

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:25:15 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:53:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hatch

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: John W. Auchetl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 22:50:44 -0500  
>>Subject: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>The City of Whittlesea has released a press item and photograph  
>>on a UFO Photograph taken by an employer at 2:00pm on the 15th  
>>Jan 2004.

>>The Council communication officer spoke on radio station 3AW at  
>>11:35 a.m. today, vouching for the employee and the image  
>>authenticity.

>>Image At:

>><http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/content/content.asp?cnid=1545>

>>PRA viewed the image on Tue 20th and could no offer any  
>>explanation to reporter Peter Taylor  
>><[taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au](mailto:taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au)>from the Whittlesea Leader, a local  
>>newspaper who will be running the story.

>>City of Whittlesea Offices - Ferres Boulevard, South Morang  
>>e - [info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)  
>><http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/>

>Hello John, All,

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>Object) I downloaded and carefully scrutinized the photo. The  
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>disc moving at a very high rate of speed. A 'classic' (as in  
>"The Day The Earth Stood Still") flying saucer! There, see? That  
>wasn't so hard to 'identify' was it? <VBG>

<snip>

>Regards,

>John Velez

Hello John and John again:

The first link above shows the photo, and mentions a box you can  
click for the full sized image, but I could not find that.

Do you have a URL with the full size image so I can see that?  
How did you get the date and time of day? Good work in any  
case, vital data all too often dropped by the dimmer bulbs.

I presume VJ Ballester Olmos took note for his Fotocat work. I  
will copy him in any case. Given the details, vouching etc., it  
looks like one for my catalog as well. Most of my work has been  
for past decades lately.

Whittlesea is at 145:07E - 37:30S for those who might care. This places it around 14 miles NNE of central Melbourne, Victoria unless I goofed.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Northern Earth 25th Anniversary

From: Philip Mantle <[philipmantle@hotmail.com](mailto:philipmantle@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 13:06:23 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:00:34 -0500  
Subject: Northern Earth 25th Anniversary

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From: John Billingsley <[johnbillingsley@jubilee10.freemove.co.uk](mailto:johnbillingsley@jubilee10.freemove.co.uk)>  
To: Northern Earth Friends" <[ne\\_editor@annexe.org.uk](mailto:ne_editor@annexe.org.uk)>  
Subject: NE Earth Spirit Moot details  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 20:36:57 -0000

### PREAMBLE:

This email announcement is to let you know of the 25th anniversary conference of Northern Earth, the world's oldest journal of fringe archaeological, folklore and related research.

If you would like to join the mailing list for the 2004 Moot, please reply to this message asking to be added (Northern Earth subscribers will be automatically kept up to date with developments). If not, you need do nothing!

But whether you want to know more or not, please do a small magazine a favour and tell your friends about what will be one of the key events of the year for neo-antiquarians, or give us a plug in your periodical..... Thank you! Now, Read On....!

Northern Earth 25th Anniversary

The 'Earth Spirit' Moot

Saturday, May 29, 2004

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Skipton Town Hall, N Yorkshire

Wow! 25 years in the business of what has been loosely termed earth mysteries, new antiquarianism, cryptogeography, psychogeography and plain lunatic fringe, and here we are with an unexpected status as the world's senior journal in all those categories (except the last)!

Something to celebrate, surely?

Come and join us in marking the occasion with a weekend in the Yorkshire Dales. We have chosen the Spring Bank Holiday because it's a lovely time of year up here, we've hired a large room in the Town Hall at Skipton, North Yorkshire, and we've gathered some of the leading lights of our mercurial milieu to excite and entertain you around the theme of 'Earth Spirit' - the presence and the perception of 'otherness' in the world around us. Let me introduce our presenters:

Paul Devereux, a most prolific author and dynamic speaker, always at the cutting edge of research on spirit landscapes and their constituent elements - which is why he can't tell us exactly what he'll be talking about till nearer the time!

Jeff Saward, an international authority on labyrinths and mazes, editor of Caerdroia and author of Magical Paths, will speak on

'Labyrinths in the Landscape'

Robert Farrah breezes in from Cumbria with dire warnings not to mess with a megalith, in 'Stones of Power: the Curse of the Megalithic Tomb'

Dr Vivienne Crawford, a practising medical herbalist and mediaeval specialist, will introduce the medicinal magic of local knowledge of the old English - 'Native plants, native bodies; the environment of Anglo-Saxon herbals'.

Philip Heselton, the very first editor of Northern Earth and author of The Elements of Earth Mysteries, will recall the founding and first ten years of the Northern Earth Mysteries Group.

And it's not just talks we have lined up -

Music! We're so pleased to be able to premiere Bob Dickinson and friends, playing a piece specially composed for the Earth Spirit Moot - 'Northern Spirit' will be a music/sound collage reflecting in music and sound the spirit of sacredness both in the landscape of the north and in the belief systems of its population (Pagan, Christian, Islam, Hindu, Buddhist, etc.). Bob is also author of 'Music & the Earth Spirit'.

Storytelling! Christine McMahon is one of the North's finest up-and-coming storytellers, with a growing range of tales drawn from local history and folk traditions, and if we're good, she'll take us into other worlds and other times...

\* The venue is accessible for wheelchairs and is a non-smoking environment.

\* Bookstalls and displays.

\* The kitchen will be open and serving vegetarian and fairtrade fare through the day.

\* The event is unsuitable for young children and animals.

\* There will be optional field trips/walks on the Sunday and possibly Monday, to be announced nearer the date.

\* Tickets are available now! See below for prices.

\* For further details: write to [moot@northernearth.co.uk](mailto:moot@northernearth.co.uk) ; or send self-addressed stamped A4 or A5 envelope to Northern Earth Moot, 10 Jubilee St, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 5NP ; or watch our website at [www.northernearth.co.uk](http://www.northernearth.co.uk)

\* Please ask us for an accommodation list in the Skipton area if required. Skipton is a lovely and historic town with many attractions in town and around - Skipton Castle, Bolton Priory, Ilkley and Rombalds Moor, Embsay steam railway and Leeds & Liverpool Canal cruises are just some ways for the rest of the family to have fun while you're at the Moot; and The Craven Museum is in the Town Hall, just upstairs from the Moot. Skipton Tourist Information Centre will be happy to help with any tourist enquiries: (01756) 792809, [skipton@ytbic.co.uk](mailto:skipton@ytbic.co.uk)

\* Remember, when enquiring or ordering tickets, to enclose a SSAE - we are a non-profit magazine and appreciate your support! Thank you and we really look forward to meeting you there !

John Billingsley

Editor, Northern Earth

Northern Earth 25th Anniversary Earth Spirit Moot - Ticket Prices

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Pounds 11.50

Pounds 11.50

Door price, May 29

Pounds 14.00

Pounds 14.00

Pounds 14.00

Notes:

\* Ticket prices do not include optional field trips to be arranged on the Sunday or Monday

\* Cheques should be made payable to 'Northern Earth'

\* Credit card payment unavailable

\* Please send photocopied proof of entitlement when applying for concessionary rates (unemployment benefit only).

\* Accommodation lists for the Skipton area will be sent with ticket on request. Accommodation cannot be arranged by Northern Earth

\* All available prices are as stated. Please do not confuse us by asking for other ticket price permutations!

John Billingsley

January 23, 2004

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## More UFO Sightings Reported In New Brunswick

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 06:36:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:50:46 -0500  
Subject: More UFO Sightings Reported In New Brunswick

Source: The Times & Transcript - Moncton, New Brunswick

<http://canadaeast.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040124/TTEBRIEF/301240130>

More UFO sightings reported  
Witnesses terrified, transfixed by an object hovering in sky

January 24, 2004

CHARLES PERRY  
Times & Transcript Staff

When Danielle Cormier of Moncton read about a UFO sighting by a couple in northern Kent County in yesterday's Times & Transcript, she had no problem relating to the story.

Not only did she get a first-hand look at the unidentified flying object for approximately 45 minutes, but she had three friends with her to witness the experience.

Danielle, 21, said she and her boyfriend Terry Steeves, along with her best friend Peggy and the latter's then-boyfriend Ed, were leaving Shediac about 11:30 p.m. on a clear summer night last year to drive back to Moncton. She said they were on the ramp heading onto the four-lane highway when she glanced out the window and noticed a "brilliant star" which she thought was the North Star.

Then, suddenly, Ed brought the pick-up truck to a halt and she noticed that her three companions were staring out the window, "looking absolutely stunned, their faces white as though they had just seen a ghost," she said yesterday in an interview.

What she had perceived a few seconds earlier as the North Star was now hovering just above the tree line, characterized by three lights arranged in a triangle, with one on the top and two on the base, said Danielle. Apart from making slight movements up or down or to one side or the other, she said it remained there, "as though it was observing us," for the next 45 minutes.

"We had pulled the truck over to the side of the road, but we were too scared to get out of it," she said. Terry told her that there was no way it was a helicopter or any kind of aircraft he had ever seen before, she added.

The four of them, although "we were terrified," stayed there transfixed on the unidentified object hovering over them above the trees.

"We were scared, intrigued and mesmerized all at the same time," said Danielle. The fact it stayed aloft in basically the same spot was unnerving, she said.

After about 40 to 45 minutes, she said its lights started flashing and it began to move in a "freakish way" and then, gradually descended. Since there were clearings among the trees, she was hoping they might get a good look at it when it landed.

But before it reached the ground, its lights suddenly went out and it disappeared.

Danielle said they checked afterwards at both the Moncton airport and with the Air Traffic Control Centre in Riverview and described what they had seen. They were told that the only aircraft in the Moncton area at that time would have been Fedex and other cargo planes, which did not remotely mirror what they had seen.

Like the married couple reported a UFO sighting last Saturday night near St-Louis-de-Kent and the Carquet man who witnessed a similar sight the same night, none of the four Moncton witnesses could detect the shape of the aircraft.

And Danielle is not the only family member to witness such an incident.

Her father Yvon Cormier, a baker for the Sobey's at Champlain Place in Dieppe, said about a month and a half ago, he was going in to work about 5:30 a.m. He was arriving when he saw, hovering in the sky above the store, the same three lights, arranged in a triangle, described by his daughter.

Cormier said the craft was making occasional moves up and down or to one side or the other. He said it made a "humming sound" when it moved, "not the kind of noise you would hear coming from an airplane."

"I mentioned it to someone when I went inside, but they just laughed," he said. "So, I just went about my work and made no further mention of it. I did take a look outside about 10 minutes later, but it was gone."

Marge Cormier noted that not long after Danielle's experience in Shediac, she was en route to Memramcook, when she saw the same three lights hovering in the air near the airport. "It was there for about 10 minutes and I was shaking. Then, later Yvon sees it. It is weird that all three of us got to see a UFO in a short period of time."

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## Charles Berlitz's Widow Valerie Dies

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman@maine.rr.com](mailto:lcoleman@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:04:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:44:55 -0500  
Subject: Charles Berlitz's Widow Valerie Dies

Source: The Sun-Sentinel - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

<http://www.legacy.com/SunSentinel/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=1831667>

1/22/2004

Valerie Anne Berlitz

Berlitz, Valerie Anne, 87, of Sea Ranch Lakes, FL died on January 21, 2004. North American Cremation Society.

[This is the extent of the published obituary.]

Charles Berlitz died on December 18, 2003, at age 90. See his obituary at:

[http://www.lorencoleman.com/bermuda\\_triangle.html](http://www.lorencoleman.com/bermuda_triangle.html)

With sadness and sympathy to their family,

Loren

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>

Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:14:35 -0500

Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:55:45 -0500

Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Denzler

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:44:28 -0800

>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>

>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>

>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 17:08:28 -0600

>>Subject: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>NASA-supported researchers hope to improve high-precision clocks by  
>>entangling their atoms.

>[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm)

>>January 23, 2004:

>>Einstein called it "spooky action at a distance." Now NASA-funded  
>>researchers are using an astonishing property of quantum mechanics  
>>called "entanglement" to improve atomic clocks - humanity's most  
>>precise way to measure time. Entangled clocks could be as much as  
>>1000 times more stable than their non- entangled counterparts.

><snip>

>>Does anyone else see the same implications I do. If there  
>>exists this phenomena of instantaneous action over great  
>>distances, couldn't a very technologically advanced race of  
>>beings have learned how to utilize this effect for  
>>interstellar travel? Just a thought.

>Thousands of people must have asked the same question, a good  
>one by the way.

>To the best of my knowledge and the prevailing wisdom, no. You  
>cannot even send one bit of superluminal information this way,  
>let alone a spacecraft.

>I wrote a wordy message of explanation on this list, it should  
>be in the archives.

>What is spooky, is the instantaneous affect of something here,  
>on something far away... regardless of distance.

>Then reality intrudes... you cannot send messages that way!

Well, as I understand the matter (perhaps incompletely),  
scientists are looking for ways to be able to send information  
this way. There's a scientist at Duke who was working on such a  
thing a few years ago. I wanted to interview him about it, but  
never did. I've lost his name now.

Perhaps a more appropriate statement is, "We cannot send  
messages that way at this time, but stay tuned...."

And of course, there's always the consideration that just  
because we can't do it - or even if we hadn't thought of doing  
it yet - that doesn't mean that some other intelligence has not

or could not do it. Presuming that we are not the only intelligent life form in the universe. (And if we are, God save us....)

Brenda Denzler

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>From: Josh Crockett <[ThirdEyeChing@aol.com](mailto:ThirdEyeChing@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:46:15 EST  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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>>"The Day The Earth Stood Still") flying saucer! There, see? That  
>>wasn't so hard to 'identify' was it? <VBG>

(snip)

>>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

>Greetings John Velez & List,

>Nice observations John. I took the liberty of enlarging the  
>Whittlesea "UFO". I made some slight contrast adjustments to  
>bring out the shape.

>You can take a look here:

><http://www.freewebs.com/ufoscience/whittlesea.htm>

>>... 'appears to be' a gunmetal grey, metallic, domed  
>>disc moving at a very high rate of speed...  
>>The domed disc really has to be moving at a tremendous speed in  
>>order for its image to appear smeared, blurred in the photo.

>Yes, you can clearly see blurring on the left side.

>>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer!

>I'll have to agree.

Hello Josh:

That's a very nice picture, especially the blow-up of the  
object.

The Australians, with due caution, considered the possibility  
of a bird etc. and I cannot fault them for that. However,  
your rendition looks very unbirdlike to me.

Like John Velez indicated, and unless my eyes deceive me, it  
looks a lot like a classical "flying saucer".

Accordingly, I have included the event in the \*U\* Database as a photo case. I don't show photos, evidence or present arguments, just maps mostly. I just updated this one:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/AUSNZ.html>

...which has green arrows indicating the location North of Melbourne, Victoria.

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On another topic, Richard Hall asked (quite rightly) why I had pages and maps for 1965, when 1966-1968 was busier.

My own statistics agreed with his point, and I have been busy redoing those displays and pages here. I removed the pages for the "1965 wave" and replaced those with the following maps etc. for the period 1965 - 1969 which should cover the waterfront:

Here are three new maps pages for North and South America, plus Europe, for those five years:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NAM6569.html>

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SAM6569.html>

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Those are links from my Thematic Maps page which has some other goodies of interest to map freaks like me:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/THEMEMAPS.html>

I also put up a new statistical page for the same period, a daily histogram of sightings counts for those same five years combined:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/YDAY6569.html>

...which will hardly interest anyone but number nuts.

Pages are fast loading and free of creepy music et cetera .. no grey aliens will stare at you.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: With Martha Stewart busy elsewhere, I recently discovered something. If you take the nice quality cardboard from an empty carton of cigarettes, and cut the large pieces in half, those make really good drink coasters. [burp!]

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Seaburg

From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284@aol.com](mailto:Steve72284@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:59:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Seaburg

Hi Everyone,

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Traverse City MI

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 07:31:53 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:23:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

>From: Brenda Denzler <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:14:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

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>>What is spooky, is the instantaneous affect of something here,  
>>on something far away... regardless of distance.

>>Then reality intrudes... you cannot send messages that way!

>Well, as I understand the matter (perhaps incompletely),  
>scientists are looking for ways to be able to send information  
>this way. There's a scientist at Duke who was working on such a  
>thing a few years ago. I wanted to interview him about it, but  
>never did. I've lost his name now.

>Perhaps a more appropriate statement is, "We cannot send  
>messages that way at this time, but stay tuned...."

>And of course, there's always the consideration that just  
>because we can't do it - or even if we hadn't thought of doing  
>it yet - that doesn't mean that some other intelligence has not  
>or could not do it. Presuming that we are not the only  
>intelligent life form in the universe. (And if we are, God save  
>us....)

> Brenda Denzler

Hello Brenda:

I would like nothing better than to be proven wrong in this  
matter, in fact I would be thrilled. Unless and until such  
time, I am compelled to say something I hope you will not find  
offensive, as I mean no real offense:

Rotsa Ruck.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 07:36:56 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:24:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hatch

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Aha!

Good show Steve. Please make sure we are kept informed on this  
matter. Do you suppose we might see some evidence of this  
cropping, or other evidence of a cut-and-paste job?

Best

- Larry

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## Hunt For Whittlesea UFO Clues

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:18:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:26:24 -0500  
Subject: Hunt For Whittlesea UFO Clues

Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne, Australia

[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8484016%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8484016%255E2862,00.html)

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Hunt for UFO clues  
By Chris Tinkler

DEFENCE experts cannot explain a UFO caught on camera in Melbourne's north, but sceptics believe it is nothing to get excited about.

The UFO was snapped in Beveridge by a Whittlesea traffic engineer on January 15. That prompted the council to place the shot on its website on Friday, appealing for witnesses. The council also referred it to the Department of Defence.

Council spokesman Jim Linton said yesterday experts at the Defence Science and Technology Organisation had no idea what the object could be.

In an e-mail to Mr Linton, the organisation's PR manager said: "I'm afraid DSTO is not an authority on the identification or investigation of unidentified objects and I'm not aware of any government department that does deal with these sorts of matters."

Meanwhile, sceptics are convinced the UFO could turn out to be nothing more exciting than a porcelain power insulator, a bird or a fly.

Australian Skeptics member Don Allison said the object could have been a disc-shaped insulator used on high-voltage electricity transmission lines.

"We had a case a few years back in Perth where these chaps perpetrated a UFO deception by throwing these discs like frisbees up above some sand dunes and then photographing them," Mr Allison said.

"The chaps throwing were concealed behind the dunes and the effect was of a UFO flying out over the ocean.

"Eventually, they owned up and the mystery evaporated."

Mr Allison said the photograph could also be an optical trick.

The Skeptics UFO spokesman Dr Steve Roberts believed it was probably a bird or fly.

"The object is out of focus, but the background is in focus, therefore it is near the camera," he said. "That would also explain why no-one else saw it."

Mr Linton said Whittlesea Council had no view on what the object was, but he was confident there was no prank.

"The engineer has assured us he has not played a prank," Mr Linton said. "As you could imagine, there would be consequences if it was a prank and nobody would want to put their job on the line for something like this.

"And the engineer would have noticed if it was kids throwing discs up in the air because there is nothing there. It is just farmland."

The council was yesterday still waiting for the Civil Aviation Authority's views on the photograph, and planned to send an e-mail alerting NASA to the image.

But because NASA would not accept e-mail attachments, the council would direct them to the image on its website, Mr Linton said.

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## Whittlesea's Alien Lies In The Eye Of The Beholder

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:24:33 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:32:29 -0500  
Subject: Whittlesea's Alien Lies In The Eye Of The Beholder

Source: The Age

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/01/23/1074732605811.html>

January 24, 2004

Whittlesea's alien lies in the eye of the beholder

By Stephen Cauchi

Is this a Martian payback for NASA's invasion of the Red Planet?  
If so, they've chosen to land at the City of Whittlesea.

A UFO photo, taken on January 15, caused a stir on radio and TV  
yesterday as excitement mounted over an alien visitor.

A Whittlesea traffic engineer took the photo while assessing  
street signs and road markings on Beveridge Road. He did not  
notice the UFO while he was taking the digital photo, only when  
the image was printed.

The City of Whittlesea yesterday posted the photo on its website  
with a disclaimer. "This council has no opinion about the  
object. We just do not know what the object could be and would  
welcome any explanation . . . the image has been referred by  
council to the chief defence scientist, (the) Defence Science &  
Technology Organisation, and the Civil Aviation Authority.

"Council is considering referring it to NASA."

Council spokesman Jim Linton said the engineer did not see  
anything with the naked eye at the time. "It was a quiet day. We  
don't know if it's a computer glitch, we don't know what it is."

But the UFO spokesman for the Australian Skeptics, Steve  
Roberts, thinks it's a fly or a small bird. Dr Roberts, who  
interviewed the engineer yesterday, said the photo was the only  
one of about 10 that showed the object. "The object is very much  
out of focus, but the background is in focus, therefore it's  
near the camera," he said. "It also explains why no one else saw  
it."

As for the talkback callers who said they did, Dr Roberts said  
that was a common occurrence. "Unfortunately, it's known that if  
you make a claim, people will come and support it," he said.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mshough@parcellular.fsnet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 16:53:36 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:34:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shough

>From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 22:50:44 -0500  
>Subject: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>The City of Whittlesea has released a press item and photograph  
>on a UFO Photograph taken by an employer at 2:00pm on the 15th  
>Jan 2004.

>The Council communication officer spoke on radio station 3AW at  
>11:35 a.m. today, vouching for the employee and the image  
>authenticity.

>Image At:

><http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/content/content.asp?cnid=1545>

>PRA viewed the image on Tue 20th and could no offer any  
>explanation to reporter Peter Taylor  
><[taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au](mailto:taylorp@ldr.newsltd.com.au)>from the Whittlesea Leader, a local  
>newspaper who will be running the story.

Hello John & List

After looking quite hard at the high-resolution version of this image for a few minutes I see a bird, flying quite fast from left to right, possibly having taken off from the wires to the left of shot.

The bright upper area that looks like a 'dome' actually has a slightly flared triangular shape tapering towards the upper left.

Once you see that as the sunlit top surface of the bird's left wing, raised away from you, then the lateral bright streak - which looks at first like a specular reflection on the edge of a disc - pops out as being the sunlit top surface of the bird's right wing pointing almost straight at you. The rest is the darker shadowed underparts of the body, blurred towards the tail.

Anybody else see this?

Martin Shough

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## Re: Open/Formal Invitation To Debate On SDI -

From: **Jaime Maussan** <[jaimemaussanmx@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:jaimemaussanmx@yahoo.com.mx)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 11:08:46 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:38:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Open/Formal Invitation To Debate On SDI -

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:26:47 -0500  
>Subject: Open Invitation To Debate On SDI

>On behalf of Errol Bruce-Knapp and myself I would like to extend  
>an invitation to Mssrs. Franz, Maussan, Kolbeck and Capt. Ruano  
>to have an open debate/discussion on the subject of the  
>aircraft/UFO collision case on 'Strange Days... Indeed.'

<snip>

John & Dear Friends:

I accept.

I hope Kolbeck and Ruano will be able to. I would like to invite others to this discussion. Controlers, mechanics and pilots. Go ahead.

As soon as I can talk to Kolbeck and Ruano I will let you know.

Jaime Maussan

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## Re: Top UFO Movies Of All Time - Kerth

From: Linda Kerth <[lindakerth@aol.com](mailto:lindakerth@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 11:57:31 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:42:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Top UFO Movies Of All Time - Kerth

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
>To: [updates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:updates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 11:58:49 -0600 (CST)  
>Subject: Top UFO Movies Of All Time

>I have just released my take on UFO movies, citing the ones that  
>I think deserve attention for one reason or another.

>The annotated list is at:

>[www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm](http://www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm)

Chris,

Really enjoyed reading your list, man! Funnnnieeee!  
Used-to-be-a-wanna-be, now I really am!

LK

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Golubic

From: Victor Golubic <[Plewshkin@aol.com](mailto:Plewshkin@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 12:20:59 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:48:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Golubic

>From: Brenda Denzler <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
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>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 01:44:28 -0800  
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>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry@terrygroff.com](mailto:terry@terrygroff.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 17:08:28 -0600  
>>>Subject: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>>Spooky Atomic Clocks  
>>>NASA-supported researchers hope to improve high-precision clocks by  
>>>entangling their atoms.

>>[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm)

>>>January 23, 2004:

>>>Einstein called it "spooky action at a distance." Now NASA-funded  
>>>researchers are using an astonishing property of quantum mechanics  
>>>called "entanglement" to improve atomic clocks - humanity's most  
>>>precise way to measure time. Entangled clocks could be as much as  
>>>1000 times more stable than their non- entangled counterparts.

>><snip>

>>>Does anyone else see the same implications I do. If there  
>>>exists this phenomena of instantaneous action over great  
>>>distances, couldn't a very technologically advanced race of  
>>>beings have learned how to utilize this effect for  
>>>interstellar travel? Just a thought.

>>Thousands of people must have asked the same question, a good  
>>one by the way.

>>To the best of my knowledge and the prevailing wisdom, no. You  
>>cannot even send one bit of superluminal information this way,  
>>let alone a spacecraft.

>>I wrote a wordy message of explanation on this list, it should  
>>be in the archives.

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>intelligent life form in the universe. (And if we are, God save  
>us....)

List...

Just so there's no confusion... Non-local interactions have been established for at least 20 years. Two, three, or many objects, all originating from the same quantum state (interaction), can have complementary states... if one is measured spin down then the other, when measured, will have spin up, etc.

With more than two particles... more complex arrangements can be undertaken. However, communication between vastly separated regions requires that both ends of the communication device be transported to those locations... therefore... by "normal" means.

Also keep in mind that the universe is in constant interaction with each system. If an interaction occurs prematurely in either one... then interactions between the system are being affected in indeterminate ways, making control more difficult.

Therefore, one has to keep both systems in isolation for long periods of times (very difficult).

Also, once a message is delivered, resetting the device will involve entanglement at lower orders of precision, becoming less and less efficient with each new generation. If you review the scientific literature on quantum computers, more information is available.

Victor Golubic

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Hi Steve, All,

The very first thing I checked was to see if that 'thing' in the sky was a 'drop-in.' It's not. I can spot a drop-in right away\*. This happens to be an area I have some expertise in - \*see below. The pixels in this picture are all uniform (the same size) everywhere in the field of view. Consistent for color and lighting too.

There is motion blurring and some distortion in the air surrounding the object. The blurring away from the direction the object is traveling is to be expected by any object whose image is captured while it is in motion. If you'll notice, the front (leading) edge of the 'saucer' is clearly defined and there is no sign that it was cut from another photo/picture and placed here in this one.

When people do the kind of thing you are suggesting, it is near impossible sometimes to match the color and lighting exactly from elements that were lifted from different images. Color and lighting are a really good way to spot tampering. No sign of it here. I create images for commercial use for a living. I'm very good at spotting 'doctoring' of any kind. I can't find evidence for 'tampering' of any kind in the photo from Oz.

In terms of the distortion in the air surrounding the object, it 'could be' evidence of something else. Maybe of the effects on the atmosphere of whatever propulsion system is being employed. I don't pretend to know much about that kind of thing. People like Ray Sanford will tell you more about that than I can. Ask him about it. It has something to do with the ionization of the air surrounding the object.

Nope, no 'drop-in.' I'll put \$ on it. Whatever that object is, it is there and was a part of the scene at the time of the exposure. The lighting is consistent with everything else. I could detect no sign at all of tampering anywhere in the photo.

It's a 'goodie' alright. One that will stand up under close professional scrutiny. Already the 'Pelican' (bird) explanation has reared its ugly beak. I don't care how many 'birds' may have been photographed in Finland... this one from Oz is no bird...

-whatever else it may be.

Regards,

John Velez

\*Graphic artist for 20 + years. Sixteen of them creating images for the printing industry using film and photographic techniques, and eight years creating images for all media using a computer. I was 'certified' in computer graphics by Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus) after completing a comprehensive, full time, two year course in computer graphics. (1995)

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## Roswell Retro

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:52:06 -0500  
Subject: Roswell Retro

[http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20040121/ap\\_on\\_fe\\_st/ufo\\_festival\\_2](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20040121/ap_on_fe_st/ufo_festival_2)

Above is an URL to an AP story about this year's upcoming Roswell events in July.

It focuses on the retro angle that this year's events will have a 1940's theme including all citizens wearing costumes from that era and radio stations playing 40's music.

You can bet I'll be there! Chest-high baggy pants and all!

Wait'll you guys see my girlfriend all gussied up in a 40's style outfit.

Who says Ufology can't be fun!

Best,

Greg

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:55:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Shough

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
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>amazing effect in the first place. Its not Art Bell stuff. This  
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Hi Larry,

You are correct, the EPR correlation is very definitely part of the substantial mainstream of quantum mechanics (QM) today. Perhaps ironically, the effect was 'predicted' in the first place by Einstein (along with Boris [P]odolsky and Nathan [R]osen - hence EPR) back the 1930s. They pointed out that if the generally accepted formulation of QM were to be taken seriously then action-at-a-distance correlations would be measurable, thus violating local-realistic physics based on relativity theory. The implication was that QM must be incomplete because such correlations were impossible, hence the so-called EPR "paradox".

The root of the issue is the way that quantum states have a sort of mathematical inertia - like a Newtonian mass obeying the 1st Law, once a state has been 'prepared' and set going it just keeps on going (in a mathematical phase space, this is, not in what we think of as ordinary 4-space) and going . . . until it is 'measured'. There isn't a clear way of discriminating one part of this state (say the beginning) from another part (the end) that doesn't involve a different measurement, and a different measurement just gives you a different quantum state with similar properties. There's no way of getting rid of what I described as this 'inertia'. This is a property called unitarity, or coherence. The quantum state remains coherent and (in spite of confusing things one often hears about quantum indeterminism) is actually totally deterministic - until it is disturbed by an interaction with some other state, i.e. until it is 'measured'.

So according to the canonical interpretation of QM known as the

Copenhagen Interpretation and identified with Neils Bohr it makes no sense to attempt to separate the start and the end of the quantum state from one another. There are not two events, there are just two aspects of the same coherent event. Quantum states, it was said, are unanalysable and do not have parts. This was offensive to Einstein because the essence of relativity is the separation of events into parts connected by light signals, or to put it differently, the division of spacetime into regions each belonging to a separate 'light cone' between which communication was forbidden. EPR correlations would imply connections 'outside' the light cone.

For a long time there appeared to be something academic about the debate which Einstein in particular pursued with Bohr and the QM "establishment". But later an Irish physicist named John Bell worked out an ingenious blueprint for an experimental protocol which could reveal traces of the 'hidden variables' that would have to underlie the correlations according to EPR. He showed that certain statistical conditions known as Bell's Inequalities would have to obtain if EPR were right, and the violation of the Bell Inequalities in experiment would show that EPR correlations really were happening in the absence of any 'local hidden variables'.

In the 1970s the first experiments were done by Bernard D'Espagnat and later in the 1980s by Alain Aspect in France. Early tests involved coupled photon pairs but later they were extended to protons and other particles. Today there are a number of tests, all of which I believe have shown to different significance levels that Bell's Inequalities are violated. This is generally taken as meaning that Einstein was wrong and that QM is right. But as you rightly pointed out the experiments involve elusive differences between sets of random outcomes and are extremely subtle both in execution and in mathematical interpretation. There are those who believe that the Bell protocol is logically flawed and that local-realism can explain all the results. They are few, but even if you accept that the correlations are significant in the sense of EPR this doesn't mean that so-called nonlocality is in any sense 'explained' by QM because the conceptual basis of the theory is obscure in the extreme, and anyway it is known to be an incomplete theory insofar as it is incapable not only of marrying with the best theory of gravity - Einstein's GR - but even of explaining cogently the structure of a single complex molecule without a dizzying amount of approximation. As someone said, QM is a functional algorithm. Actuality is something else.

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## Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Speiser

From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 12:15:23 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:58:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid - Speiser

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 15:11:58 -0000  
>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>From: Jim Speiser <[jimspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jimspeiser@yahoo.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2004 20:14:38 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:Stuart.Miller4@btinternet.com)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:50:30 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: SETI Taps The Grid

>>>"In other words, if our radio telescopes pick up ET, you'll  
>>>quickly be reading about it in the papers. And because so many  
>>>among the populace are convinced that aliens exist (even to the  
>>>point of being blas=E9), there's little chance of rioting in the  
>>>streets."

>>>"I'm glad you're confident about that Seth. I'm not. He is  
>>>arriving at a conclusion based purely on the evidence of opinion  
>>>polls without for a moment stopping to consider Human thought  
>>>processes and emotions. What people say and then do are two  
>>>different things. Ask any political pollster."

>>Well, let's stop and think, Stuart...do you actually think  
>>people will "riot in the street" if a little bleep is heard on a  
>>radio set in a shack in New Mexico, representing an intelligence  
>>trillions of miles away that may in fact no longer exist? "Run  
>>for your lives! There's an intelligent race on a planet circling  
>>Tau Ceti! (Or there was 12 years ago...)" I think he makes a  
>>good point that we are more sophisticated about the prospect  
>>than we were, say, in 1938.

>I can't share your confidence and I think you're making a  
>judgement based on your own values and beliefs and the way you  
>see the world.

Can you assure me that you're not?

>The real point is, we just don't know but to  
>glibly dismiss it is not acceptable to me. You could be right  
>and I could be being a bit of an old woman about it all,

Uh-oh! You're gonna get letters from the Old Women Anti-  
Defamation League!

>but to  
>me, the world is a far "madder" place than it was back in '38.  
>There is considerably more mental illness and stress and  
>dysfunction now than ever before

Can you quantify this statement with figures and references? Or  
could it just possibly be "based on your own values and beliefs  
and the way you see the world"?

>and at the very least, even if



>there isn't any actual "rioting in the streets", there will  
>unquestionably be a degree of social unrest. Remember Heavens  
>Gate et al and that was in "peace time".

I hardly think its appropriate to extrapolate the actions of a band of a couple dozen wackos to the world as a whole. Is this your evidence of the world being a "far madder place?" This sort of thing didn't exist before the 1990's?

>And on the subject of Orson Welles, I don't think we heap  
>anything like enough opprobrium upon his head. He set the  
>template and we've all been  
>paying for it since.

He was just doing a radio show. I don't think he could have foreseen the fallout.

>>Stuart: How would you "control" something like this? Pretend  
>>your the chief of the Public Information Control Politburo or  
>>whatever, what safeguards would you set in place that would  
>>ensure that the word never got out that an ET signal had been  
>>received? Remember that the signal is audible around the planet,  
>>and that protocols are in place to double and triple and  
>>quintuple-check the data with scientists in far-flung  
>>territories. And most scientists want that Nobel on their shelf.  
>>I submit that there isn't the slightest possibility of keeping  
>>such a monumental occurrence under wraps. Now, if you want to  
>>claim that the politicians will put their own spin on the issue,  
>>you'll get no argument from me. But you'll get so many  
>>politicians and publicity-hounds hawking so many different spins  
>>that it will all cancel itself out, and we'll each be left with  
>>our own personal contemplations...which, after all is said and  
>>done, will be the most meaningful and far-reaching result of  
>>such a development.

>My apologies Jim - I didn't make myself clear in my original  
>post. I wasn't intending to suggest that in the event of a  
>signal that massive attempts would be made to hush it up. I  
>meant that politicians, IMO, would be very unlikely to leave the  
>news of the announcement to SETI. I'm sure for example that Bush  
>is no different to Tony Blair (my Prime Minister) and Blair goes  
>out of his way, like all Prime Minisiters before him, to attach  
>himself to the current and immediate "hot item" in order to  
>garner public favour and grab the glory.

I do not know what the protocol is for actual announcement. I'm sure it's covered somewhere in one of the many think-tank white papers on the subject, can someone enlighten us? Doesn't it involve the UN to some degree?

>>How does he know the government "showed no interest"? Perhaps no  
>>overt interest, no MIBs showing up at the installation, no  
>>interrupted telexes, etc., but I would venture to guess that  
>>there are departments at CIA, NSA, and the local DC think tanks  
>>whose job it is to pore over the printouts and data sheets. God,  
>>I would hope so! Otherwise, I want my tax money back!

>Not only do I agree but I would suggest that the NSA would  
>probably know about any signal received well before SETI might.

So you're suggesting NSA has its own, deep-black SETI project going? And that their technology and coverage is superior to the "free" SETI projects? As it would have to be in order to "know about any signal received well before SETI..."

>>Now who's watching too much "Contact"?

>Well, it's a very good film and in my estimation the best ever  
>made on the ETH! I truly admire your faith in Mankind's ability  
>to take news like this calmly. But, a confirmed signal will  
>trigger a chain of events on earth that clearly yourself, like  
>many others, haven't bothered to think about. Take religion for  
>example. That's the Christian Faith in turmoil right from the  
>start, big time. The biggest challenge they will ever have had  
>to face. Do you think that this will be done quietly and via a  
>cultured and informed debate? And all this mind just on the  
>basis of a signal, not a landing.

There will be a month of talking heads on talk shows, mostly high-visibility mainstream preachers such as Graham and Falwell, making the point that Christian Theology has never precluded ETI

on other planets. There will be an explosion of street corner fire-and-brimstone types trying to reclaim their turf. Perhaps a year later, a finding by the Vatican science chief, followed by a Papal Bull, and then we'll all go back to watching the Michael Jackson trial.

>Science, particularly biology and physics will be turned upside >down. Psychology and philosophy could well fall apart.

That's a bit hyperbolic, if you ask me.

>Education, history, the media will all be profoundly touched. It >would be a grave error to underestimate the impact contact would >have on many millions of people's lives.

It would be a sea change in the way we look at ourselves, to be sure. But we would still have to make it to work on time the next day. (Again, we're talking SIGNAL, here, not an outright landing).

>Then there's the economy. I know little about the stockmarket >but I know enough to say that it doesn't take too much to give >all of them the heebie jeebies. And no doubt all those eggs will >come home to roost at once and we'll "pay" for those stories >about free energy etc. as it all collapses in a monstrous pile >of worthless paper. It will be the fear of the unknown and what >these Beings might be able to do for us or to us and how that >will affect pharmaceuticals and power and gas and armourments >and food and quite frankly, everything else.

OK, so bottom line, we are predicting different levels of reaction. Let's just wait and see who's right.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 15:59:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
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That's for sure!

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List....

One clarifying point being that QM is a linear phenomena, " $1 + 1 = 2$ " and "overtly" behaves that way. But, QM may in fact be "nonlinear" at it's heart:  $(a + b) * (a + b) = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ ... the center "2ab" providing for such a nonlinear component. This speaks to it's possible "unobservable" nature and quite possibly the "hidden" structure supporting the visibly interactive "linear" states.

Who knows, if QM is in fact "nonlinear," it may possibly providing a realistic framework from which to ponder questions revolving around the transfer of energy (inertial variables) from one local to another...and not just information.

Victor Golubic

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may be offering "obtuse criticism." This is just a simple 'how  
do you do?' and, "welcome to the UFO UpDates List" from me to  
you. :)

Welcome aboard!

I hope the collage of responses you have received in response to  
your simple self-introduction is a clear lesson to you about  
"List dynamics!" Just look at the amazing range of topics,  
agendas and the interpersonal acrobatics that attached  
themselves like ugly on an ape to your little "Hello everybody!"

Let it be a lesson for you! ;)

Again, welcome to UpDates.

Regards,  
John Velez

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## Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:12:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 13:57:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 11:57:40 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2004 16:39:48 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Newbie In Catch-Up Mode

>>Of course, Louise, there are a few, unfortunately, who represent  
>>the opposite extreme to CSICOP on this list, and who seem to  
>>think that whatever they enjoy believing (about UFOs or anything  
>>else) is a fact.

>Of course you could also ignore obtuse criticism

>>An example of such unfounded belief: That the  
>>late Philip Corso was a lover of truth and accuracy,

>Yes, he was trying to tell the truth as he knew it. This  
>included information from his own informants and documents  
>he read.

>>blissfully ignoring the fact that, contrary to Corso, the develop  
>>of solid-state electronics has its own, well-documented, natural  
>>technological evolution among innovative terrestrial engineers  
>>and scientists, in a way that does not require reverse-  
>>engineering of items from a UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico,  
>>to be rationally explained.

>I think Ray needs to reread "The Day After Roswell".

Thanks for the advice, Ed, but I now have better things to do  
with the relatively little time I have left in this life.  
Corso's half-truths, deliberate distortions, exaggerations, and  
seemingly outright lies were, to me, quite transparent. To be  
more kind, I might have wondered that the guy might have been  
'loosing a few of his marbles' in his old age.

By the way, Ed, since no one was named, what in the world ever  
made you think (as one might infer from your response) that I  
had you in mind when I declared:

>>Of course, Louise, there are a few, unfortunately, who represent  
>>the opposite extreme to CSICOP on this list, and who seem to  
>>think that whatever they enjoy believing (about UFOs or anything  
>>else) is a fact.

:)

Ray Stanford

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trifles." -- Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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## Evidence Of Large Bodies Of Water On Mars?

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 17:42:07 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:09:36 -0500  
Subject: Evidence Of Large Bodies Of Water On Mars?

The European Space Agency (ESA) has released a color image of Hellas basin taken by Mars Express showing a blue/green material running along the bottom of a martian channel.

[http://www.esa.int/export/externals/images/ob\\_22\\_reull\\_v.jpg](http://www.esa.int/export/externals/images/ob_22_reull_v.jpg)

It looks like a lake, perhaps iced-over. While things are often not what they appear to be, sometimes they are. I find the apparent lack of scientific interest in these surprising images puzzling. But Eric Peterson, a member of the Cydonia email list, was sufficiently interested to look for a Mars Odyssey (NASA) Themis image of the same area. He found one taken 8 months earlier.

<http://members.aol.com/mizarkey/hellas.jpg>

The differences between the two images is even more interesting than the striking ESA image itself. The dark material seems to have substantially expanded in area in the intervening time and in a way that suggests water flooding low-elevation areas.

I'm not certain that the differences are real, since they might simply be the result of the differences in the response to light between the Themis and Mars Express cameras, which are very different instruments (and the Themis image is black and white, not color). If the features don't change with time, then they would more likely be mineral deposits of some sort. But I think the apparent changes are definitely something that demand an explanation from NASA and ESA.

Hellas basin is at a low altitude where the atmospheric pressure is above the triple point pressure at which liquid water can exist, contrary to some popular press stories that incorrectly assert that water on Mars can't exist in liquid form.

BTW: The Cydonia email List is moderated by Mac Tonnies, who enforces peace, civility, and staying on-topic with an iron fist -- most of the time. :)

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:11:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Stanford

>From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284@aol.com](mailto:Steve72284@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>I went to the Australia photo, enlarged it to screen size and it  
>sure looks to me like that photo was cropped and placed in the  
>photo. It looks like a square around it that the pixels are  
>lighter color and also a square area.

Hi Everyone,

One might think that anyone who wanted to go to that much trouble to convince people he had photographed a UFO would have claimed he actually saw the object. In my opinion, one should be very cautious of alleging that the image was deliberately placed in a photo, since the photographer says he took the photo but saw nothing out of the ordinary.

I've heard no evidence that the photographer even claims the object shown is a UFO, and understand that he was simply puzzled about what might have caused the image on the film.

I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions carefully.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 20:58:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:14:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Denzler

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 07:31:53 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>From: Brenda Denzler <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:14:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>Hello Brenda:

>I would like nothing better than to be proven wrong in this  
>matter, in fact I would be thrilled. Unless and until such  
>time, I am compelled to say something I hope you will not find  
>offensive, as I mean no real offense:

>Rotsa Ruck.

In which matter, Larry? In the matter of making "spooky action at a distance" work to convey messages... or in the matter of there being other intelligent life in the universe besides the human race? In either case, no offense taken. As regards Option 1, you may yet be correct. As regards Option 2.....

Brenda

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## Re: Desmond Leslie? - Benson

From: Tom Benson <[sparkle@earthlink.net](mailto:sparkle@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 21:49:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:16:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Desmond Leslie? - Benson

>From: Andy Roberts <[aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aj.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Thursday, November 20, 2003 4:33 PM  
>Subject: Desmond Leslie?

>Does anyone have:

>\* A copy of Gray Barker's Book of Adamski (which apparently  
>reproduces letters from Desmond Leslie). If so is there any  
>chance of obtaining copies of said letters.

>\* Knowledge of sources of info about Leslie (other than the  
>obvious books and zines). I'm interested in old interviews,  
>obscure articles, audio or video material of Leslie.

>\* Any knowledge or information about the film 'Stranger from  
>Venus' which was apparently based on a short story by Leslie  
>(anyone got the story or any idea when/where it was published?).

>Any assistance appreciated, on or off Llist.

Andy:

I have a copy of the Gray Barker's publication you inquired  
about with the June, 1965, Alice K. Wells letter and a tribute  
written by Desmond Leslie.

Also, I would recommend inquiring for copies of the actual Alice  
Wells and Desmond Leslie correspondence files regarding George  
Adamski from the Gray Barker collection located at the  
Clarksburg Public Library in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Tom Benson

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## Re: Whittlesea's Alien Lies In The Eye Of The

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 23:57:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:25:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea's Alien Lies In The Eye Of The

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 08:24:33 -0800  
>Subject: Whittlesea's Alien Lies In The Eye Of The Beholder

>Source: The Age

><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/01/23/1074732605811.html>

>January 24, 2004

>Whittlesea's alien lies in the eye of the beholder

>By Stephen Cauchi

>Is this a Martian payback for NASA's invasion of the Red Planet?  
>If so, they've chosen to land at the City of Whittlesea.

>A UFO photo, taken on January 15, caused a stir on radio and TV  
>yesterday as excitement mounted over an alien visitor.

>A Whittlesea traffic engineer took the photo while assessing  
>street signs and road markings on Beveridge Road. He did not  
>notice the UFO while he was taking the digital photo, only when  
>the image was printed.

Hi Frank, John, All,

Case solved!!! I received a copy of the photo from my friend and fellow UpDates Listerion, Bill Weber. The copy he sent came with an 'insert' showing an enlargement of the object in the sky.

I think the picture is self-explanatory. All of us 'UFO nuts' were wrong. The Pelicanists were right! I take back everything I said about it being a UFO.

If only I had bothered to read the sign in the photo I could have avoided making a mistake. Case solved!

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/whittlesea/index.html>

Regards,

John Velez

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## U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO

From: Grant Cameron <[presidentialufo@presidency.com](mailto:presidentialufo@presidency.com)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 01:45:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:30:39 -0500  
Subject: U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO

Presidential Candidate Calls for Open Disclosure on U.S.  
Involvement with Extraterrestrial Frontier

Sterling D. Allan calls for U.S. government to come clean with the American People about the extent of their interaction with extraterrestrial visitors, and to involve the citizens in the dialogue about how to respond to our stellar neighbors.

For immediate release:

[http://www.allan2004.com/press\\_releases/040124\\_extraterrestrial\\_frontier/index.html](http://www.allan2004.com/press_releases/040124_extraterrestrial_frontier/index.html)

Jan. 24, 2004

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"Any thinking person can see that the U.S. government conceals the extent of its knowledge about and involvement with extraterrestrial visitors to this planet."

So says independent, write-in Presidential candidate, Sterling D. Allan, who promises he will stop the government's hiding of this information from the public if he is elected president.

"Area 51 is probably the most well known secret on the planet. Who does the Government think it is fooling when they deny that the facility even exists? That's like the president of Egypt saying the pyramids do not exist."

"If what they are doing there and other locations is beyond the pale of human ethics, then it must be cleaned up."

The Roper Poll, conducted in Sept. 2002 of over 1000 adults chosen randomly, showed that the vast majority of Americans believe in life elsewhere in the universe, and that they are generally excited at the thought of learning more about their closest neighbors in nearby star systems. The poll also shows decidedly that the majority of Americans are convinced that the government knows far more than it is telling. Close to half believe some extraterrestrials have visited our planet, and that it is probable that they have communicated with U.S. leaders.  
([www.scifi.com/ufo/roper](http://www.scifi.com/ufo/roper))

"The secrecy is an assault to human dignity, treating the populace of the nation and the world as if they are unable or unworthy to know what is going on with such weighty matters," says Allan.

He not only believes that the government is withholding information about the extent of its knowledge, but also that the government of the United States and other nations have actually formed compacts with certain extraterrestrial visitors, including such terms as trading of technology for rights to minerals as well as abductions for research or needed genetic material.

"They [the U.S. leadership] are behaving like dictators in this regard, acting outside of the knowledge and wishes of those who elected them," says Allan.

The Constitution calls for treaties to be made with the consent of Congress, and for such records to be a matter of public disclosure.

"They are not only violating basic human rights by granting such terms to these extraterrestrials, but they are acting contrary to the Constitution that they are sworn to uphold."

"We are not a bunch of imbeciles or sheep who cannot think or handle heavy matters. It is time for the United States government to come clean, admit to its violation of the Constitution in this regard, as well as its errors in allowing unethical practices to take place."

Allan proposes that there are many Americans who would willfully participate in extraterrestrial experiments, and that abductions against a person's will are completely unnecessary and should be defied.

"If there are extraterrestrials who would threaten to annihilate us if we do not give them what they demand, then as sure as there is a God, there are also sure to be extraterrestrials who will come to our aid if we do not wish to comply with terms with which we do not agree."

"It is a coward who acquiesces in the face of a greater power when we have God as our protector -- if we deserve his protection."

Allan says that the most pressing need for this country is to return to the moorings of individual uprightness and responsibility.

"Extraterrestrials should not be feared, they should be welcomed, if they come in peace. Think of what the world gained when it expanded to America once the barrier of the ocean was surmounted."

Allan thinks that crop circles, "at least the ones that are not clever fabrications by pranksters," are likely creation of extraterrestrials seeking to communicate with us on a global scale.

"We live on the threshold of a new frontier. Such a thrill should not be limited to just the 'elite' who keep that information from others. It should be shared by all."

Allan is in process of forming a non-profit company that will be developing alternative energy technologies that tap into what he refers to as the "vast reservoir of inexhaustible energy that surrounds us, spoken of by Tesla and other great scientists of days past as well as present." Allan says that "some of these technologies tap into counter-gravity as well."

Not only does Allan look at extraterrestrial visits here as an obvious fact, but he says, "it is conceivable that within five to ten years we could have commercial flights to the moon that take ten minutes. A trip to Mars would take a day or so."

Allan is also in favor of forming a world government "but not based on socialism, which tends to be the thrust of the U.N., but one based on principles of freedom, with checks and balances on power."

It is this body that he believes should be given power by virtue of representative government, to form treaties with extraterrestrial beings.

In December of 2001, Allan founded a world body (<http://www.rsicc.org>) to begin forging the documents that would comprise the constitution of a world government based on principles of freedom. He used the declaration of principles of that organization as his platform for his present run for the U.S. presidency.

Allan also is supportive of a quest for colonization of the moon and of Mars, "once technologies are in place for economical travel to and from." His reasons are not just to satisfy mankind's quest for a new frontier, but have thoughts of survival contingencies as well.

"The earth's geological record shows that the earth's poles have shifted many times. The recent mega cycle that the sun is exhibiting, as well as the recent activity of the Yellowstone super volcano, among other mega earth changes, bespeak the likelihood of a major calamity awaiting our planet. Biblical and other holy writings point to a time of great upheaval on earth."

Allan thinks that colonization's on the moon and on Mars "could help preserve mankind through these massive cleansings."

"However," he is quick to add, "individual uprightness before God should never be overlooked as the most important protection for spiritual survival."

Allan views the coming calamities as a "baptism of fire akin to the baptism of water at the time of the great flood, during which Noah and his family were sequestered safely, to then repopulate the earth."

However, this time around, Allan "[hopes] there will be a great many who will survive, to form the nexus of an ideal society that has learned from the mistakes of the past."

"Like with the flood, we may be called upon to take our entire way of living with us, so as to be able to return and re-seed the earth."

"When we return, will we build a garden of Eden, or will the earth become another Mars?"

Allan believes that if mankind can work together, we could preserve the entire civilization, and in so doing evoke an era of peace and harmony by our common goal of preserving one another through the coming earth changes -- some of which we have brought about ourselves through the way we have treated our mother earth with abject disregard for so long.

Many prophecies, perhaps the most obvious of which is the Mayan calendar, point to the year 2012 as being when the pole shift takes place.

"Had more people listened to Noah, there could have been far more than just eight people on that boat that took him 120 years to build."

"If we pull together as a civilization, and stop all the aristocracy and secrecy, and pool our resources, we could do it in the short span of time we are allotted; and when we return, we could build the ideal society dreamed of by poets and prophets down through time."

As part of this ideal society, Allan believes that "ancient cities that were taken from the earth will return, such as the cities of Enoch and of Mechizedek."

"These are not extraterrestrials in the traditional sense of the word that implies foreigners. Rather, they are former inhabitants of this planet who come back to dwell with us in peace, once we get our act together."

"Could it be, that at least some of these extraterrestrials are our own progeny from many eons hence, time traveling to help us set the course properly?"

In all of this, Allan is sure that a basic rule of the universe must not be violated -- free will.

"The choice is ours," he says.

"Will we use these new technologies that are emerging, to blow each other off the planet, or to help preserve life, including possibly the ability to lift ourselves as a team above the earth as it undergoes its baptism of fire?"

"Some may be able to stay on the earth proper and survive, having underground concrete bunkers and such, but the more safe place would be to be lifted up above the clouds."

"Perhaps the 'rapture' is something we create together by

working together in an unprecedented way."

"At the heart of this choice is a decision each individual needs to make to turn his heart to God, and to seek for a mighty change; or the change that takes place externally will be to annihilation, not rebirth."

"Surely some of the the extraterrestrials who are visiting here have knowledge and skills that can help us survive what is coming. If they are our progeny come back through time to seek to influence this era of time to influence their outcome for better, can you blame some of them for perhaps being less than friendly when they resort to methods of selfish self-preservation as they see the human condition at present that is so unlikely to change the outcome that their present miserable condition entails? And if they seem cold and almost lifeless, perhaps that is a condition we created for them because we didn't change for the better."

"It's not too late to change that," he says. "Let's do it -- by the grace of God. As an act of our free will, let's forge a better future."

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## Hawking Denies Being Assaulted

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 05:33:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:33:25 -0500  
Subject: Hawking Denies Being Assaulted

Source: The Statesmen - London

<http://www.thestatesman.net/page.news.php?clid=3D8&theme=3D&usrsess=3D1&id=3D34227>

Jan. 24. 2004

Hawking denies being assaulted

Professor Stephen Hawking denied last night that he had been assaulted by his wife as a third nurse who has cared for the scientist made fresh allegations.

Ten nurses and carers have already made statements to police over claims that Prof. Hawking's wife was responsible for his unexplained injuries. Detectives are now preparing to question Mrs Elaine Hawking (53).

Prof. Hawking, author of the best-selling A Brief History of Time, has repeatedly been taken to hospital with unexplained injuries, including a broken wrist, gashes to the face and a cut lip, that have left his family concerned for his safety.

Last night, a nurse alleged that the scientist, who is confined to a wheelchair, was afraid to be left alone with his wife when she has lost her temper. She claimed that Mrs Hawking has called the world famous physics genius "thicko" and "dumbo". She also alleged that he has come close to calling the police on several occasions after alleged assaults but had been persuaded not to by his wife.

"She is not a well person or a safe person and Stephen knows it," she claimed. "When she loses it he insists that we do not leave him alone with her. He tells us with his computer."

But last night her husband said: "I firmly and wholeheartedly reject the allegations that I have been assaulted."

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## If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does It

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 05:37:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:35:05 -0500  
Subject: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does It

Source: The Age - Australia

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/01/24/1074732656967.html>

January 25, 2004

If life on Mars theory holds water, what does it mean?

The Mars Express captured this image, suggesting the existence of water-ice, from 273 kilometres above Mars. Picture: AFP

A European mission to Mars has found further evidence that the stuff of life - water - may exist on our red neighbour. Lucy Beaumont reports.

It may only be a thin blue line on the red planet, but it is set to spark a debate about life as we know it.

The European Space Agency's unmanned spacecraft Mars Express has discovered evidence of frozen water at the planet's south pole, backing NASA findings made in 2002. If the planet does hold water, the possibility of extraterrestrial life, past or present, may also become more than just science fiction.

According to Monash University philosopher John Bigelow, humans could not resist linking scientific findings with their quest for meaning: "It touches on our deepest need to know where we came from . . . whether there's always been life or if it originated.

"One possibility is that life developed completely separately on Mars as well as on Earth. The other possibility is that life came to Mars from Earth or to Earth from Mars," Professor Bigelow said.

ESA project leader Michael McKay said confirmation of the presence of frozen water came in high-resolution pictures of the planet's south pole beamed from Mars Express, the mothership of the Beagle 2 probe, which is feared to have crashed while trying to land on Mars a month ago.

Swinburne University astrophysicist Sarah Maddison said the finding of H<sub>2</sub>O, using infrared chemical analysis, was significant.

"We've known for a long time that the polar caps of Mars are carbon-dioxide ice and it has been thought for a long time that there's probably a water-ice base," Dr Maddison said.

"The fact that there is water ice there lends more weight to the previous hypotheses that there used to be a lot of water on Mars."

Monash University's Andrew Prentice, who is involved with NASA's upcoming mission to Saturn, was thrilled by the latest finding, after having theorised that Mars was the most water-rich of all the solar system's planets.

Dr Prentice's calculations suggested Mars had as much water as Earth, despite being one-tenth its size. The origins of both planets, about 4.5 billion years ago, supported this, he said.

"Mars formed at a cooler temperature than the Earth. So if Earth was successful at capturing water then Mars would have been even more successful."

Other experts reserved judgement on the finding. Melbourne University senior research fellow Nick Hoffman has theorised that ice on Mars was carbon dioxide and therefore not supportive of life. He expected radar data, to be gathered in the next few months, to be more definitive.

But the Mars Express finding gave theologians an exciting new realm of possibility, said Francis Macnab, chief minister at St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne.

"It could be that life had many sources and many forms," he said.

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

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>>>Subject: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>>Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>>NASA-supported researchers hope to improve high-precision clocks  
>>>by entangling their atoms.

>>>[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan\\_entangled.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/23jan_entangled.htm)

>>That being the case, Einstein's laws are not overruled. If  
>>anything, this vindicates Einstein, as has happened so many  
>>times in the past\*.

>>What I'd like to know more about, is how they discovered this  
>>amazing effect in the first place. Its not Art Bell stuff. This  
>>has been verified independently and made the mainstream journals  
>>unless I'm very mistaken.

>You are correct, the EPR correlation is very definitely part of  
>the substantial mainstream of quantum mechanics (QM) today.  
>Perhaps ironically, the effect was 'predicted' in the first  
>place by Einstein (along with Boris [P]odolsky and Nathan  
>[R]osen - hence EPR) back the 1930s. They pointed out that if  
>the generally accepted formulation of QM were to be taken  
>seriously then action-at-a-distance correlations would be  
>measurable, thus violating local-realistic physics based on  
>relativity theory. The implication was that QM must be  
>incomplete because such correlations were impossible, hence the  
>so-called EPR "paradox".

>The root of the issue is the way that quantum states have a sort  
>of mathematical inertia - like a Newtonian mass obeying the 1st  
>Law, once a state has been 'prepared' and set going it just  
>keeps on going (in a mathematical phase space, this is, not in  
>what we think of as ordinary 4-space) and going, and going . . .  
>until it is 'measured'. There isn't a clear way of  
>discriminating one part of this state (say the beginning) from  
>another part (the end) that doesn't involve a different  
>measurement, and a different measurement just gives you a  
>different quantum state with similar properties. There's no way  
>of getting rid of what I described as this 'inertia'. This is a  
>property called unitarity, or coherence. The quantum state  
>remains coherent and (in spite of confusing things one often  
>hears about quantum indeterminism) is actually totally  
>deterministic - \_until\_ it is disturbed by an interaction with  
>some other state, i.e. until it is 'measured'.

>So according to the canonical interpretation of QM known as the  
>Copenhagen Interpretation and identified with Neils Bohr it  
>makes no sense to attempt to separate the start and the end of  
>the quantum state from one another. There are not two events,  
>there are just two aspects of the same coherent event. Quantum  
>states, it was said, are unanalysable and do not have parts.  
>This was offensive to Einstein because the essence of relativity  
>is the separation of events into parts connected by light  
>signals, or to put it differently, the division of spacetime  
>into regions each belonging to a separate 'light cone' between  
>which communication was forbidden. EPR correlations would imply  
>connections 'outside' the light cone.

>For a long time there appeared to be something academic about  
>the debate which Einstein in particular pursued with Bohr and  
>the QM "establishment". But later an Irish physicist named John  
>Bell worked out an ingenious blueprint for an experimental  
>protocol which could reveal traces of the 'hidden variables'  
>that would have to underlie the correlations according to EPR.  
>He showed that certain statistical conditions known as Bell's  
>Inequalities would have to obtain if EPR were right, and the  
>violation of the Bell Inequalities in experiment would show that  
>EPR correlations really were happening in the absence of any  
>'local hidden variables'.

>In the 1970s the first experiments were done by Bernard  
>D'Espagnat and later in the 1980s by Alain Aspect in France.  
>Early tests involved coupled photon pairs but later they were  
>extended to protons and other particles. Today there are a  
>number of tests, all of which I believe have shown to different  
>significance levels that Bell's Inequalities are violated. This  
>is generally taken as meaning that Einstein was wrong and that  
>QM is right. But as you rightly pointed out the experiments  
>involve elusive differences between sets of random outcomes and  
>are extremely subtle both in execution and in mathematical  
>interpretation. There are those who believe that the Bell  
>protocol is logically flawed and that local-realism can explain  
>all the results. They are few, but even if you accept that the  
>correlations are significant in the sense of EPR this doesn't  
>mean that so-called nonlocality is in any sense 'explained' by  
>QM because the conceptual basis of the theory is obscure in the  
>extreme, and anyway it is known to be an incomplete theory  
>insofar as it is incapable not only of marrying with the best  
>theory of gravity - Einstein's GR - but even of explaining  
>cogently the structure of a single complex molecule without a  
>dizzying amount of approximation. As someone said, QM is a  
>functional algorithm. Actuality is something else.

Thanks Martin!

That's way more than I knew. Few people are able to explain  
complex, difficult and arcane matters like quantum strangeness  
to the layman.

One of the pioneers (name escapes me now) said something like  
"If you aren't amazed, you haven't understood it."

Back when electricity was still poorly understood, it was  
invested with all sorts of mystical powers and abilities that  
just don't obtain in nature. Thus the electrodes in the neck of  
Frankenstein's Monster. Zap those and the dead come to life!

Later it was atomic energy. Giant ants thus created ate people  
like theater snacks and invaded the storm drains of Los Angeles  
in one movie.

Now we have all sorts of quantum strangeness, and predictably  
want to invest it with Star Trek results. There may actually be  
really new technology coming out of this, but some caution is  
advised.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Facts About Cults

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January 24, 2004

Facts About Cults

Understanding group dynamics is the most important step in preventing abuse by groups, Info-Cult leader says

Harvey Shepherd  
Freelance

The broadcast reporter wanted a nice, sharp sound bite about the Ra=EBlians, but didn't get one. In fact, the news conference launching Info-Cult's book might not have made much of a media splash.

But that doesn't worry Mike Kropveld. The driving force behind Info-Cult and its predecessor for close to a quarter-century, suggested the Ra=EBlian "flying-saucer cult " may be forgotten in five years or so, but the issues his book deals with will still be important.

Le Phenomene des sectes: l'etude sur le fonctionnement des groupes, by Kropveld and Marie-Andree Pelland, a doctoral student in criminology at the Universite de Montreal, is one more step in the long effort by Info-Cult (Info-Secte in French) to help potential victims, their families and others be on their guard against possible abuses.

The book uses the bloody and well known histories of three groups to make its point: the saga of Roch (Mo=EFse) Theriault and his followers in Quebec and Ontario between about 1978 and 1990, the Solar Temple murders and suicides in Quebec, France and Switzerland in 1994, 1995 and 1997 and the suicide of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate group in California in 1997.

But the approach of Le Phenomene des sectes is a far cry from that of its predecessor, Cult Project, which was founded in 1980.

The Cult Project sought to create "a consciousness to the ramification of membership in cults, (and) to reveal to the public the duplicity of cult propaganda, the hidden aims of various cult groups and the damaging influences they can exert upon individuals, the family and society."

Today, Le Phenomene des sectes seeks to present "cults" not as bizarre, or problematic, but rather as groups "that are present in our daily life."

"In such a context, the way to understand the way they operate and the violence that sometimes breaks out in some of them should be to get informed about group dynamics in general."

According to Kropveld, the No. 1 question from the 2,500 to 3,000 people who contact Info-Cult every year, is whether this group or that group is a cult or sect. But in his view it's not good enough to try to classify groups as good or bad, he says.

Whether it's a family, choir, sports team, working team or spiritual group, he says, everyone is part of a group at some time or another, and, while groups are usually places of personal growth, they can also victimize some of their members.

"Groups that are considered OK can also harm people," he told me.

When Project Cult was founded in 1980, with support from the Hillel student organization and other Jewish groups, it opposed forcible deprogramming - even if, to a great extent, it grew out of Kropveld's involvement in 1977 in the well publicized kidnapping of his close friend Benjie Carroll from the Unification Church (sometimes called Moonies) in 1977.

By the time it was transformed in 1990 into the non-denominational, bilingual Info-Cult, the organization was placing a lot more emphasis on education.

By the end of the 1990s, Info-Cult had even begun to get a few calls from members of "cults" interested in helping Info-Cult improve the quality of its files on their groups.

These days, when Kropveld fields calls from potential recruits or refugees, or worried family members, he often concentrates on trying to help them clarify their own motives and goals.

Nonetheless, Info-Cult maintains a library containing over 2,500 books, over 9,000 files on various groups and subjects, over 1,000 video and audio programs and other documents.

Le Phenomene des sectes was funded by a grant from the Quebec Department of Citizenship. Kropveld is seeking funding for an English-language version.

Le Phenomene des sectes is available both as a paperback from Info-Cult, at \$22 - call (514) 274-2333 - or on the Info-Cult site on the Web ([www.infocult.org](http://www.infocult.org)). Other English-language documents on the site cover a lot of the same ground as the book.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Ledger

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>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>Subject: Re: >Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>I went to the Australia photo, enlarged it to screen size and it sure  
>looks to me like that photo was cropped and placed in the photo. It  
>looks like a square around it that the pixels are lighter color and  
>also a square area.

Steve,

I did the same and did not see the dropped-in frame. And let me get this right. This fellow takes some photos and then decides to risk his job by perpetrating a hoax using company equipment?

Many of these objects show up in photos while not seen by the photographer during the taking of the picture. It's the camera that stops the action, like the props of airplanes frozen on video tape or turning backward due to the fast shutter speeds demanded by the light processor/electronic shutter and iris in the camera.

To my mind this is an untapped resource worth looking into.

Maybe we should be using high speed cine-cameras in "trouble" spots in hopes of catching an object in flight. I suspect that some government agencies have.

There's the reverse side as well.

There are objects, video-taped, where they hover then just vanish.

I had the opportunity to catch one off my TV satellite feed from a program that was aired off BetaCam tape, which I recorded on High-8 [a fairly good first-second generation format.

This object was video-taped thru a car window, hovering, then it just vanished. But when it was run thru a video editor frame by frame you could see the object streaking away at high speed. Too fast for the eye but not for the video camera. A rough calculation gave an estimated zero-4,800 mph acceleration in one frame of video.

We should not be so quick to discard these photos-digital or emulsion.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force base At Roswell? -

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:46:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force base At Roswell? -

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>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 17:27:05 -0500  
>Subject: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force base at Roswell?

>The following is an excerpt from an article published today.

>Patriot Act... Benefits of Voting for Bush... Your name in space

>Scripps Howard News Service, January 23, 2004

><http://www.knoxstudio.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=WASHCALL-01-23-04&cat=WW>

>When President Bush visited the super-secret U.S. Air Force base  
>at Roswell, N.M., White House officials joked with reporters on  
>Air Force One that they might be asked not to report on some  
>things they saw at the super-secret base. "I'm not playing that  
>game," one reporter responded. "If there's a flying saucer, it's  
>going on the wire, man."

The funny thing here is that Roswell Army Air Field, later Walker AFB, was closed in the mid-1960s by Lyndon Johnson because NM hadn't voted democratic in the 1964 election! There is no Air Force Base in Roswell, super secret or otherwise.

Stan Friedman  
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## Re: Another Robot Spacraft Lands On Mars

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25 Jan 2004

Another Robot Spacraft Lands On Mars

David McAlary  
Washington

Another U.S. spacecraft has landed successfully on Mars to begin a three-month search for traces of ancient water. It has deployed itself and begun transmitting its first images of the surrounding terrain, never seen before. Engineers are making progress fixing the malfunctioning rover that arrived earlier in the month.

Pandemonium broke out at mission control in California when the Opportunity spacecraft endured a fiery descent through the Martian atmosphere to land safely on target halfway around the planet from the Spirit rover already there.

The manager of the landing phase, Rob Manning, cheerfully and succinctly confirmed the touchdown. "We're on Mars, everybody!" he announced.

Like Spirit three weeks ago, Opportunity's descent signals showed that it deployed a parachute and fired braking rockets to slow its 20,000 kilometer per hour entry speed, then inflated airbags to cushion its landing.

Navigation team member Louis D'Amario said the landing was on target within a cigar-shaped area 74-by-5 kilometers. "It looks like that we hit the bull's-eye again with Opportunity, just like for Spirit," he said.

At a jubilant news conference, NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe toasted with champagne, as he had done three weeks ago when Spirit landed.

"As the old saying goes, it's far better to be lucky than good," he said to the laughter of his colleagues, "but you know, the harder we work, the luckier we seem to get."

The goal of Opportunity, like Spirit, is to seek signs that water once flowed on Mars, an indication that it might have supported life. While Spirit landed in a crater scientists believe is an ancient lake bed, Opportunity is on a high, flat plain with rich deposits of a mineral called hematite, known to form in association with water.

Hours before Opportunity's touchdown, mission engineers described progress in fixing what they believe is a computer software problem that has interrupted Spirit's science operations.

Project manager Peter Theisinger suggests that part of the vehicle's computer memory is faulty and predicts that technicians can work around it to rely on another part of the memory. He says his team does not yet know what caused the computer software problem, but adds that they have been able to regain command over the malfunctioning rover and might get it back to work in three weeks.

"Twent-four hours ago, I sat up on this stage and told you that we had a serious problem with Spirit," he said. "Here we are tonight with Spirit, we think, on a path to recovery and we've successfully landed Opportunity on Mars. I think we've been surprised how well it has gone."

Mission officials say Opportunity bounced to an upside down landing, but has already made itself upright, opened its petals like a flower, and deployed its solar energy panels and antenna.

NASA's chief of space science, Ed Weiler, said the agency's Mars landing record has now improved, with five of six attempts since the 1970s successful. He praised engineers' efforts to resuscitate the Spirit rover. "I came here prepared for a funeral, basically, and instead we resurrected one rover and we saw the birth of another today," he said.

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## Supernatural Attacks And Manifestations: An

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January 24, 2004

Supernatural Attacks And Manifestations: An Analysis

by Dr Beverley Sequeira

Well, it's a question, which while as old as mankind is one that finds itself being addresses even today. All civilisation have been shown to have sense of insecurity and fear over spotty but recurring reports of phenomenon that leave man feeling victimised by hostile beings with supernatural powers. The most common human response to incidents such as these is naturally confusion or fear and human beings indefinitely have responded to such supernatural challenges in various ways. Words, rites, amulets have ritually been employed in response to supernatural attacks and manifestations dating back even to the ancient Semitic civilization like the Babylonians and their feared Udog demons as it is seen in present day Christian rites of exorcism.

So how do we look at incidents such as those associated with supernatural phenomena? Do we believe or merely relegate it to the psychotic machinations of a fevered mind? Of course in our modern world there are three main stances which, no doubt in various combinations characterise the multitude of attitudes that individuals assume towards reports of siege by mysterious powers.

The first is scientific - which views the world and perhaps the universe as being governed by unvarying laws that have either been discovered or at the least are discoverable by scientific investigation. Then diametrically opposed to this views the - shall we say - superstitious which focuses on unseen spiritual realities and seems to deplore if not ignore the findings of science, seeing empirical realities as shallow and meaningless. The third stance of course, contains a little of each and while adhering to science as a natural method, broadens the vistas of positive science, incorporating spiritual dimensions of reality through theological and philosophical consideration. This stance is based more on faith and cannot really be classified, but can be termed as the religious.

The reaction the world over, when any supernatural phenomena is reported is one of absolute disbelief, precipitating a response to deny the reality of reported data and inevitably to refuse to examine the minute amounts of evidence there. Make no mistake - such phenomena does occur and to ordinary people and their families that are neither exhibitionists nor attention seekers. However, one cannot ignore that superstitious people seize on psychic phenomena for a sometimes unreasonable approach to life interjecting irrational fears and senseless preconceived notions and explanations.

What the best way to confront the issue - one might ask? Well, I suppose the balanced view to take is while admiring and accepting the findings of modern science and concluding that even projecting future development, it is without doubt myopic to think that nature does not reveal a depth of reality beyond the empirical realm of natural science. Thus it is evident that no matter what stance an individual adopts, will rest on certain prejudices that cannot be proven to the satisfaction of those who choose to adopt a different construct.

When any psychic phenomena does occur it is quite normal for people to be equally repelled by the naivete of the superstitious, the uncertainty of those who profess faith in the supernatural, but seem confused at their own beliefs and the haughty pride of those who assert with certainty things contradictory to one's own explanation. Ultimately the person who has experienced the phenomena is no doubt caught in a complex web of ignorance, bias and fear which exacerbate the individual's suffering.

Psychiatrists hypothesize that concepts of such supernatural phenomena are usually based on rumors and mindsets. Many issues we believe are rarely based on facts rather on the "I heard it from her" factor. In such cases there are said to be basic errors in communication i.e. deletion, distortion and generalisation.

So when an individual goes through a experience, his mind tends to delete and distort facts and people generally tend to generalise the issue making it a mindset. Another aspect is that if one has a high fear/anxiety quotient then that person would not be able to think rationally. Oliver Goldsmith said, "Don't let us make imaginary evils, when you know, we have so many real ones to encounter".

There are lots of uncertainties connected with the paranormal - however it would be remiss not to be warned of the dangers of both, an arrogance that professes a grasp of the unknown and that of a bravado that boasts of the control of the transcendent. It is rightly said that "a wise man knows what he does not know." However it is a prudent man who respects what he cannot control.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Sensi

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Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Sensi

Here are some things that may not have been pointed out yet but they may be useful to you in determining the authenticity of the Whittlesea image.

Firstly the distortion around the object is a common compression effect known as the "Gibbs effect" or "mosquito noise". It occurs when the sudden transition is made from an area of high contrast to an area of low contrast in images using a lossy compression such as jpeg at a high compression value. If you look at the edges of other objects in the image you will notice the same effect can be seen; it looks like a haze surrounding clearly defined edges and is particularly noticeable with objects against plain backgrounds such as the sky in this image.

Secondly the object also looks as if it has a box surrounding it but this is due to tile like compression artifacts that can be seen across the entire image and not just the object itself ! the object takes up around 3x5 of these tiles adding to the effect that the object is part of a square cut-out from another image.

Both these effects can be seen on the tree directly below and to the right of the objects position; it shows exactly the same cut-out appearance around it's futhest left branch.

That could still leave the possibility that the object was added before being re-compressed in an image format that caused the artifacts but it at least gives a possible likely reason for effects that could be misidentified as signs of a hoax.

Regards

Steve Sensi

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<gigantic and well-deserved snip>

Grant,

Did you ever meet a UFO-related idiot that you didn't like? And support and promote? Just who the hell is "Sterling D. Allan" and why do you think that this post would do anything other than bring more disgrace and skepticism down on the heads of those of us who consider UFOs to be a totally factual, serious, scientific question of some urgent importance?

Hey, if I am elected President I'll open up the files too. But just how likely do you think that is, and why do you contaminate the airwaves with this crap?

Get real!

- Dick

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## Re: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does

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Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 15:52:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:48:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 05:37:07 -0800  
>Subject: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does It

>Source: The Age - Australia

><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/01/24/1074732656967.html>

>January 25, 2004

>If life on Mars theory holds water, what does it mean?

>The Mars Express captured this image, suggesting the existence  
>of water-ice, from 273 kilometres above Mars. Picture: AFP

>A European mission to Mars has found further evidence that the  
>stuff of life - water - may exist on our red neighbour. Lucy  
>Beaumont reports.

>It may only be a thin blue line on the red planet, but it is set  
>to spark a debate about life as we know it.

Frank,

When the ESA scientists talk about ice, they're referring to the spectrometer measurements of the south polar cap. The image that accompanies this article shows a Reull Vallis in the Hellas basin, which is about 35 degrees south latitude. The only comment about it so far from ESA that I know of is that the dark blue material (which they say is "black") is probably some sort of mineral deposit left in the distant past by the water that once flowed through the valley. See:

[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/express\\_water\\_040123.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/express_water_040123.html)

The mistake by the article's author is understandable, because the blue material does in fact look like water ice, if not liquid.

One guy on another forum wrote that he thought the image was "awe inspiring." I agree. The planetary scientists seem to be much less awed than us laymen for reasons that have not yet been made clear.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:52:23 -0500  
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<snip>

>"It's not too late to change that," he says. "Let's do it -- by  
>the grace of God. As an act of our free will, let's forge a  
>better future."

Seems to me this guy has been taking some kind of drug. He wants representative democracy not socialism, as if a planet couldn't have both. I presume he thinks it would be OK for China and India between them to have 7 times as many votes as the USA? He thinks trips to the moon would take 10 minutes and to Mars a day.. in less than 10 years? And where would the money come from? And the new technology? He thinks crop circles are a way of communicating to the planet, but seems to have forgotten radio and TV. He mentions God, but whose vision of God?

Wouldn't get my vote.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:45:32 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:06:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks - Hatch

>From: Brenda Denzler <[denzlerb@bellsouth.net](mailto:denzlerb@bellsouth.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 20:58:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch@sysmatrix.net](mailto:larryhatch@sysmatrix.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 07:31:53 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:14:35 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Spooky Atomic Clocks

>>Hello Brenda:

>>I would like nothing better than to be proven wrong in this  
>>matter, in fact I would be thrilled. Unless and until such  
>>time, I am compelled to say something I hope you will not find  
>>offensive, as I mean no real offense:

>>Rotsa Ruck.

>In which matter, Larry? In the matter of making "spooky action  
>at a distance" work to convey messages... or in the matter of  
>there being other intelligent life in the universe besides the  
>human race? In either case, no offense taken. As regards Option  
>1, you may yet be correct. As regards Option 2.....

Hello Brenda:

By Rotsa Ruck, I meant that (sadly) I see little hope of sending  
objects or information at superluminal speeds by means of  
'action at a distance' as discussed.

I feel confident that there is life right in this same Galaxy,  
quite possibly intelligent life.

Best

- Larry

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>Hey, if I am elected President I'll open up the files too.

If I am elected President, I pledge to open up way more files than my worthy opponent Mr. Hall, who is not nearly as in favor of the opening of files as I am. (Um, is it too late for me to enter the primaries?)

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## Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 18:03:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:10:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Sandow

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 20:05:28 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit

>There is even a guy there who is in the business of painting  
>747's with plenty of room for them to dry. The New Mexico  
>Military Institute provides a nice military backdrop.

And let's not forget all the abandoned 747s sitting in the  
airport. I've forgotten exactly why they ended up there...

Greg Sandow

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## I Have Seen This Before

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Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 19:12:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:14:10 -0500  
Subject: I Have Seen This Before

EBK and Listers:

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/p/001/1P128287349EFF0000P2303L2M1.JPG>;

The smooth imprints are where the lander airbags smushed the soil.

In north Georgia, under certain conditions, water will freeze inside the red clay. Ice crystals will form and lift up a layer of soil sometimes 2 to 3 inches. You can see the ice columns supporting the soil. When you step on this surface, a smooth footprint forms - almost looking liquid (it probably is with the pressure of your foot instantaneously melting the crystals and forming smooth mud).

Hey, are those Martian ruins upon yon hill? :-)

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/n/001/1N128285132EDN0000P1500R0M1.JPG>

Regards,

Terry

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>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 12:54:38 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force base At Roswell?

>>From: Grant Cameron <[presidentialufo@presidency.com](mailto:presidentialufo@presidency.com)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 17:27:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Super-Secret U.S. Air Force base at Roswell?

>>The following is an excerpt from an article published today.

>>Patriot Act... Benefits of Voting for Bush... Your name in space

>>Scripps Howard News Service, January 23, 2004

>><http://www.knoxstudio.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=WASHCALL-01-23-04&cat=WW>

>>When President Bush visited the super-secret U.S. Air Force base  
>>at Roswell, N.M., White House officials joked with reporters on  
>>Air Force One that they might be asked not to report on some  
>>things they saw at the super-secret base. "I'm not playing that  
>>game," one reporter responded. "If there's a flying saucer, it's  
>>going on the wire, man."

>The funny thing here is that Roswell Army Air Field, later  
>Walker AFB, was closed in the mid-1960s by Lyndon Johnson  
>because NM hadn't voted democratic in the 1964 election! There  
>is no Air Force Base in Roswell, super secret or otherwise.

Hi Stan:

Maybe the reporter was thinking of Area 51. <chuckle!> That's  
only two states away.

Best

- Larry

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## 'Entity' sighting in Southern Indiana

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 23:28:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:34:44 -0500  
Subject: 'Entity' sighting in Southern Indiana

Folks;

Just a quick teaser here to inform of a terribly unusual situation that had taken place yesterday (Saturday, January 24) in Dearborne County, Indiana involving the sighting of a dark, "pencil thin" humanoid figure by motorists. The "figure" with unusually long arms and legs, was crouching near the roadside and stood upright, clearly walking on two-legs. This abnormally tall "figure" was said to move strangely and had pointed, knobby joints and witnessed by the passengers of at least 2 automobiles. The occupants of both cars, one containing an elderly couple, each agreed the "object" was not a human being and left the scene frightened.

Thanks to Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions in Cincinnati, I have details of the sighting after talking with a relative of the first motorist and am waiting to make direct contact with the driver soon, possibly tomorrow. This individual was said to have become 'hysterical' within an hour of the incident and insisted that this was not a human being, but described it as "some kind of alien." A full report is pending and will be posted to the "news section" of the website listed below. If you have further information about this, please do not hesitate to call.

Thanks,

Kenny Young  
Florence, KY  
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>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
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>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
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>>I went to the Australia photo, enlarged it to screen size and it  
>>sure looks to me like that photo was cropped and placed in the  
>>photo. It looks like a square around it that the pixels are  
>>lighter color and also a square area.

>One might think that anyone who wanted to go to that much  
>trouble to convince people he had photographed a UFO would have  
>claimed he actually saw the object. In my opinion, one should be  
>very cautious of alleging that the image was deliberately placed  
>in a photo, since the photographer says he took the photo but  
>saw nothing out of the ordinary.

>I've heard no evidence that the photographer even claims the  
>object shown is a UFO, and understand that he was simply puzzled  
>about what might have caused the image on the film.

>I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo  
>is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a  
>photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions  
>carefully.

Hi Ray and List :) )

The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
bug?

Or it is a camera defect?

Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
the picture.

Regards,

Diane Harrison  
Blond but not dumb! :>)

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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>>dialogue about how to respond to our stellar neighbors.

>>For immediate release:

>>[http://www.allan2004.com/press\\_releases/040124\\_extraterrestrial\\_frontier/index.ht](http://www.allan2004.com/press_releases/040124_extraterrestrial_frontier/index.ht)>ml

>>Jan. 24, 2004

>>EPHRAIM, UT

>>"Any thinking person can see that the U.S. government conceals  
>>the extent of its knowledge about and involvement with  
>>extraterrestrial visitors to this planet."

>>So says independent, write-in Presidential candidate, Sterling  
>>D. Allan, who promises he will stop the government's hiding of  
>>this information from the public if he is elected president.

>>Did you ever meet a UFO-related idiot that you didn't like? And  
>>support and promote? Just who the hell is "Sterling D. Allan"  
>>and why do you think that this post would do anything other than  
>>bring more disgrace and skepticism down on the heads of those of  
>>us who consider UFOs to be a totally factual, serious,  
>>scientific question of some urgent importance?

>>Hey, if I am elected President I'll open up the files too. But  
>>just how likely do you think that is, and why do you contaminate  
>>the airwaves with this crap?

>>Get real!

Dick:

Amen! Unfortunately, in snipping out most of the press release,  
we missed this gem:

"In December of 2001, Allan founded a world body

<http://www.rsicc.org>

to begin forging the documents that would comprise the  
constitution of a world government based on principles of

freedom."

Given the controversy over the origins of any number of UFO related documents (MJ-12 pop to mind immediately), I would think the use of the term "forging" is a fundamental no-no for anyone who claims to be running for President on a UFO ticket.

The press release also states:

"He [Allan] used the declaration of principles of that organization as his platform for his present run for the U.S. presidency."

Not exactly Wilson's Fourteen Points, is it?

Paul Kimball

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## Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Balthaser

From: **Dennis G. Balthaser** <[truthskr@roswell.net](mailto:truthskr@roswell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 07:35:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 13:57:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit - Balthaser

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg@gregsandow.com](mailto:greg@gregsandow.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 18:03:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@rogers.com](mailto:fsphys@rogers.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 20:05:28 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Bush's Roswell Visit

>>There is even a guy there who is in the business of painting  
>>747's with plenty of room for them to dry. The New Mexico  
>>Military Institute provides a nice military backdrop.

>And let's not forget all the abandoned 747s sitting in the  
>airport. I've forgotten exactly why they ended up there...

Greg Sandow and other List members

As with other locations in the southwest U.S. (Amarillo, Tx for example), due to the economy many airlines are "mothballing" planes. The weather is ideal here (low humidity and unfortunately for the ranchers - extremely dry) so aircraft can safely be stored for long periods.

Here in Roswell many are taken out of service and parts removed for re-use particularly the big 747's, DC-10's, etc. Recently the shorter runway here was closed to traffic and is being used for storage of different airline planes. A rough estimate of how many are in storage in Roswell would be 50-100, from commuters to the wide bodied.

That still leaves the 13,000' runway operational, which was placed here for the bombers of the 509th in the 40's when they handled the A-bombs, so last week Bush had no problem bringing Air Force One in. Military moved out of Roswell in the late 60's.

Several companies at the Roswell Air Industrial Center do refurbish planes too in some of the old hangars.

Sincerely,

Dennis Balthaser  
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[www.gizapyramid.com](http://www.gizapyramid.com)

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## Re: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 07:34:10 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:03:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 15:52:42 -0600  
>Subject: Re: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does It

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 05:37:07 -0800  
>>Subject: If Life On Mars Theory Holds Water What Does It

>>Source: The Age - Australia

>><http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/01/24/1074732656967.html>

>>January 25, 2004

>>If life on Mars theory holds water, what does it mean?

>>The Mars Express captured this image, suggesting the existence  
>>of water-ice, from 273 kilometres above Mars. Picture: AFP

>>A European mission to Mars has found further evidence that the  
>>stuff of life - water - may exist on our red neighbour. Lucy  
>>Beaumont reports.

>>It may only be a thin blue line on the red planet, but it is set  
>>to spark a debate about life as we know it.

>Frank,

>When the ESA scientists talk about ice, they're referring to the  
>spectrometer measurements of the south polar cap. The image that  
>accompanies this article shows a Reull Vallis in the Hellas  
>basin, which is about 35 degrees south latitude. The only  
>comment about it so far from ESA that I know of is that the dark  
>blue material (which they say is "black") is probably some sort  
>of mineral deposit left in the distant past by the water that  
>once flowed through the valley. See:

>[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/express\\_water\\_040123.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/express_water_040123.html)

>The mistake by the article's author is understandable, because  
>the blue material does in fact look like water ice, if not  
>liquid.

>One guy on another forum wrote that he thought the image was  
>"awe inspiring." I agree. The planetary scientists seem to be  
>much less awed than us laymen for reasons that have not yet been  
>made clear.

Lan,

The article also said, "ESA project leader Michael McKay said  
confirmation of the presence of frozen water came in high-  
resolution pictures of the planet's south pole beamed from Mars  
Express, the mothership of the Beagle 2 probe, which is feared  
to have crashed while trying to land on Mars a month ago."

And further stated, "Swinburne University astrophysicist Sarah

Maddison said the finding of H2O, using infrared chemical analysis, was significant. We've known for a long time that the polar caps of Mars are carbon-dioxide ice and it has been thought for a long time that there's probably a water-ice base," Dr Maddison said."

And finally said, "The fact that there is water ice there lends more weight to the previous hypotheses that there used to be a lot of water on Mars."

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: 'Entity' sighting in Southern Indiana - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmail.com](mailto:tshell@vcmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:38:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:05:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Entity' sighting in Southern Indiana - Shell

>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>To: [ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 23:28:23 -0500  
>Subject: 'Entity' sighting in Southern Indiana

>Just a quick teaser here to inform of a terribly unusual  
>situation that had taken place yesterday (Saturday, January 24)  
>in Dearborne County, Indiana involving the sighting of a dark,  
>"pencil thin" humanoid figure by motorists. The "figure" with  
>unusually long arms and legs, was crouching near the roadside  
>and stood upright, clearly walking on two-legs. This abnormally  
>tall "figure" was said to move strangely and had pointed, knobby  
>joints and witnessed by the passengers of at least 2  
>automobiles. The occupants of both cars, one containing an  
>elderly couple, each agreed the "object" was not a human being  
>and left the scene frightened.

Interesting. Looks like Springheel Jack is hopping about again.  
Combine this with all the flying saucer reports coming in  
lately, and it makes a UFO old-timer like myself very nostalgic.  
Feels more like 1967. The flying triangle and large-headed grey  
alien stuff was getting a little boring.

What sort of cycle do UFO flaps follow? Is it approximately  
every 12-13 years? I wonder why that is.

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## Re: U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO -

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 15:40:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:07:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO -

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming5@houston.rr.com](mailto:lfleming5@houston.rr.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 16:50:46 -0600  
>Subject: Re: U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99@hotmail.com](mailto:hallrichard99@hotmail.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jan 2004 21:32:53 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Presidential Candidate Calls For UFO

>>Hey, if I am elected President I'll open up the files too.

>If I am elected President, I pledge to open up way more files  
>than my worthy opponent Mr. Hall, who is not nearly as in favor  
>of the opening of files as I am. (Um, is it too late for me to  
>enter the primaries?)

My worthy opponent claims that he will open up even more files  
than I will. But I ask you, which of us has the most experience  
in actually opening up files? Which of us has lived most of his  
life in and around the Nation's Capital and knows his way around  
town? I NEED your vote! (Sorry, I'm getting a little hoarse.)

- Dick

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 09:45:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:14:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

>From: Diane Harrison <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever  
>been named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are  
>implying about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it  
>would then become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

A photo is just a photo. They can be manipulated in hundreds of ways, and they can contain odd images resulting from simple glitches. In order for there to be some real determination of alien origin, there has to be corroborating evidence - eyewitness reports, ashtray, etc.

The image in the photo appears to be of something solid, if only because of the shading, which seems to match up well with the position of the sun.

True, the left half of the "thing" appears to be strangely blurred, but in that way, it sort of reminds me of this image of a jet hitting Mach 1:

<http://www.rense.com/1.imagesC/boom.jpg>

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:23:53 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:16:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Warren

>From: Diane Harrison <[auform@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auform@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284@aol.com](mailto:Steve72284@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>I went to the Australia photo, enlarged it to screen size and it  
>>>sure looks to me like that photo was cropped and placed in the  
>>>photo. It looks like a square around it that the pixels are  
>>>lighter color and also a square area.

>>One might think that anyone who wanted to go to that much  
>>trouble to convince people he had photographed a UFO would have  
>>claimed he actually saw the object. In my opinion, one should be  
>>very cautious of alleging that the image was deliberately placed  
>>in a photo, since the photographer says he took the photo but  
>>saw nothing out of the ordinary.

>>I've heard no evidence that the photographer even claims the  
>>object shown is a UFO, and understand that he was simply puzzled  
>>about what might have caused the image on the film.

>>I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo  
>>is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a  
>>photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions  
>>carefully.

>Hi Ray and List :) )

>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>bug?

>Or it is a camera defect?

>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>the picture.

Diane,

Kudos to you for the reminder - the term, "UFO" certainly and  
incorrectly changes definition with the user.

Cheers,

Frank Warren

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## Bush's Focus Forces Langley To Shift Gears

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:10:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:13:21 -0500  
Subject: Bush's Focus Forces Langley To Shift Gears

Source: The Virginian Pilot

<http://home.hamptonroads.com/stories/story.cfm?story=3D65130&ran=3D85516>

January 25, 2004

Bush's new focus forces Langley, other NASA offices to shift gears

By Allison Connolly  
The Virginian-Pilot

HAMPTON -- Langley Research Center has contributed to some of NASA's most historic feats, from putting men on the moon to landing robots on Mars. Now that NASA has its eye on deep space, will Langley, which specializes in aeronautics, be as relevant?

The short answer is yes. But officials at Langley and NASA say they are entering a period of growth and uncertainty after President Bush earlier this month called on NASA to put humans on the moon and Mars, and to retire the space shuttle by 2010 in favor of a new, next-generation vehicle.

Bush's announcement comes as NASA is in the midst of a four-year restructuring in order to preserve tightening budget dollars. Even though the president will request another \$1 billion during the next five years for NASA, it is not certain whether Congress will approve it.

The president also called for NASA to take \$11 billion from existing programs and put it toward deep space research, which could mean shifting dollars from aeronautics programs. However, at the same time, NASA created a new Office of Aeronautics, so as not to lose focus of what the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was founded on. Further reorganization is likely. "We're going to see more of a shifting of personnel and assets rather than doing away with personnel and assets," said Doc Mirelson, news chief for NASA headquarters in Washington.

Before the President's announcement, NASA's 10 field centers were concerned that one or more would be shut down, as funding was expected to be level or decrease during the next few years because of the national deficit, projected at about \$500 billion this year.

NASA officials will unveil their proposed \$16.2 billion budget for fiscal year 2005 on Feb. 3. It represents a 5.2 percent increase over the current budget of \$15.4 billion. While the increases in future years won't be quite as large, NASA's budget is expected to grow, and the centers are breathing a sigh of relief.

The Hampton center's "bread and butter" has been in atmospheric flight, studying the effects of sending aircraft through the layers of the Earth's atmosphere. More than half of Langley's 2,303 employees are focused on aeronautics. But the center also is known for studying structures and materials, and providing other NASA centers insight on how to build a better spacecraft. "Langley is one of the most historic centers," Mirelson said.



"There is no plan for it not to be one of the key assets."

One could say it all started at Langley. The center was founded in 1917 as the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the precursor to NASA, which was formed in 1958.

Langley lays claim to the man-to-moon concept, having researched it as early as 1952, well before President Kennedy issued his challenge in 1961 to NASA to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

Langley trained the first astronauts in space as part of Project Mercury, which laid the groundwork for the Apollo missions that led on July 20, 1969, to astronaut Neil Armstrong's moonwalk and his famous quote, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Armstrong actually practiced his walk on the moon at Langley's Lunar Landing Research Facility, a simulated lunar landing surface. Langley researchers decided what vehicle would be safe enough to send the astronauts to the moon. The center also ran tests in its 8-foot temperature tunnel to see how the potential heat caused by reentry into the Earth's atmosphere would affect Armstrong's Apollo 11 spacecraft.

Langley also managed the program that put the first two spacecraft on Mars, the Vikings I and II, in August and September of 1975. It also played a major role in later ventures to Mars, including Pathfinder in 1997 and the rovers Spirit and Opportunity this past month. Langley's expertise can be broken down into six parts:

- Aerospace: How the big systems talk to each other.
- Thermodynamics and acoustics: How heat, air flow and vibrations affect spacecraft in flight.
- Structures and materials: How spacecraft holds up going through layers of atmosphere.
- System engineering: How technology is translated into hardware.
- Atmospheric sciences: How the Earth's atmosphere behaves.
- Airborne systems: How spacecraft perform in simulators and wind tunnels.

When NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe came on board two years ago, he decided to define the roles of each center in the NASA agency in order to reduce overlap and overspending.

Today, Langley is one of four research centers in the agency and one of two dedicated to atmospheric flight.

Four of the 10 centers focus on human space flight: Johnson Space Center in Houston; Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.; Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.; and Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Miss.

Four of the centers are designated as research hubs: Langley, Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., John H. Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, and Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, Calif.

Two of the centers, Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif., and Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., specialize in robotics.

They are all supposed to work together on NASA projects, but often they have to overcome distinct cultures and work styles to do so. Langley prides itself on conducting its own research, rather than contracting with companies or other researchers to solve its own problems, said Mark Saunders, its director of space access and exploration programs.

Historically, the benefit was that it recruited high-quality researchers to its fold. But it became isolated, he conceded.

"Now we are working toward the proper balance between in-house and out-of-house work," Saunders said.

The center is forming formal partnerships with some centers, and informal collaborations with others. For example, Langley has a formal relationship with the lab in Pasadena, having worked so closely with engineers there on the \$820 million Mars Exploration Rover program. Langley designed and assembled the landing gear for the rovers, which are being navigated by Pasadena engineers. Saunders said it was the first time Langley researchers worked alongside engineers there.

"It's almost badgeless," Saunders said. Langley also has a strong relationship with its seeming competitor, Dryden, on NASA's unmanned hypersonic vehicle program called Hyper-X. The second of three X-43A vehicles, which was designed to go Mach 7 or seven times the speed of sound, is scheduled for lift-off on Feb. 21.

"Traditionally, there has been competition between the centers in the areas of overlap," Saunders said. However, based on their geography and experiences, they offer unique expertise. Dryden is located on the grounds of Edwards Air Force Base, a training ground for new aircraft.

"Dryden and Langley are two distinct slices of the NASA pie," said Fred Johnsen, Dryden's news chief. "Dryden has a long-standing tradition of flying and validating advanced aeronautical concepts created at Langley."

Saunders said Langley began shifting its direction two years ago when O'Keefe integrated the 10 centers into one team.

It began working with Goddard and the center in Pasadena on applying its knowledge of the Earth's atmosphere to atmospheres on other planets, including Mars. Langley's experience in atmospheric flight and its wind tunnels make it a key player in the hypersonic program. The third vehicle will attempt to break records and fly at Mach 10, or 10 times the speed of sound. "The hypersonic research is part of the future and Langley has been on the cutting edge," Mirelson said.

Langley also will play a part in NASA's estimated \$280 million effort to return the space shuttles to flight. The Hampton center houses NASA's Safety and Engineering Center, which was created after the loss of the shuttle Columbia one year ago. It will give the go-ahead for the next launch in terms of safety.

Langley researchers also will help design the next generation space flight vehicle.

The new focus on deep space means Langley will have to scrap some programs in favor of others.

Before the Columbia tragedy, Langley had been working on Next Generation Launch Technology, which would make future space flight more efficient. One project takes the red fuel tank and boosters of the shuttle, which are discarded after take-off, and puts them on a separate vehicle that could fly back to Earth and be reused.

That application for the space shuttle will be discontinued now that the three remaining shuttles are to be retired in 2010. However, the research is not for naught, said Langley research engineer Kelly J. Murphy, who participates in that project. The research will be applied to the Crew Exploration Vehicle or another shuttle replacement, even though NASA isn't sure what it will look like.

"It's all part of the learning process," Murphy said. "It's all of some value."

The future of another project she works on, the Orbital Space Plane, is also on the table now that NASA's mission is changing. The futuristic vehicle is intended to ferry passengers to the International Space Station. She said Langley will apply that technology to future projects.

As an example of the uncertainty for NASA, Saunders traveled to San Diego this past week to discuss with other NASA officials how Next Generation Launch Technology fits into Bush's initiative. "I view it as changing the rudder of the ship rather than stopping one thing and starting something else," Saunders said.

NASA is not sure how the reallocation of the \$11 billion -- more than half of its annual budget -- from existing programs will shake out center-wise. Langley has seen its own budget fluctuate over the years, dropping from \$721 million in 1997 to \$631 million in 2000, and then rising back up to \$751 million in 2002, the most recent year data was available.

The funding matters not only to Langley's work but also Hampton Roads. Through contracts and other spending, Langley pumped \$202 million into local businesses, schools and nonprofit coffers in fiscal year 2002, its annual report noted. It also funds research at schools across the country, and two years ago gave \$11.5 million to three local schools -- Hampton University, Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University.

The center paid the city of Hampton \$2.9 million in lieu of taxes in 2002 for its 220 buildings spanning 808 acres.

Saunders isn't worried about Langley becoming irrelevant, especially with its proximity to the nation's capital. "Langley has very strong capabilities that we have applied to the nation's problems over our nearly 100 years in existence," Saunders said. "I am expecting that to continue."

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## Re: Top 10 Earth Mysteries

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Top 10 Earth Mysteries

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### 2. Cattle Mutilations

"We were passing down this road, and there was a thunderstorm a coming up behind us. We smelled this animal as we come by. We came back to check on it, and found it was mutilated. We examined it and its sexual organs was taken out. Its eyes were taken out, and its eyelashes were taken out. Well, there wasn't no predators. Couldn't have been killed by a predator cause all the surgical work was done by an expert..." Such was the report of rancher C.E. Potts in 1990.

The report is typical for the phenomenon, which began to be documented in the early 1970s when reports came in from ranchers in Minnesota and Kansas. The mutilations were like nothing they had ever seen with their cattle; they seemed to have a surgical precision that ruled out predators (whose work ranchers were quite familiar with). The selectivity is also unusual: often only the eyes, tongue or sexual organs have been removed, and quite often there is an unexplained absence of blood from the scene. Theories to explain the mutilations include Satanic cults, aliens, government experiments (unmarked black helicopters are sometimes seen in the vicinity) and bizarre diseases. As yet, however, no conclusive answers have ever been found.

### 3. Unexplained Hums

Citizens in Britain and portions of the Southwestern U.S. have been complaining about a maddening hum that just won't go away. And researchers have been unable to pinpoint its source. Not everyone can hear the low-pitched hum, and those who do say that it seems artificial in nature - and is driving them crazy. In 1977, a British newspaper received nearly 800 letters from people complaining of loss of sleep, irritability, deteriorating health, inability to read or study because of the incessant hum.

Most famous in the U.S. is the Taos Hum. There the annoyance was so acute for the "hearers" in Taos, New Mexico that they banded together in 1993 and petitioned Congress to investigate and help them find the source of the noise. No conclusive causes were discovered. One prevailing theory holds that the hum is created by a military communications system used to contact submarines.

Related articles and websites: [Sourcing the Taos Hum Unexplained Sounds](#)

### 4. Ball Lightning

In January 1984, ball lightning measuring about four inches in diameter entered a Russian passenger aircraft and, according to the Russian news release, "flew above the heads of the stunned passengers. In the tail section of the airliner, it divided into two glowing crescents which then joined together again and left the plane almost noiselessly." The ball lightning left two holes in the plane.

Ball lightning is another natural phenomena for which science has yet to come up with a full explanation. The problem for scientists is that the manifestation of the phenomenon is so rare that it is almost impossible to study. Attempts have been made to recreate it artificially in the laboratory, but an actual specimen of naturally occurring ball lightning has yet to be captured for study. This may be impossible since the phenomenon is fleeting - floating about for awhile and then fading away or exploding with a loud pop.

What makes ball lightning so fascinating and puzzling is its strange "behavior." Witnesses have said that it moves about as if with a kind of intelligence, following patterns on walls or furniture, and seeming to avoid obstacles. More mysterious still is its ability to pass through solid objects. Sometimes it leaves holes, as with the airliner above, but it has also been seen to pass through window glass and even walls without even leaving a mark.

#### 5. Spooklights

This might be a phenomenon related to ball lightning... then again it might not be. No one really knows what the many "spooklights" reported around the world are caused by. And there are many. Most famous, perhaps, are the Marfa Lights seen for generations near Marfa in Western Texas. The lights appear almost nightly and can be seen at a distance from Highway 90. Yet when investigators try to approach the lights, nothing can be seen.

Other spooklights include: The Tri-State Spooklight near the borders of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri; the Brown Mountain Lights near Morganton, North Carolina; the Gurdon Light near Gurdon, Arkansas; the Cemetery Lights of Silver Cliff Colorado; the Hebron Light in Maryland; the Hornet Spook Light in Southwest Missouri; and the Peakland Spooklights in Britain.

There are many unproved theories, of course, including alien activity, mirages, ghosts (usually headless railroad workers), and ball lightning induced by tectonic stresses in rocks.

#### 6. Weird Clouds

Clouds are fluffy, benign masses of water vapor, right? Consider this: In an otherwise clear September sky near Agen, France in 1814, a small, white, spherical cloud appeared. It floated motionless for a while before beginning to spin and head quickly southward. Witnesses reported that deafening rumbling noises thundered from the cloud, and then it suddenly exploded in a shower of rocks and stones. The cloud then slowly faded away.

This is one case of extremely rare and highly unusual behavior from clouds. Other documented reports tell of clouds that move against the wind, clouds that rain insects or carry peculiar shadows. There is even a story of a man from Oyster Bay, Long Island who was attacked by a spitting cloud. It's difficult to come up with any kind of rational explanations for these weird tales.

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#### 8. Crop Circles

I hesitate to include crop circles because I'm convinced that they are all probably man made. Yet, even though many groups of people have come forward to admit that they have designed and created the sometimes elaborate - and quite often beautiful - crop formations, there remains a diehard faction of believers that insists that at least some crop circles are caused by some unexplained phenomenon.

Crop circles have been reported in nearly every country on Earth. In fact, according to Crop Circle Central, the only major

countries that have never reported formations are China and South Africa. Plain round crop circles as we know them began to appear in abundance in the 1970s. But then in 1990, we began to see far more intricate and complex pictograms. Believers suggested they might be a form of communication from extraterrestrials - or from the Earth itself. Those who say they are not manmade point to several peculiarities found in the affected crops: woven stalks, cellular changes in the grain stalks, and strange phenomena experienced by researchers examining the circles, such as unexplained equipment failures, sounds and other physical effects.

#### 9. The Tunguska Event

After 90 years, the explosive event at Tunguska, Siberia in 1908 remains one of the most puzzling natural disasters in recent history. On June 30 of that year, a blazing fireball descended from the sky and devastated an area about half the size of Rhode Island. Trees were felled for miles in a radial pattern, fires burned for weeks and the sound of its thunder could be heard at great distances. It's been estimated that its explosive force was equal to more than 2,000 Hiroshima-type atomic bombs.

What it was that fell on Tunguska that fateful day is still a mystery. Although for many years scientists thought it was probably a meteor that exploded over the Siberian wilderness, today's best guess is that it was probably a comet. The change in theory came about because no meteor fragments could be found at the scene. In fact, there was very little evidence of any kind to explain precisely what occurred that day. This lack of hard evidence led, as if often does, to wild speculations: a UFO with a nuclear reactor had crashed; a powerful electric weapon created by Nikola Tesla was intentionally or accidentally aimed at the area from somewhere across the globe.

In recent years, the Tunguska event has received renewed attention as we realize more clearly that the Earth is at risk at almost any time from a strike from outer space.

#### 10. Rods

"Rods" are one of the most fascinating and intriguing Earth mysteries of recent times. Discovered accidentally by filmmaker Jose Escamilla in March of 1994, what he calls "rods" are strange flying things that can only be seen on slowed-down film and videotape, and sometimes captured in still photographs. Apparently, these things - whatever they are - move too quickly to be seen with the naked eye. Escamilla first noticed them in film footage he had taken in Midway, New Mexico, and he (along with others) have since filmed and taped them in several other locations.

According to Escamilla's own definition, rods are "cigar or cylindrical shaped objects that travel at high velocities barely visible with the naked eye. They appear to be alive as they move through the air like fish swim in the sea. They appear to have fins or appendages along the torso and the torsos bend as they travel." Escamilla has several film clips and stills of the creatures on his website.

The rods measure from just a few inches to several feet in length and there seem to be a few varieties with different kinds of appendages. They have been spotted and recorded in Mexico, Arizona, Indiana, California, South Dakota, Connecticut and even Sweden. Some have even been seen underwater. Are they some unknown species of animal? If so, why has no one ever seen these creatures at rest?

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### Second Rover Snapshots 'Bizarre Alien Landscape'

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Second rover sends snapshots of 'bizarre alien landscape'  
Hope grows for Spirit's recovery

By Mark Carreau

PASADENA, Calif. -- NASA's Opportunity rover transmitted its first images of Mars back to Earth early today, hours after bounding safely onto unexplored terrain.

The mostly black and white images, self-portraits and glimpses of the alien landscape, offered a taste of what is to come this week when Opportunity hoists her camera mast to pan the rolling rock strewn terrain with an eagle-eyed color stereo imager.

"Holy smokes," gasped Steve Squyres, the Cornell University astronomer who serves as the lead scientific investigator. "I'm flabbergasted. I'm astonished. I'm blown away. Opportunity touched down in a bizarre alien landscape."

One especially intriguing early photograph revealed an collection of big block-shaped stones that scientists said appears to be the Martian bedrock, possibly the first ever seen on the planet. The surrounding terrain is sloped and closely rippled in other images and covered with a dark gray-red, fine grained dust.

"We have a scientific jackpot," said Larry Soderblom, a science team member from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Opportunity joined Spirit, an ailing twin spacecraft that reached Mars on Jan. 3.

Signals confirming Opportunity's successful descent by parachute and a cocoon of impact absorbing airbags reached the flight control team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Saturday shortly after 11 p.m., CST.

Earlier in the day, mission managers improved the status of Spirit's four-day-old communications difficulties from "critical" to "serious." Saturday's developments prompted an outpouring from a weary flight control team that has been on an emotional roller coaster, soaring high with Spirit's landing, plummeting when the rover interrupted its communications and rising again with Opportunity's arrival.

"We're on Mars everybody," shouted NASA's Rob Manning, who led the effort to develop the landing strategy, pumping a fist into the air.

"This is a truly remarkable achievement" NASA administrator Sean



O'Keefe told the Spirit and Opportunity teams as he toasted them with champagne. A crowd of political celebrities that included California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Al Gore, the former vice president.

A sequence of stored commands aboard Opportunity uprighted the spacecraft which came to a rest on its side after the seven-month journey from Earth, unfurled power generating solar arrays and kicked off communications with Earth.

Opportunity's destination was Meridiani Planum, a flat expanse of equatorial terrain rich in grey hematite, a mineral that forms readily in water on the Earth.

The site is half way around the planet from Gusev crater, where Spirit descended successfully three weeks ago.

The two six-wheeled, solar powered rovers are the cornerstones of an \$820 million effort by scientists to determine whether Mars was once warm and wet enough for some form of life to establish a foothold.

Early Saturday, space agency experts said they had successfully stepped up communications with Spirit, allowing them to begin a diagnosis of the hardware and software difficulties that interrupted the mission on Wednesday.

"The rover has been upgraded from critical to serious," said NASA's Pete Theisinger, the Mars rover project manager. "The mission consequences are uncertain at the present time. We still need a couple of weeks to determine what happened and rebuild our confidence it is working."

Under the best of circumstances, Spirit could resume its investigations of Gusev's rocks and soil in three weeks, Theisinger said.

"This has moved from a dire very serious looking condition to one in which every one is feeling a lot better," said O'Keefe. "This is just the nature of the risks we encounter every time we engage in a mission like this. Everything is compounded by the fact it's in a place so far away. The fact we are conquering this challenge is so impressive."

Data retrieved from Spirit across the 123.5 million mile gulf separating the Earth and Mars indicates the rover experienced a problem with a segment of computer "flash memory" that stores science and engineering files. Electronic cameras use a similar form of memory to store imagery.

The problem caused the spacecraft's primary computer to serially reboot more than 130 times until flight control teams were able to intercede with commands on Saturday.

While the root cause -- corrupted software or bad components -- has not been identified, Theisinger said engineers cannot rule out the possibility that Opportunity will experience a similar problem.

Already, though engineers were devising a strategy to use other memory functions of the rover's computer to operate the spacecraft.

That could slow efforts to prepare Opportunity to crawl off its lander, a process that took nearly two weeks for Spirit.

Though Spirit's recovery will be slow, scientists were encouraged that at least some of the spacecraft's 90-day mission will be recovered.

"I expected the worst," said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science. "I realize we have a long road ahead of us. I'm pretty confident we will be roving again."

The difficulties have only confirmed the challenges associated with the exploration of Mars.

Opportunity became only the fifth mission in 14 attempts to safely reach the Martian terrain over a 33-year period.

The only previous occasion in which two spacecraft shared the

planet's surface was in 1976 with the landing of NASA's Viking I and II landers.

Scientists were drawn to Gusev with Spirit by findings of past orbital missions that suggest the near 100-mile wide depression was once a crater lake fed by an network of channels to the south.

The hematite, spotted by instruments on NASA's orbiting Mars Odyssey spacecraft, provided a similar lure for Opportunity at Meridiani.

The mineral covers an area the size of Oklahoma at Meridiani, and one possible explanation for its presence is that the site was once a sea bed, said Ray Arvidson, a Washington University planetary geologist and the Mars rover deputy project scientist.

Volcanic processes offer another potential explanation for the mineral.

Regardless, the Meridiani site will require some detective work by Opportunity. Heavily cratered older terrain appears to be covered by lava flows, potential water borne sediments and wind blown red dust.

According to NASA's Joy Crisp, the rover project scientist, the hematite deposits may have formed as underground water was warmed by volcanic processes that caused moisture to emerge from the vents in the ground as steam or geysers.

"Within in a few weeks we should have something to say about the role of water and whether it this is an ancient marine system or a volcanic system that has been altered by hot water," Arvidson predicted.

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## Controversial Aerostat To Be Removed

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[A bit of background: the mysterious "aerostat" launched by the Puerto Rican police in the late '80s as part of a crime-fighting initiative was always associated with the UFO wave on the southwestern corner of Puerto Rico at the time].

SOURCE: PRIMERA HORA (newspaper)  
DATE: 01.26.04

LAJAS MAYOR PLEASED BY POSSIBLE AEROSTAT REMOVAL

by Maelo Vargas Saavedra  
Primera Hora newsroom

LAJAS- Aerostat departure seen as positive

Lajas mayor Marcos "Turin" Irizarry of the Popular Democratic Party described news of the eventual cessation of operations by the "TARS" aerostat as positive. The mayor has been fighting for the aerostat's removal since he took office. The radar balloon has been there since 1989.

"There can be no doubt that I have argued and struggled for its departure, because I truly do not know what its purpose is, and it pollutes the phosphorescent lagoon [La Parguera] with its light, aside from draining water from the Fajardo sector, in which it is located," said Mayor Irizarry after representative Jos=E9 Aponte reported the aerostat's possible removal.

Although he claims having never been told what the aerostat's purpose was, he believes that it was part of a military operation, and if so, it would be a target in any possible act of war. Therefore, the mayor is pleased to hear that the giant balloon will be leaving after having been placed there during the administration of former governor Luis Hern=Elndez Col=F3n.

"If they're taking it somewhere else, so much the better," said Irizarry.

He maintained that he has always been against the aerostat's presence, even though its avowed presence was to fight the arrival of illegal aliens from the Dominican Republic and to assist in the war on drugs and arms-smuggling. However, statistics on its results have never been furnished.

"I understand that this device's departure is beneficial to us and rids of danger, because I have always wondered what its true use was and this was never explained to me. I have always maintained that it went far beyond mere drug and arms interdiction. I believe that it has something to do with the national security of the United States in terms of research and or analysis," he added.

He said that it was once believed that the aerostat had been sent aloft to research the so-called UFO phenomenon, which has always been seen in the Lajas airspace, and in connection to Laguna Cartagena, located in said community.

The mayor explained that aside from some 10 jobs created by the radar site, Federal authorities had seized an extensive amount



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>>I've heard no evidence that the photographer even claims the  
>>object shown is a UFO, and understand that he was simply puzzled  
>>about what might have caused the image on the film.

>>I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo  
>>is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a  
>>photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions  
>>carefully.

>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>bug?

>Or it is a camera defect?

>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>the picture.

Hi Diane,

I have been following this thread closely and made it a point to  
read each and every contribution thus far. Not once has anybody  
referred to the object in the photo as an "Extraterrestrial  
Space Craft."

Bird, saucer, UFO yes, none of which mentions or implies that  
the builders are from 'off-planet or that the point of origin is  
outer space. Not once has outer space or ET been mentioned.  
Where did you get that one from?

Regards,

John Velez

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GOVT DENIES FRAUD IN 1953 STATE SECRETS RULING

U.S. government attorneys last week denied allegations that a 1953 Supreme Court decision which enshrined the concept of the "state secrets privilege" was based on a fraudulent factual foundation.

The Supreme Court decision in question, *United States v. Reynolds*, provides the legal precedent for the executive branch to assert that there are "military matters which, in the interest of national security, should not be divulged," not even to a federal court.

Survivors and heirs of the original plaintiffs in that 1953 case have recently contended that the government relied on fraudulent national security claims to win the decision.

The Reynolds case originated over half a century ago when the widows of three crew members who died in a 1948 crash of a B-29 Superfortress bomber requested accident reports on the crash.

The Air Force denied the request and filed affidavits with the Supreme Court claiming that the withheld reports contained information about the aircraft's secret mission and described secret electronic equipment on board that had to be protected from disclosure. The Court, citing that claim, ruled in favor of the Air Force and established the "state secrets privilege."

But in early 2000, one of the daughters of the deceased crew members acquired newly declassified copies of the documents that the Air Force had withheld and was astonished to find nothing corresponding to what the Air Force affidavits had portrayed.

"Contrary to the statements in the Affidavits, on which the Supreme Court expressly relied, not one of the documents... contain any secret or privileged information," according to a new complaint, filed last October. "The documents consist, instead, of admissions of negligence on the part of the Air Force."

The survivors and heirs of the original Reynolds plaintiffs said that the Court was defrauded by the Air Force and that they were improperly deprived of evidence and compensation to which they were entitled.

Earlier last year, the plaintiffs had petitioned the Supreme Court to reopen the case (Secrecy News, 03/04/03), but the Court rejected the motion to file the petition (SN, 06/24/03).

Consequently, the Reynolds survivors, represented by the same law firm as 50 years ago, filed a new initial complaint in federal district court. See *Herring v. United States*, filed October 1 in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/herring1003.pdf>

Last week, the government moved to dismiss the case, arguing that the plaintiffs are not qualified to assess the original sensitivity of the now declassified documents.

"The mere fact that the information ... may strike the plaintiffs today as innocuous, trivial, or unimportant, is simply not probative" of whether they were sensitive 50 years ago, the government stated.

Moreover, even if it were true that government witnesses had perjured themselves in the 1953 case, that would not legally constitute a "fraud upon the court," the government said.

See the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss the new complaint, filed January 23, 2004 (35 pages, 780 KB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/herring0104usbrief.pdf>

For some, the dispute over the history of the Reynolds case raises very current questions about the extent of judicial deference to the executive branch in matters of national security.

The disclosures of the documents originally denied in 1953 "afford a rare opportunity to compare a government privilege claim with the underlying, allegedly 'secret' information," wrote two attorneys in a recent critique of the matter.

"This comparison highlights the risk of permitting the executive branch to determine, without close judicial scrutiny, whether relevant government information may be withheld from discovery," according to D. Churchill and E. Goldenberg in a paper entitled "Who Will Guard the Guardians? Revisiting the State Secrets Privilege of United States v. Reynolds," published in *Federal Contracts Report*, vol. 80, no. 11, September 30, 2003.

"Use of the state secrets privilege in courts has grown significantly over the last twenty-five years," note William G. Weaver and Robert M. Pallitto of the University of Texas at El Paso.

And "recent cases indicate that Bush administration lawyers are using the privilege with offhanded abandon," they write in a comprehensive study to be published this year in *Political Science Quarterly*.

In November 2001 President Bush issued executive order 13233 that would permit former presidents to independently assert the state secrets privilege to bar disclosure of records generated during their tenure.

More than that, the Bush order would make the state secrets privilege hereditary, like some divine right of kings, enabling the heirs of deceased presidents to assert the privilege after their death.

"This is a power heretofore unrecognized either in courts or politics," Weaver and Pallitto observe.

#### DUTCH INTEL REPORT ON PROLIFERATION

Scientific institutions and private industry in the Netherlands need to be aware of the mechanisms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in order to avoid becoming caught up in them, urges a recent report from the Dutch intelligence service AIVD.

The report cites an episode from the nation's own experience: "Dr. A.Q. Khan, the man who calls himself 'the father of the Pakistani atomic bomb,' largely acquired his knowledge through a study and a trainee project in the Netherlands. He concluded his traineeship by stealing technology from his employer."



See "Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction: Risks for companies and scientific institutions," General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands (AIVD), dated July 2003, published December 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/netherlands/wmdrisks.pdf>

#### INTELLIGENCE AND THE WAR IN BOSNIA 1992-1995

The role of Western intelligence services in the war in Bosnia a decade ago is probed with rigor and insight in a newly reissued book by University of Amsterdam Professor Cees Wiebes.

The author explores in depth the perceptions and interactions of the various intelligence services, the contributions of signals intelligence and satellite imagery, and the evidence of clandestine arms transfers from Iran to Bosnian Muslims.

Based in part on interviews with the principals and the still-classified archives of Dutch security services and the United Nations, it is an unusually impressive addition to the literature of intelligence.

"Intelligence and the War in Bosnia, 1992-1995" by Cees Wiebes was assessed in this January 23 article by Brendan O'Neill, including an interview with the author and a link to the publisher:

<http://www.spiked-online.com/Articles/0000000CA374.htm>

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## Looking For Professor Sun Shili

From: **Ricardo Galicia Ponce** <[galicia@servidor.unam.mx](mailto:galicia@servidor.unam.mx)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 12:42:17 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:46:40 -0500  
Subject: Looking For Professor Sun Shili

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Dear Friends:

I read some articles written on the works of Professor Sun Shili. The professor and I have been very good friends for a long time, but I have lost contact with him.

I'll be grateful to you if you could send me the e-mail address of Professor Sun, thanks.

My e-mail address is [galicia@servidor.unam.mx](mailto:galicia@servidor.unam.mx)

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 16:46:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:48:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:23:53 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Diane Harrison <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

<snip>

Hi Frank,

You wrote:

>- the term, "UFO" certainly and incorrectly changes definition  
>with the user.

It shouldn't. 'UFO' is an acronym for 'unidentified flying object.' If we can find nothing else to agree on, I think we can all agree that what is meant by 'UFO' is the literal interpretation. And that it does not mean or imply 'extraterrestrial space craft.' ET craft require a whole other level of proof. A UFO is just that, something in the air which cannot be identified as anything 'known.'

On that much, regardless of 'who' is using the term, we should all be able to agree as to 'meaning.' (definition) From what I have read in this thread so far, everybody who has contributed to it has included enough 'qualifiers' along with their opinions to avoid any argument about whether they meant 'ET space-craft' or not.

I responded to Diane under separate cover about this very thing. Nobody has called the object in the photo an "ET space-craft." To the contrary, every one has been responsible and careful to properly qualify their comments. So far. So why even bring it up? UFO is; unidentified flying object, not ETSC = extraterrestrial space craft. I kinda 'assumed' that we all understood one another. Guess not.

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos@YorkU.CA](mailto:Nikolaos@YorkU.CA)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:17:59 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:53:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Balaskas

>From: Louise A. Lowry <[ShnSassyl@aol.com](mailto:ShnSassyl@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:25 -0600  
>Subject: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne Australia

>[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html)

<snip>

>Mr Rozario said he and a colleague were doing a routine audit of  
>a railway level crossing about 2pm on Thursday, January 15.

>"We didn't see or hear anything when we were there," he said. "I  
>took about 10 or 12 photos, facing east and west.

Hi Everyone!

The total number of pictures out there which have apparently captured an unidentified object in the sky that was not noticed by the one who took the picture, or even by others who were also present, are probably as numerous as there are people who use cameras! The late Graham W. Birdsall used many such pictures that people sent to him to fill the pages of his 'UFO Magazine'. Why this one picture got world-wide attention, while others much more difficult to explain did not, is to me a mystery in itself.

Pictures that depict unknown aerial objects or possibly some photographic defect or artifact in the sky also tell us something about our own beliefs by what we see or look for in them. It is interesting to note that some of the more mysterious saucer shaped images captured by cameras in the past have, under careful analysis, proven to be of such mundane things as a snow covered sign taken from a moving car (see "The Willamette Pass Photo Explained" article by Dr. Irwin Wieder in the November/December 1993 issue of 'International UFO Reporter' and his more detailed analysis in 'Journal of Scientific Exploration', vol. 7, no. 2).

Since the object captured in one picture over the railway is irregular or non-symmetrical in shape and there is more motion blurring along the horizontal direction than in the vertical, I suspect that this object could very well have been a bird in level flight (sorry Dave Furlotte). If it was something other than a bird or bug, it would certainly have been noticed by these two trained observers examining the railway. They did not see or hear anything that should have concerned them, other than possibly the sight and sound of an approaching train.

I wonder just how many others have taken pictures outdoors only to have captured similarly blurred images of birds in flight that were not noticed at the time? I would very much appreciate if you would share these pictures with us, including details on how they were taken, for future reference and possibly to create a database which will allow us to better interpret such similar accidentally captured pictures of UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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### Report On Indiana Entity Sighting - 1/24/04

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@FUSE.NET](mailto:ufo@FUSE.NET)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:57:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:55:13 -0500  
Subject: Report On Indiana Entity Sighting - 1/24/04

SUBJECT: Sighting Of Unusual Figure  
LOCATION: Manchester, Indiana, North Hogan Road  
(Dearborn County)  
DATE: Saturday, January 24 - 7:30 p.m.

#### SUMMARY

A 17-year old motorist traveling almost 10-miles north of Aurora, Indiana around 7:30 p.m. at night on Saturday, January 24, claims to have encountered an unusual 'figure' in the roadway.

The story was first related second-hand by his uncle, Jerry Schedel (name used with permission), to Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions, producer of the Cincinnati-based cable television program "UFO Update: LIVE!" on Sunday, January 25. After arrangements were made, I spoke directly with the primary claimant by telephone on two occasions after 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, January 26, confirming the story earlier given and asking additional questions to the witness.

The witness lives in Manchester, Indiana and is a senior at South Dearborn High School. He has 1-sister currently in College and lives at home with his mother and father. His name will not be used in this report.

While driving his black Chevrolet Cavalier, a 1999 2-door model southbound along North Hogan Road, near Manchester, Indiana, a "figure" was spotted in the headlights of the automobile as it was crouched down near a puddle of water. From the driver's perspective, the "figure" was spotted out the windshield on the right of the car.

"I passed it and looked in rear view mirror, then it was standing," he said.

After passing the frail-looking figure, the driver looked into his rear view mirror and again observed - illuminated by the tail lights of his car - what he described as a tall, abnormal figure that moved strangely with pointed joints that "buckled out." He estimated the figure stood around 6 feet, seven inches.

"I had no idea what it was," he said. "It had protruding joints and moved very strangely."

The driver said he was able to ascertain the figure, alleged to be dark gray or black and 'pencil thin,' stand up and take several steps toward the woods along the roadside. The 'figure' definitely walked on two legs and was thought, somehow, to be a male - although no clothing was noted. No face or eyes could be seen, but the witness had the impression that the 'figure' was looking straight at him.

The 'figure' was immediately thought to be something out of the ordinary, not a human being. The duration of the sighting was 'hurried' and possibly within the 3 to 4 second range.

The driver continued on for a small distance after passing the

figure and finally put on his brakes, coming to a stop at an estimated 2-minute "walking distance" on the road from the location of the sighting. He looked back to further observe the entity. At that point, a second car came into view and approached from the opposite direction, passed and then reached the spot on the road where the 'figure' was thought to be. The 17-year old motorist reportedly watched closely and observed the second car undertake what he thought to be an evasive maneuver near the vicinity of where he thought the figure would be situated, then the car turned around at that spot and shortly pulled up behind him, somewhat in the grass.

He it was an elderly couple in the car, both in their late 60s or early 70s, and both with gray hair. The driver, who wore glasses, said: "Boy, did you see something back there? I'll tell you right now, that was no person."

The passenger in the silver 2-door Cavalier, an elderly female, said: "It was no human being. It was no man."

The elderly couple were reportedly "spooked" but offered to follow the first witness the remainder of the trip down North Hogan Road, clearly in the opposite direction of their intended destination route.

It was thought that the elderly couple observed this same 'figure' on the opposite side of the road, and possibly had observed it more closely.

With the elderly couple following close in the car behind him, the 17-year old motorist continued down North Hogan Road to his destination at a friends house where he called home to tell his mother of the encounter, advising her to lock her doors (his residence is less than 3-miles from the sighting location), and then called his uncle. The witness was said to become increasingly hysterical, and within an hour was describing the figure as "an alien."

When asked by his uncle if there could be any alternative explanation for this 'figure,' the witness said that there was a chance it could have been an "improperly dressed elderly person," but still described the object as a "dark, shadowy figure" and "super anorexic" that could have been wandering naked and lost (temperatures in the 20s) in the area without a coat. If so, the witness reportedly said, he would have 'felt badly' for the person.

The uncle, Jerry Schedel, was contacted within an hour of the sighting and traveled to the area with his wife some 90-minutes later and did not see anything. There is a house and pond nearby, almost 1/4 mile from the area of the sighting. The uncle said his nephew knows the exact location and can identify the spot, but would not agree to return to the area until daylight.

#### COMMENT

His uncle did try to get his nephew to rationalize how this sighting might be explained, but the witness openly admits not accepting his own speculation efforts, instead telling this reporter: "I have no explanation for what this thing was, I think it must have been some type of alien."

He said that he did travel down North Hogan road this afternoon during daylight, slowing down to survey the location of the incident but saw nothing out of the ordinary and the ground was also covered with around 4-inches of snow.

The witness sounds very sincere and cognizant. He answered my questions patiently and offered continued assistance in the investigation process, such as drawing a picture of the 'figure' and returning to the location for inspection of the area.

Filed,  
Monday, January 26, 2004  
KENNY YOUNG

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 23:50:12 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:01:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

>From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284@aol.com](mailto:Steve72284@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>I went to the Australia photo, enlarged it to screen size and it  
>sure looks to me like that photo was cropped and placed in the  
>photo. It looks like a square around it that the pixels are  
>lighter color and also a square area.

Hi, Steve:

I noticed the same thing when I enlarged it. If you increase the contrast and lower the brightness of the image, you can see this "box" or "square" quite clearly. However, I did the same thing with images of the railroad signals and other objects in the photo and got the same effect. I doubt it was a cut-n-paste job.

I lean more towards it being a bird because I've seen birds take on all kinds of shapes and colors in digital images I have taken for the IFO Database and for my own personal curiosity. Nine times out of ten, if an object shows up in a photograph that was not seen at the time the photograph was taken, it could just as easily be a bird as a "flying saucer".

A. Hebert

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## Re: Top 10 Earth Mysteries - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor@perceptions.couk.com](mailto:editor@perceptions.couk.com)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 20:58:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:49:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Top 10 Earth Mysteries - Dickenson

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 08:32:13 -0800  
>Subject: Top 10 Earth Mysteries

><http://paranormal.about.com/library/weekly/aa091100a.htm>

>Ball lightning is another natural phenomena for which science  
>has yet to come up with a full explanation.

>From Frank W Lane's "Earth and Air" first published 1945.  
Quote: "A minor legend in American folklore concerns the stools  
supplied to forest-fire watchtowers. The stools stand high off  
the ground to provide a refuge for the fire-warden if attacked  
by a ball of lightning. The theory is that the ball will snap  
around the legs like a terrier and then, frustrated, depart  
through a door or window" Unquote

But Lane goes on to say "experts" (c.1945) denied the existence  
of ball-lightning, quoting K Berger (Swiss - an `acknowledged  
authority' on lightning), J.H. Hagenguth of General Electric,  
and W. J. Humphreys (Oak Ridge NL?) who continued to deny ball-  
lightning even after the pioneering Professor Jensen of Nebraska  
Wesleyan University (sic?) had taken photographs of them, while  
NASA was collating reports of them and after Oak Ridge's own  
staff had 515 witnesses of ball-lightning (NASA's own staff had  
180 witnesses, some of multiple ball-lightning events).

So, how come the fire-wardens' bosses knew all about ball-  
lightning before the experts?

And, as the exact same thing happened with meteorites (the  
"experts" also denied them when they were reported by us  
"peasants"), why do we bother listening to the experts on  
matters of "unknown or worrying" phenomena?

The "experts" record seems to be a darn sight worse than ours.

cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard@preciousmemories1.com](mailto:vanguard@preciousmemories1.com)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 00:05:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:02:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

>From: Josh Crockett <[ThirdEyeChing@aol.com](mailto:ThirdEyeChing@aol.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 03:46:15 EST  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>Greetings John Velez & List,

>Nice observations John. I took the liberty of enlarging the  
>Whittlesea "UFO". I made some slight contrast adjustments to  
>bring out the shape.

>You can take a look here:

><http://www.freewebs.com/ufoscience/whittlesea.htm>

Hi, Josh:

I'm curious, what program or programs did you use to achieve the  
image you have posted?

Did you do anything to the image beyond enlarging it and  
adjusting the contrast?

Thank you.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[auforn@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auforn@hypermax.net.au)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 18:56:18 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:33:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 11:26:50 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

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>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

<snip>

>>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>>bug?

>>Or it is a camera defect?

>>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>>the picture.

>I have been following this thread closely and made it a point to  
>read each and every contribution thus far. Not once has anybody  
>referred to the object in the photo as an "Extraterrestrial  
>Space Craft."

>Bird, saucer, UFO yes, none of which mentions or implies that  
>the builders are from 'off-planet or that the point of origin is  
>outer space. Not once has outer space or ET been mentioned.  
>Where did you get that one from?

Hi John please explain?

"What is a classic flying saucer, is it man made or ET made and  
where is it from?"

John your reply to John W. Auchettl

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
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>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

John, what are you implying then.?

Its a classic flying Saucer same has the ones from the movie The Day The Earth Stood Still?

This is okay as the ones in the movie were man made and the actor who played Klattu was from earth, but in the movie was acting like he was from another world and his robot, well, he was BIG! :>) but it was also acting like it too was from another world an extraterrestrial world.... right? so you're implying what then?

Klattu flew in a classic flying saucer an Extraterrestrial space craft yes? which was not from this planet but from another, an "extraterrestrial planet making it an extraterrestrial space craft".?

Can you see why someone like me sees a kind of mind set here and how you implied the object in the photo was extraterrestrial space craft.

I sorry John maybe I misunderstood what you were really trying to say or imply the object really is and where its from.

UFO? - Unidentified Flying Object or..... ?

Classic UFO - Classic Unidentified Flying Object? Hmm! How does a UFO become a classic Unidentified Flying Object.?

Please explain? :>(

Regards,

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

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## Re: Open Invitation To Debate On SDI - Franz

From: **Captain Alejandro Franz** <[alfafox@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:alfafox@prodigy.net.mx)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 03:36:18 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:43:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Open Invitation To Debate On SDI - Franz

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic@verizon.net](mailto:johnvelez.aic@verizon.net)>  
>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:26:47 -0500  
>Subject: Open Invitation To Debate On SDI

<snip>

>On behalf of Errol Bruce-Knapp and myself I would like to extend  
>an invitation to Mssrs. Franz, Maussan, Kolbeck and Capt. Ruano  
>to have an open debate/discussion on the subject of the  
>aircraft/UFO collision case on 'Strange Days... Indeed.'

I gladly accept the invitation, thank you Errol Bruce-Knapp for  
this opportunity to express myself in your show on SDI.

There is a problem with the date because I will start working on  
the 29th of January and so on till the 9th of february because I  
work 12 days and rest 8 so my next available saturday will be  
February 14th (Valentine's Day). The 31st I'll arrive in  
Guadalajara from Tijuana in flight 119 at midnight so there's no  
chance I can be at the phone.

If somebody lives in Las Vegas NV and would like to have some  
coffee together it's on my side -better than playing slots- ;)  
I'll stay at the Hampton Inn the 29th of January in the  
afternoon and the 30th in the morning.

Hampton Inn Tropicana Hotel  
4975 South Industrial Road  
Las Vegas, NV. 89118  
Telephone: 948-8100  
1-800-364-0801

I invite you to visit the following page with the latest  
information and new explanatory graphics about this alleged  
airplane/UFO collision case at:

AEROMEXICO'S AIRPLANE COLLIDES WITH A  
UFO IN 1994! True or False?.....False  
[http://www.alcione.org/OVNI94/OVNI94\\_engx.html](http://www.alcione.org/OVNI94/OVNI94_engx.html)

Best regards to all,

Capt. Alejandro Franz

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## Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:12:57 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:45:04 -0500  
Subject: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

Would be nice to have an annual "State Of Ufology" address by  
you pro Ufologists.

Anyone keeping stats?

Best,

Greg

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## Opportunity Pictures Leave Geologists Puzzled

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 06:41:14 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:33 -0500  
Subject: Opportunity Pictures Leave Geologists Puzzled

Source: The Straits Times Interactive - Singapore

<http://straitstimes.asial.com.sg/techscience/story/0,4386,231965,00.html>

Alien Snapshots

Photos sent back by the second Mars rover leave geologists puzzled and entranced

JAN 27, 2004 TUE

PASADENA - Nasa's Opportunity rover 'scored a 480-million-kilometre hole-in-one', landing in the middle of a martian crater and sending back images of a 'bizarre alien landscape' that is puzzling and entrancing geologists.

'I'm flabbergasted. I'm astonished. I'm blown away,' said principal investigator Steve Squyres of Cornell University. 'My fondest hope was that we would land close enough to a crater to get to the layered material that seems to characterise the Meridiani Planum landing site, and here we are inside a small (one),' he said.

'I will attempt no science analysis, because it looks like nothing I've ever seen before,' Dr Squyres added. 'I've got no words for this.'

The first black-and-white panoramic image sent back by the lander indicates that Opportunity, which landed on Mars early on Sunday, is almost in the middle of a crater that is roughly 20m in diameter and 1.8m deep.

The rover also transmitted its first colour image, which shows a greyish-brown terrain darker than the soil at any previous landing site. The pictures also show outcroppings of bedrock that will be potential targets once Opportunity begins roving the surface in a couple of weeks.

The presence of bedrock only a few metres from the lander excited geologists.

'One of the things about bedrock is that you know where it came from,' Dr Squyres said. 'These rocks grew up right in this neighbourhood.'

The outcrop could have been formed either by sediment accumulating on the bottom of a lakebed or by the accumulation of volcanic rock.

The team hopes to learn which is the case when Opportunity is able to get close to the rocks and examine them with its instruments. By determining what trace minerals are present along with the rock, geologists will be able to tell how it was formed.

The first photos also show bright splotches of red soil where the lander had bounced on its air bags, scraping away the unusual surface layer and exposing soil underneath similar to that seen at other landing sites.

Before the landing, Dr Squyres said: 'I kept thinking that this couldn't possibly get any better, and it just does.'

He noted: 'We could spend most of the mission in this little crater and do wonderful things. But there is much better stuff to be had out there.'

In particular, there is a much larger crater, about 160m in diameter, roughly 800m away.

Mission controllers predicted the rover would have no difficulty climbing the shallow rim of the crater to explore the rest of the plains.

Data from orbiting spacecraft indicate that the Meridiani Planum region consists of a thick layer of rocks topped by a thin layer of iron oxide.

On Earth, this type of iron oxide, grey hematite, usually forms in the presence of liquid water.

Nasa's explorations of Mars have focused on water because of the possibility that Mars might have once been warm, wet and hospitable for life.

The airbag-encased lander hit the martian surface early on Sunday, rolling to a stop a few minutes later.

Unlike its twin, Spirit, which landed in an upright position on the other side of Mars at Gusev Crater on Jan 3, Opportunity landed on one side of the pyramid-shaped capsule containing it.

But the craft quickly righted itself, deployed its solar panels and began taking snapshots of its surroundings.

Opportunity's roll-off will probably be delayed slightly as engineers grapple with a malfunction that has idled Spirit since Wednesday. -- LAT-WP, The New York Times

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## Cheyenne Mountain Getting Spruced Up

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 07:09:42 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:05:45 -0500  
Subject: Cheyenne Mountain Getting Spruced Up

Source: Casper Star Tribune - Wyoming

[http://www.trib.com/AP/wire\\_detail.php?wire\\_num=84481](http://www.trib.com/AP/wire_detail.php?wire_num=84481)

Cheyenne Mountain Getting Spruced Up

01-26-04

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - The secretive operations center at the North American Aerospace Defense Command is getting an overhaul for the first time since it opened in 1966.

The \$13 million project will double the size of the 540 square-foot command center, which is part of the larger Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. Information on weather, air traffic, missile launches and objects orbiting Earth flow into the command center, which gives it to the appropriate U.S. and Canadian agencies.

NORAD, which monitors space and air defense, has been crammed with people added since the Sept. 11 attacks, including staff for the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Northern Command.

The Northern Command was established in 2002 to help civil authorities during times of crisis.

During construction, the command center has been moved to another office within Cheyenne Mountain, west of Colorado Springs. The work includes gutting the old center and installing more work stations.

"It's going to be very, very state-of-the-art," said Canadian Air Force Brig. Gen. J.D. Hunter, operations center vice commander. "We get the job done all the time regardless, but it's certainly going to make getting that job done a much more positive experience."

The Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, consisting of 15 buildings inside the mountain where about 800 people work, serves NORAD and Northern Command. The operations center monitors aircraft and missiles, tracks 8,500 man-made objects orbiting Earth, keeps an eye on weather events and monitors intelligence.

After the existing command center is demolished and excavation is complete, new computer equipment and software will be installed, NORAD spokesman Maj. Dave Patterson said.

It's been busier since the Sept. 11 attacks prompted the military to realign the mission to monitor activities in the United States in addition to those outside North America.

NORAD is also taking on the new mission of using its missile warning information to help direct ground-based missile defenses. The defense systems, which will be used to shoot down missiles headed toward the United States, are expected to be operational this year.

Critics have said it is unwise to deploy the system before it has been fully tested.

A larger project to upgrade NORAD and components at U.S. Strategic Command is in its fourth of 15 years. The \$1.5 billion project by Lockheed Martin will replace and modernize air and space surveillance, missile defense and warning and satellite controls.

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## Mars Euro-Spacecraft Finds Evidence Of Water

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 06:55:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:58:21 -0500  
Subject: Mars Euro-Spacecraft Finds Evidence Of Water

Source: Today Newspaper - Quezon City, Philippines

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/NewsStory.aspx?section=SCIENCE&oid=43322>

There's evidence of water on Mars, European spacecraft found

Tuesday, January 27, 2004 12:19 AM

DARMSTADT, Germany - A European spacecraft has found what is being called the most direct evidence yet of water in the form of ice on Mars, detecting molecules vaporizing from the planet's south pole, scientists said on Friday.

The quest for water on Mars, which could indicate life, has fascinated scientists for centuries.

The Mars Express, launched last year by the European Space Agency, made the discovery with its infrared camera while circling the planet's south pole.

Scientists have long believed that the planet's poles contain frozen water, but previous findings, including those of NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter, were based more on inferences, European scientists said.

While the Mars Odyssey indirectly showed the presence of water at the pole using temperature monitors, the European camera was able to "literally map the polar cap" using infrared technology that shows where water molecules are present, said Dr. Jean-Pierre Bibring, a scientist with the Mars Express project.

Dr. James Garvin, the lead scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program, told The Associated Press on Friday that Mars Express had offered further confirmation of what scientists had long known: "Mars is a water planet."

At a news conference earlier, Garvin said the Europeans' findings were "not unexpected."

If Mars once had surface water, it had the potential to support life.

In 2001 NASA's Mars Odyssey turned up evidence of considerable ice mixed with soil as little as 18 inches from the surface.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:03:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 08:52:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Stanford

>From: Diane Harrison <[auform@hypermax.net.au](mailto:auform@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker@earthlink.net](mailto:dinotracker@earthlink.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284@aol.com](mailto:Steve72284@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>>>To: [ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

<snip>

>>I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo  
>>is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a  
>>photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions  
>>carefully.

>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>bug?

>Or it is a camera defect?

>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>the picture.

Diane,

My statement was intended to simply imply the distinction between something someone might photographically hoax (which is not a UFO but a hoax), and something truly strange (other than an insect, bird, or conventional aircraft) that might have been photographed in the sky, and which, after due analysis remains unidentified, even without any definition that what was photographed would necessarily be of extra-terrestrial origin. Period.

Did I say anything about (to use your words), "an extraterrestrial craft"?

Tell me, Diane, if a strange technological object (e.g., the Socorro object with its landing gear imprints indicating a technological object) has been reliably seen and reported, what takes it out of the 'UFO' category? Must it be identified as to its nature (i.e., was it technological)? If so, the Socorro object is identified! Or must it be identified as to its source

(i.e., Chinese, Russian, Australian, from some other stellar system, or a 'time machine', or whatever)? What the heck do you mean by "identified"? The continuum between unidentified and identified may be a long one. Where does one draw the line?

If one gets evidence that an object recorded was technological but that it exceeds by far the technological capabilities of any known potential terrestrial source, do we say it is identified because we have determined it is technological, even though we have not the faintest idea of its source (space travelers, time travelers, or what have you) or its purpose? It is still, I assert, a UFO.

Then, let us imagine that the aforementioned product of advanced technology actually landed and it was film-documented that some strange beings 19 feet tall got out of it, and one of them even went behind a bush and urinated. [Doesn't everyone realize that such is the only reason those little guys in white coveralls were beside that bush in the Socorro ravine? :o) ] Suppose the urine-saturated soil was collected and its content proved strange indeed, but that the ultimate motivation or purpose (other than to relieve the bladder) of the strange beings coming here remained completely unknown.

Tell me, Diane, do we still call the object a UFO? I would have no problem with that, would you? Yes, what was described in the above scenario was evidently an alien vehicle or of other than known terrestrial origin, but isn't it still a UFO of unidentified purpose, unidentified power supply, unidentified propulsive technology, unidentified capabilities, etc. I would still call that unidentified, and feel that anyone else having a problem with that is 'nit picking' and playing semantic games.

Personally, if I had to bet on what was recorded in the Whittlesea photo, I'd place my money on a defocused and image-smearing, speeding insect or, only secondly, on an unnoticed bird -- but not a pelican. :) I have looked long and hard at that image (after first thinking it might show a domed disc) with the aid of image processing and feel I can say affirmatively that it is not the fabled domed disc of UFO cartoons -- and I am not a 'pelican' and I believe in domed UFOs because I have seen and filmed them (whatever their origin). Yet, in my opinion, the photo simply provides no evidence of such but is valuable because our reactions to it can tell us a lot about what human perception can do when anyone wishes to see something in the ambiguous. It would make me feel good to declare that the photo shows a domed disc, but after careful examination, that is just not my diagnosis.

People generally tend to perceive what they want to see in an ambiguous image, yet it is prudent to search for what may really be found there, despite any initial and possibly false 'first impressions' our perceptual mechanisms (being human) may have tended to cause us to perceive in that image.

The description "unidentified flying object" will undoubtedly go on being used (or, in your opinion, mis-used, Diane) long after either of us is dead; but I would caution about haggling over the use or mis-use of the UFO term without having evidence scientifically diagnostic of specific physical parameters of truly strange, undiagnosed objects or phenomena that have been so called.

No, Diane, I haven't missed your point. You've been as perfectly clear as might have been a brainy brunette. :) I'm just grinning at it.

Ray Stanford

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

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## Father Of 'Over-The-Horizon' Radar Dies

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Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 07:02:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:02:32 -0500  
Subject: Father Of 'Over-The-Horizon' Radar Dies

Source: Stanford Report

<http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2004/january28/villardobit-128.html>

Stanford Report, Jan. 26, 2004

Oswald Garrison 'Mike' Villard Jr., father of 'over-the-horizon' radar, dies

By Dawn Levy

Oswald Garrison "Mike" Villard Jr., a professor emeritus of electrical engineering and electronics pioneer in radio and radar, died of pneumonia Jan. 7 at a Palo Alto nursing home. He was 87.

"His technical achievements were legendary," said David B. Leeson, a consulting professor of electrical engineering in Stanford's Space, Telecommunications and Radioscience Laboratory (STARLab). "Stanford and the entire engineering community were enriched by his person and his accomplishments."

Villard taught at Stanford for five decades and directed STARLab's predecessor, the RadioScience Laboratory, from 1958 to 1972. His initial work used radar to study electrical disturbances in the upper atmosphere caused by meteor trails, nuclear explosions and rocket launches. By reflecting radio waves from meteor trails, he became the first U.S. scientist to "hear" meteors in 1945. His "radio camera" clocked a 1948 Perseid meteor shower at 133,200 miles per hour.

"One of Mike's biggest accomplishments was the development of over-the-horizon radar," said Antony Fraser-Smith, research professor emeritus of electrical engineering and of geophysics. "He started this work at Stanford and then it was transferred to [Stanford Research Institute] when it became clear that it had important practical defense applications."

By bouncing high-frequency radar signals off the ionosphere, an electrically charged layer about 50 miles above the Earth's surface, Villard by 1959 had transcended the limitations of line-of-sight radar, which could only "see" as far as the horizon. The over-the-horizon radar he pioneered could instead peer around the Earth's curvature to detect aircraft and missiles launched from thousands of miles away.

It didn't take long for this research to become classified. When Stanford ceased all classified work in 1969 in response to anti-war protests, Villard moved his group to Stanford Research Institute (now SRI International) in Menlo Park. There he also developed "stealth" technologies to cancel target return signals from radar and sonar to thwart detection of aircraft and submarines.

Villard was born Sept. 17, 1916, in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., to a distinguished family with a long tradition of activism. His great-grandfather, William Lloyd Garrison, was a renowned abolitionist. His grandfather, Henry Villard, also wrote

newspaper articles opposing slavery and financed railroads and the work of Thomas Edison. Through his business dealings, he gained a controlling interest in the New York Evening Post and The Nation, which his son, Oswald Garrison Villard Sr., took over upon his death. The senior Villard left The Nation in 1940 when the liberal magazine abandoned its stance against America entering World War II. The junior Villard, whose research eventually earned the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Air Force, described his politics in a 1976 interview with the San Jose Mercury News: "I certainly agreed with my father's viewpoints about peace and mutual disarmament, but I couldn't see unilateral disarmament. He kind of said, 'Let them come in, it's not the worst thing.' I've gone the other way: Keep your powder dry."

As an undergraduate at Yale, where he received a bachelor's degree in English literature in 1938, Villard made history by broadcasting, over a radio transmitter he built, a football game from the stadium back to his dormitory. To the dismay of his father, who had hoped he would go into journalism, when Villard won two composition prizes, he chose to spend the money only on engineering books.

One was written by Stanford electrical engineering Professor Frederick E. Terman, who would later come to be regarded as the "father" of Silicon Valley. When Villard told his father that he wanted to study under Terman, the elder's response was "What? Stanford? That hotbed of Republicanism?" But Villard's father relented after meeting Terman during a visit by the professor to the East Coast.

At Stanford, Varian brothers Russell and Sigurd, David Packard and William Hewlett, William Webster Hansen and other luminaries took Villard under their wings as he pursued his graduate degree in engineering. In turn, Villard aided them as they developed the klystron tube, the basis of radar.

In Stanford's Department of Electrical Engineering, Villard was a research associate from 1939 to 1941 and an instructor from 1941 to 1942. During the war, Terman hired him and others to join the Radio Research Laboratory at Harvard, where they engineered countermeasures to protect Allied forces against enemy radio and radar devices. Villard participated in pioneering studies of radar jamming. In 1943, he received his Engineer degree from Stanford.

In 1946 he returned to Stanford, where he joined the faculty and married Barbara Letts, whom he had met at a dance at Mills College. In 1947, he designed a simplified radio voice transmitter permitting simultaneous two-way communication on a single channel, as in a telephone conversation. His introduction of single-sideband modulation increased the number of stations that can operate without interference and allowed military users, and later police, pilots and radio amateurs, to have their own means of communication. Previously, single-sideband modulation, because of its complexity, had been used only in commercial point-to-point radio stations. W6YX, the station of Stanford's radio club, became the first amateur band to use single-sideband transmission.

Villard received his doctorate from Stanford in 1949 and rose through the faculty ranks to full professor in 1955. He continued to shepherd students to their doctoral degrees in radioscience even after his official retirement in 1987. He also continued to work part time at SRI.

In the 1980s, Villard designed an inconspicuous antenna that could null out signals that jammed communications, allowing people in oppressed countries to receive Voice of America radio programs despite the efforts by their governments to block them. The antenna could be concealed in a newspaper if a listener were in danger of being caught in the process of receiving broadcasts despite the high-power jamming prevalent in Eastern Bloc countries, Leeson said.

Later, Villard, who filled the backyard of his Woodside home with antennas he built, received requests for his antenna design from Chinese outraged by the student massacre at Tiananmen Square. Chinese students in America translated his antenna design into Cantonese.

Author of more than 60 technical papers and holder of six patents, Villard was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the International Scientific Radio Union. He was a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and SRI. In 1998, Villard was elected to SRI's Alumni Hall of Fame.

He served as a member on the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (1961-75) and the Naval Research Advisory Committee (1967-75), which he chaired from 1973 to 1975. He served as chair of the USA Commission III of the International Scientific Radio Union, a senior scientific adviser to SRI International and director of California Microwave Inc.

His awards include the Morris Liebman Memorial Prize from the Institute of Radio Engineers, Outstanding Young Bay Area Engineer, Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Department of the Air Force, Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service and the IEEE Centennial Medal.

"His biggest hobby was ham radio," recalled Fraser-Smith. Villard, whose call letters were W6QYT, was a faculty adviser to the Stanford Amateur Radio Club and a license trustee of W6YX from the early 1950s to the early 1980s. He instigated amateur radio satellite systems and frequently published in QST, the journal of the American Radio Relay League, the official ham radio society in the United States. Ham radio operators sometimes helped Villard with his research. One experiment solicited hams to participate in a contest that allowed Villard to detect invisible clouds affecting radio wave transmission.

Leeson, who called Villard "one of the most gentle, supportive people I've ever known," recalled an airplane flight from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., when Villard learned that Leeson hoped to form a new company. "He wrote me a blank check right there on the plane! He was a supportive board member of the resulting company, California Microwave."

Villard's wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Slater Letts, died in 1996. Villard is survived by three children -- Thomas Houghton Villard of Atherton, Calif.; Barbara Suzanne Villard of Tucson, Ariz.; and John Sandford Villard of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. -- and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in support of the Mike Villard Memorial Fund to SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Ave., AD-114, Menlo Park, CA 94025. A small graveside service is being planned for family in spring at a New York cemetery. Plans for a West Coast memorial service are pending.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:53:49 -0500  
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>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

><snip>

Mornin' John,

>Hi Frank,

>You wrote:

>>- the term, "UFO" certainly and incorrectly changes definition  
>>with the user.

>It shouldn't. 'UFO' is an acronym for 'unidentified flying  
>object.' If we can find nothing else to agree on, I think we can  
>all agree that what is meant by 'UFO' is the literal  
>interpretation. And that it does not mean or imply  
>'extraterrestrial space craft.' ET craft require a whole other  
>level of proof. A UFO is just that, something in the air which  
>cannot be identified as anything 'known.'

I wholeheartedly agree with you; but more often than not  
liberties are taken (with the term), particularly with  
"mainstream media" and even with some involved with research.

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>have read in this thread so far, everybody who has contributed  
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>to avoid any argument about whether they meant 'ET space-craft'  
>or not.

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>\_Nobody\_ has called the object in the photo an "ET space-craft."  
>To the contrary, every one has been responsible and careful to  
>properly qualify their comments. So far. So why even bring it  
>up?

For me - to hopefully incite intelligent comments, conversation,  
from Listers such as yourself. However; for the record, "my  
comments" were made "in general" about giving another meaning  
(usually ETSC) to the acronym "UFO."

>UFO is; unidentified flying object, not ETSC =  
>extraterrestrial space craft. I kinda 'assumed' that we all  
>understood one another. Guess not.

With your further "clarification," we certainly do now.

>Regards,

>John Velez

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:37:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 11:41:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
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From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:10:31 -0600 (CST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 11:43:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby@aol.com](mailto:Evolbaby@aol.com)>  
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Already in place. There is an annual study of UFO reports  
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<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Rampart/2653/>

There's lots of discussion in addition to presenting the national data.

Now, this may not be exactly what you're looking for, but it's a  
good start.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell@vcmails.com](mailto:tshell@vcmails.com)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:54:03 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 12:05:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor@hypermax.net.au](mailto:aufor@hypermax.net.au)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net](mailto:ufoupdates@virtuallystrange.net)>,  
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## Efforts Fail to Find Beagle 2

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren@pacbell.net](mailto:frank-warren@pacbell.net)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:33:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 12:13:30 -0500  
Subject: Efforts Fail to Find Beagle 2

Source: The Planetary Society

[http://planetary.org/news/2004/beagle\\_search5.html](http://planetary.org/news/2004/beagle_search5.html)

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Efforts Fail to Find Beagle 2  
Team Hopes to Launch Another

Beagle 2 has not been found, despite repeated efforts over the last few days, by the European Space Agency's Mars Express, NASA's Mars Odyssey and the Jodrell Bank radio telescope in Cheshire, England

"We haven't found Beagle 2, despite three days of intensive searching," said Colin Pillinger, lead scientist for Beagle 2, said at a news conference held in London yesterday, at the Science Media Center in the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

"Under those circumstances, we have to begin to accept that, if Beagle 2 is on the Martian surface, it is not active." Still, Pillinger is not going to give up on Beagle.

"There is one more thing that we can do - however, it is very much a last resort. We will be asking the Odyssey spacecraft (team) tomorrow whether they will send an embedded command - a hail to Beagle with a command inside it. If it gets through, it will tell Beagle to switch off and reload the software. We are now working on the basis that there is a corrupt system and the only way we might resurrect is to send that command." The team could also ask Beagle's mothership Mars Express to send the command. "However, they cannot send it probably until the 2 or 3 February," Pillinger said.

"We'll move with the next phase in the search for Beagle 2," he continued. "We have discussed on our side of the house what we intend to do in the future. We are dedicated to trying to re-fly another Beagle 2 in some shape or form, therefore we need to know how far it got, because we need know which parts of this mission we don't have to study in further detail."

Detailing the efforts to contact Beagle 2 in recent days, Mission Manager Mark Sims, of the University of Leicester, explained that the lander should have entered an emergency communication mode, known as CSM2, no later than last Thursday, January 22. In this mode, the spacecraft's receiver is turned on throughout daylight hours on Mars.

Meanwhile, the academia-industry 'Tiger Team' at the National Space Center in Leicester is beginning to concentrate on detailed analysis of the possible causes for failure of the mission and the lessons that can be learned for future missions. The analysis includes an assessment of the landing site ellipse from orbital images, reanalysis of atmospheric conditions during the entry into the Martian atmosphere on Christmas morning, examination of the separation from Mars Express and of the cruise phase preceding arrival at Mars.

One extremely useful piece of evidence could be provided by an image of the lander. The team is hoping that the High Resolution Stereo Camera on Mars Express or Michael Malin's Mars Orbital Camera (MOC) on board Mars Global Surveyor may eventually be able to capture an image that reveals Beagle's location on the Martian surface.

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Chapman

From: Mary Chapman <[alfie107.nul](mailto:alfie107.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 13:58:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Chapman

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:37:51 -0500  
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Dear List Members,

Okay... I'm just a lurker here, but enjoy immensely the  
information and banter! On this subject of a "State of Ufology",  
I just have to interject something if I may?

The last few days I have been thinking that perhaps, since there  
are SO many interested parties, including but not limited to  
'believers' and 'skeptics', and there are so many internet and  
radio links, why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel' or  
network for TV?

I know there's the Sci-fi, TLC, History Channels, but none of  
them are geared specifically to Ufology.

There are food channels, and home-decorating channels, etc, so  
why not a UFO Channel? There could be live broadcasts with guest  
speakers as well as taped broadcasts with everything from UFO  
photos and stories, witness testimonies, experts and researchers  
as well as debates! The UFO Network could be one that included  
anything paranormal as far as that goes, but specifically  
relating to UFO/ET phenom.

Since joining this List I realize that there's a plethora of  
information that could fill the airwaves on a daily basis.  
Indulge me as I give a mock rundown of daily programming on the  
UFO Channel:

7:00 to 9:00 am: UFO updates (live broadcast lasting two hours,  
like a morning newscast).

9:00 to 10:00 am: Hosted Call-in broadcast (Permanent host with  
guest speakers).

11:00 am to 5:00 pm: Filmed or taped in-depth stories (all  
kinds).

5:00 to 7:00 pm: Afternoon UFO updates with new and updated  
material from morning show.

7:00 to 9:00 pm: Hosted Call-in broadcast (same as morning format).

9:00 to 12:00 pm: More stories, either archival or new, depending on the frequency of production on new material.

12:00 to 7:00 am: Either paid programming or repeats of archival stories (depending how much money is needed to sustain the UFO Channel!).

Does this not seem doable? Where's Steven Spielberg when we need him?

I really don't understand why this hasn't been tried and accomplished in this Age of Information. My eyes get tired from reading the multitude of webpages and various lists, although I find so many of them to be great sources of information. It is time to step this up a notch and begin televising all the different world-wide witness-related info, including pictures, videos, testimony...and yes...even opinions as to the relevance and validity of UFO material on a daily basis IMHO! Make your mark in today's world with your OWN UFO Channel!! :^) Then you can legitimately have a "State of Ufology Address once a year.

Maybe even elect a governing body? eeeewwww....sorry about that! Way to ruin a good idea, huh? LOL

An interested bystander,

Mary Chapman

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 14:17:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 17:10:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 18:56:18 +1000  
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>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 11:26:50 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

><snip>

>>>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>>>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>>>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>>>bug?

>>>Or it is a camera defect?

>>>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>>>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>>>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>>>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>>>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>>>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>>>the picture.

>>I have been following this thread closely and made it a point to  
>>read each and every contribution thus far. Not once has anybody  
>>referred to the object in the photo as an "Extraterrestrial  
>>Space Craft."

>>Bird, saucer, UFO yes, none of which mentions or implies that  
>>the builders are from 'off-planet or that the point of origin is  
>>outer space. Not once has outer space or ET been mentioned.  
>>Where did you get that one from?

>Hi John please explain?

>"What is a classic flying saucer, is it man made or ET made and  
>where is it from?

>John your reply to John W. Auchettl

>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

Hi Diane,

Only because it is you asking, I'm going to take the time to explain what I said/wrote in my original post. I shouldn't have to though. My original was clearly written/worded and, in English! Shouldn't be a problem for anyone to understand.

I wrote:

>>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic >>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

You ask:

>John, what are you implying then.?

Problem number one is; you are assigning a meaning to my words that does not exist on the written page. In point of fact, it exists solely in your own head. Now, you ask me to explain myself to you. <LMAO> OK, Diane, let's have a go at it.....

What I said up above is simple, Diane... what I see in the Whittlesea photo is a domed-disc in the sky. It is in the shape of an object that is commonly known and recognized as a "flying saucer". Not to put too fine a point on it, I simply stated that what I see in the photo resembles a "flying saucer" - in the 'classic' shape that is the definition of the term.

Nowhere in the post do I venture a guess as to 'where' it may be from, or 'who' made it. That, is something you added as you read my post. I never said or implied any such thing. Although the obvious implications are that the object is an 'unknown' and 'may' in the end prove to be not of earthly manufacture, I have not ventured any speculative guesses as to who the builders are or where they are from. That is something you did for me in your own head.

You even go one step further and ask me to explain your misinterpretation! But I never said any such thing, myself. Perhaps you should explain why you think my using the term 'UFO' or 'flying saucer' automatically "implies" that I am saying it is an "extraterrestrial space craft." Why, Diane? Because I am an abductee? Is that why you assume that I am incapable of uttering an 'objective' statement in regard to 'UFOs'?

If so, I hope you know that it's a form of prejudice (prejudgment).

On a personal note:

One of the highest compliments I have ever received came from Greg Sandow, who is some one I have tremendous respect for. Greg once told me that he was impressed with how 'objective' I have remained about this phenomenon in light of the many things which have happened to me in connection with it.

I can't tell you how much that comment meant to me unless you also understand how hard I work at maintaining 'honest' objectivity despite all that has transpired.

Maybe some folks just can't give any abductee credit for maintaining a healthy degree of objectivity because after all, anyone claiming to have been abducted by aliens cannot possibly be in possession of a mind that is centered, balanced and functioning well. I hope you're not one of those.

If that is the belief system you (or anybody else) are laboring under, then I am happy to disappoint you. :)

>Can you see why someone like me sees a kind of mind >set here and how you implied the object in the photo was >extraterrestrial space craft.

Nope, I don't see that at all. In fact, out of tens of people who read the post, I'll bet only a small handful made the kind of 'assumptions' you made about 'what I meant' or in your words, what I was implying. As for myself, I tend to take people at their word unless I have evidence the opposite is true. I don't pretend to know the content of someone else's mind/thoughts or motivation unless they tell me themselves.

I'm an experienced 55 year old man, Diane. Unless I am at a complete loss for words, which is rare, I generally say exactly what I mean as clearly as I can. Especially written material.

>I sorry John maybe I misunderstood what you were really trying  
>to say or imply the object really is and where its from.

Yes, you most certainly did. The only reason I dignify it with a response is because it is you, Diane. I like you. If there is a misunderstanding, I want to help clear it up as best I can. But again, that is only in situations where I 'care' about the person. In some instances I would simply have referred the inquisitor to the UFO UpDates archives and recommended that they re-read the posts in question and show me 'where' I ever said any such thing as they may be attributing to me.

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Warm regards,

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Hi Tim,

EBK doesn't usually like to publish posts that amount to nothing more than someone saying, "Right on!" But... I'd just like to say, "Right on!" :)

Couldn't have said it better me-self!

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>us.

If 'they' have any sense of humor at all, they are rolling around on the floor of those 'flying saucers' holding onto their sides and laughing their skinny little butts off as tears stream down their cheeks.

In the end, the 'Cosmic' joke is on us! We are laughable in our own egocentricity and xenophobia.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 19:45:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 19:45:28 -0500  
Subject: List Mail System

Again, the technology shakes its interfering head.

The system of second-last resort has, not un-expectedly, shut-down access. It did it a few days early, which has once again caused a List-mail outage.

The UFO UpDates List will switch to a list-serve system - the last resort. Not ideal, but it will ensure that UFO UpDates resumes delivery to your mail box.

The look of List posts arriving on your machine will be slightly different - a cluster of additional headers.

The List-serve is undergoing 'shake-down' - once it appears to be working the way it needs to, subscribers will again begin receiving List-mail.

Until then please check the Archive, here for List-mail.

Your patience is much appreciated,

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
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## Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 19:07:07 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 21:05:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Miller

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:17:59 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

>>From: Louise A. Lowry <[ShnSassy1.nul](mailto:ShnSassy1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:25 -0600  
>>Subject: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

>>Source; The Herald Sun - Melbourne Australia

>[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html)

><snip>

>>Mr Rozario said he and a colleague were doing a routine audit of  
>>a railway level crossing about 2pm on Thursday, January 15.

>>"We didn't see or hear anything when we were there," he said. "I  
>>took about 10 or 12 photos, facing east and west.

>Hi Everyone!

>The total number of pictures out there which have apparently  
>captured an unidentified object in the sky that was not noticed  
>by the one who took the picture, or even by others who were also  
>present, are probably as numerous as there are people who use  
>cameras! The late Graham W. Birdsall used many such pictures  
>that people sent to him to fill the pages of his 'UFO Magazine'.  
>Why this one picture got world-wide attention, while others much  
>more difficult to explain did not, is to me a mystery in itself.

Nick,

In this case the answer is easy and my apologies for tying this  
up with a point from another previous discussion. The reason  
this photo has had so much publicity is because the  
photographer's employers, the local council, publicised the  
photo.

If it had come from a private individual, no one would have  
cared. Because it comes from a municipal body and therefore is a  
"proper" institution, the world sits up and takes notice.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 14:09:45 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 03:33:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Boone

>From: Mary Chapman <[alfiel07.nul](mailto:alfiel07.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>Dear List Members,

<snip>

>Okay... I'm just a lurker here, but enjoy immensely the  
>information and banter! On this subject of a "State of Ufology",  
>I just have to interject something if I may?

>The last few days I have been thinking that perhaps, since there  
>are SO many interested parties, including but not limited to  
>'believers' and 'skeptics', and there are so many internet and  
>radio links, why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel' or  
>network for TV?

>An interested bystander,

>Mary Chapman

Hi Mary, your wish has already been granted thanks to Mr. Jose Escamilla who's developed a new satellite tv network focusing on what you outlined.

I've tossed some help his way as he deserves it because he actually goes out into the field and isn't afraid to get his hands dirty.

I'll continue to help him when I can and look forward to seeing him live long and prosper.

He's on this list and if you use the search function you'll get his posts and website info.

Hope that helps.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 13:37:28 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 03:49:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Shell

>From: Mary Chapman <[alfiel07.nul](mailto:alfiel07.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel' or network for TV?

There's just not enough material to keep something like that going. There might be enough for a half-hour "UFO Report" for the Sci-Fi Channel, or something like that, but not for a whole network.

I'd just prefer to see some coherent, well-researched documentaries done on the more famous cases not done in that Kiviat "Sightings" news magazine style. If I couldn't get that, I would like to see a reality show of some kind done that follows a group of trained UFO investigators around to various hot spots.

Although the tendency toward "entertainment" would most likely severely diminish the "informative" aspect.

TV is not a very good medium for UFO reports and study, because the devil is in the details and TV is terrible at that kind of thing.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Sensi

From: **Darren Sensi** <[mrsensi.nul](mailto:mrsensi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 22:27:16 +0100 (CET)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 03:50:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Sensi

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

>The domed disc really has to be moving at a tremendous speed in  
>order for its image to appear smeared, blurred in the photo.  
>Because of the bright daylight conditions and the speed with  
>which the shutter opened and closed, for that object not be  
>frozen in its tracks, it had to be moving at a fair clip. Fodder  
>for further analysis.

That's the most convincing part about this image for me because  
I would have thought it must be moving at least a quarter of  
it's own length in under the shutter speed of the camera for  
there to be blurring like that. But it's speed could be high or  
low depending on the distance of the object from the camera so  
the distance is probably the first thing to try and establish i  
don't know if that's the approach you would take ?.

Also the auform seems to be saying that the image is close to  
the camera because of the amount of blurring around the object?  
given that the background is in focus. I'm not sure if that  
means the trailing edge of the object or the leading edge; but  
the leading edge appears to have sharpness that's consistant  
with all other objects in the nearby background. That's also  
taking into account that the specular highlight is on that side  
of the object so there would be less contrast than the darker  
edges of other objects in the scene anyway.

Steve Sensi

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 15:05:08 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 03:58:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Connors

>From: Mary Chapman <[alfiel107.nul](mailto:alfiel107.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

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>there are SO many interested parties, including but not limited  
>to 'believers' and 'skeptics', and there are \_so\_ many internet  
>and radio links, why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel'  
>or network for TV?

Not to burst your bubble or anything, but just exactly where is  
the money to do this going to come from? I'll tell you... it  
will never happen. Why?

People interested in Ufology or even those who think they're  
with the program of Ufology, wouldn't shell out \$50 for one of  
the best books in a long time... I'm talking about:

'The UFO Evidence II' by Richard Hall

Bottom line in Ufology is this, Mary... more people than not  
think other's research and endeavors should be given to them  
free. Real Ufologists buy the excellent reference books, etc.  
and donate to researchers who actually do something besides  
opine, etc.

If Richard Hall had titled his book: 'Alien Castration of  
Humans', copies would have flown off the shelf at \$100 a pop!

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <[Kimballwood.nul](mailto:Kimballwood.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 19:14:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:01:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? - Kimball

>From: Mary Chapman <[alfiel07.nul](mailto:alfiel07.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:37:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:12:57 EST  
>>>Subject: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>>>Would be nice to have an annual "State Of Ufology" address by  
>>>you pro Ufologists.

>>>Anyone keeping stats?

<snip>

>Dear List Members,

>Okay... I'm just a lurker here, but enjoy immensely the  
>information and banter! On this subject of a "State of Ufology",  
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>are SO many interested parties, including but not limited to  
>'believers' and 'skeptics', and there are so many internet and  
>radio links, why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel' or  
>network for TV?

Mary:

Given that, in both the United States and Canada, there is a  
digital or specialty channel for just about everything, it might  
seem surprising that there isn't a UFO Channel, but...

>I know there's the Sci-fi, TLC, History Channels, but none of  
>them are geared specifically to Ufology.

You've just answered your own question. Networks already exist  
that cover UFO-related subjects (along with myriad others -  
"Stanton T. Friedman IS Real!" followed by "Buffy the Vampire  
Slayer"!!). I suspect that the subject of UFOs would be  
considered a bit too niche market oriented to make a full-time  
channel, sort of like a Shakespeare Channel would be. Mind you,  
I'd subscribe to both in a flash, and have created programming  
in both areas in the past.

<snip>

>There are food channels, and home-decorating channels, etc, so  
>why not a UFO Channel?

And a channel, as I understand it, devoted to figure skating.

Figure skating!! Just shoot me now!!!

Seriously (wait, I was serious), I would suggest that what we need is not another channel cluttering up the airwaves, but rather better UFO-related programming. I once pitched a network that shall remain unnamed (I have to work in the industry!) on a debate between Stan Friedman and Karl Pflock over Roswell. They politely declined, not because Roswell is overdone (which it may be), but because they believed the debate format simply wouldn't make for good television, and nobody would watch. Knowing both Stan and Karl, and having seen them go at it, I think it would have been a hoot - informative and entertaining both. Alas, I couldn't convince them of that (I still have that project in "development hell" just in case).

Rest assured, however, Stan and Karl will square off in our forthcoming documentary "Do You Believe in Majic" for Space: The Imagination Station, here in Canada, due out in early April this year. The film also features Rich Dolan, Bruce Macabee, Rob Swiatek, John Greenwald, Nick Redfern (one of my favourites) and others.

And yes, that was an unabashed plug!

<snip>

>Where's Steven Spielberg when we need him?

Making great films... but lousy television - however, that's another thread for another day!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball  
Redstar Films  
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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 12:11:53 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:05:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:11:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>Hi Diane,

Thank you John I like you too :>)

>Only because it is you asking, I'm going to take the time to  
>explain what I said/wrote in my original post. I shouldn't have  
>to though. My original was clearly written/worded and, in  
>English! Shouldn't be a problem for anyone to understand.

>I wrote:

>>>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
> >>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

>You ask:

>>John, what are you implying then.?

>Problem number one is; you are assigning a meaning to my words  
>that does not exist on the written page. In point of fact, it  
>exists solely in your own head. Now, you ask me to explain  
>myself to you. <LMAO> Ok, Diane, let's have a go at it.....

Respectfully <LMAO> to :>)

>What I said up above is simple, Diane... what I see in the  
>Whittlesea photo is a domed-disc in the sky. It is in the shape  
>of an object that is commonly known and recognized as a "flying  
>saucer". Not to put too fine a point on it, I simply stated that  
>what I see in the photo resembles a "flying saucer" - in the  
>'classic' shape that is the definition of the term.

Yes a definition of classic flying saucer.

Now that you have clarified your definition I can see why you  
called it a classic flying saucer.

> Nowhere in the post do I venture a guess as to 'where' it may  
>be from, or 'who' made it. That, is something you added as you  
>read my post. I never said or implied any such thing. Although  
>the obvious implications are that the object is an 'unknown' and  
>'may' in the end prove to be not of earthly manufacture, I have  
>not ventured any speculative guesses as to who the builders are  
>or where they are from. That is something you did for me in your  
>own head.

John :>) you see from what you wrote "in the end the object  
could prove to be not of earthly manufacture.?"

So isn't it fair for me to think from you statement "to be not  
of earthly manufacture" then what are you implying. Because in  
MY MIND from you have written there is an implication its from  
another planet another world.



>You even go one step further and ask me to explain your  
>misinterpretation! But I never said any such thing, myself.  
>Perhaps you should explain why you think my using the term 'UFO'  
>or 'flying saucer' automatically "implies" that I am saying it  
>is an "extraterrestrial space craft." Why,

John you made reference to what you call a classic flying saucer  
from your observations of the movie The Day The Earth Stood  
Still.

>Diane? Because I am an abductee? Is that why you assume  
>that I am incapable of uttering an 'objective' statement in regard  
>to 'UFOs'?

John not at all... because I am one of the same :>( how easily  
you think the worst! So please do not think this is the reason  
as to why I question what you have written.

>If so, I hope you know that it's a form of prejudice  
>(prejudgment).

>On a personal note:

>One of the highest compliments I have ever received came from  
>Greg Sandow, who is some one I have tremendous respect for. Greg  
>once told me that he was impressed with how 'objective' I have  
>remained about this phenomenon in light of the many things which  
>have happened to me in connection with it.

>I can't tell you how much that comment meant to me unless you  
>also understand how hard I work at maintaining 'honest'  
>objectivity despite all that has transpired.

On a personal note :

You know what John, I understand more than you can imagine about  
being seen as objective - being an abductee. And I do understand  
how hard you have worked at be seen as objective.

It took me 5 years before I let this List know anything about me  
for fear of being labeled. But I revealed all on Rense July last  
year so go listen. Do I care what others think now "nopp not at  
all". Do I fear ridicule "no I don't".

>Maybe some folks just can't give any abductee credit for  
>maintaining a healthy degree of objectivity because after all,  
>anyone claiming to have been abducted by aliens cannot possibly  
>be in possession of a mind that is centered, balanced and  
>functioning well. I hope you're not one of those.

>If that is the belief system you (or anybody else) are  
>laboring under, then I am happy to disappoint you. :)

>>Can you see why someone like me sees a kind of mind  
>>set here and how you implied the object in the photo was  
>>extraterrestrial space craft.

>Nope, I don't see that at all. In fact, out of tens of people  
>who read the post, I'll bet only a small handful made the kind  
>of 'assumptions' you made about 'what I meant' or in your words,  
>what I was implying. As for myself, I tend to take people at  
>their word unless I have evidence the opposite is true. I don't  
>pretend to know the content of someone else's mind/thoughts or  
>motivation unless they tell me themselves.

John not to many are game to question some of you guys for fear  
of being shoot down... this is a known fact about this forum  
sorry... Errol.

I know my comments may have stirred the pot but I will decided  
if I want to answer them or not.

>I'm an experienced 55 year old man, Diane. Unless I am at a  
>complete loss for words, which is rare, I generally say exactly  
>what I mean as clearly as I can. Especially written material.

Sorry not this time John..... not to my satisfaction anyway but  
I guess we have to agree to disagree :>) it all comes down to  
ones interpretation.

>>I sorry John maybe I misunderstood what you were really trying  
>>to say or imply the object really is and where its from.

>Yes, you most certainly did. The only reason I dignify it with a  
>response is because it is you, Diane. I like you. If there is a  
>misunderstanding, I want to help clear it up as best I can. But  
>again, that is only in situations where I 'care' about the  
>person.

Thank you for taking the time as I have said I have no problem  
with you John and I like you also.

>In some instances I would simply have referred the  
>inquisitor to the UFO UpDates archives and recommended that they  
>re-read the posts in question and show me 'where' I ever said  
>any such thing as they may be attributing to me.

>>UFO? - Unidentified Flying Object or..... ?

>>Classic UFO - Classic Unidentified Flying Object? Hmm! How does  
>>a UFO become a classic Unidentified Flying Object.?

>>Please explain? :>(

>I have already provided one example in my original post.  
>'Movies' - The Day The Earth Stood Still. There are many other  
>sources for the generally accepted 'shape' of a flying saucer,  
>not the least of which is the UFO reports themselves. I just  
>didn't think I had enumerate them all in my original post.

>Diane, (and anybody else who may be putting words and meanings  
>into my mouth...) please, read what I actually write! Not what  
>you 'think' I wrote. It'll save us both a lot of time and me a  
>lot of grief.

Questioning anothers point of view should not been seen as causing  
grief but if this is how you feel John I apologize.

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - McCoy

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:12:44 -0500  
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>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
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>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Diane Harrison <[auforn.nul](mailto:auforn.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 18:56:18 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

<snip>

Hello All, John and Diane,

I am not an abductee, I am an experimenter, I did see a "Classic" UFO, (along with four others) back in the 60's . I have not seen one like it since then, Oh I've had the usual white footballs, orbs and lights, and one triangle - though I think it one of ours. So has my wife. I've known professional pilots, air traffic controllers, and firecrew who have seen "Classic" UFOs. One friend was passed on the right on an airfreight flight back in the late 70's. Reported it - big mistake.

If this thing is real and the jury is still out, this will be placed in the round, gray file, of the skeptics anyway. Heck the guy who took the picture could've posed with the crew for a group photo with the pilot, Captian Zotz, making rabbit ears behind his head and it still wouldn't be accepted as ah, a UFO - in reality, this would've been worse.

This may be the - pardon the pun - the real McCoy. Thae term goes back to the cowboys on the Chislow trail had a few ancestors that did that - we don't know yet, but I will say that having taken many pictures of airshow routines I have many many blurry photos that show jets going very fast. One has a hard time following a fast object.

As an example our lights, on an AC system, flash 66 times a second (as I recall) I remember a CF-104 at an Abbotsford Airshow appear to "jerk" accross the sky as it was on the ragged edge of our ability to follow it. The CF-104 was running at .98mach - from the vapor ring around it more like .999999 mach.

Now I am fully prepared to have this incedent as a hoax or an artifact of photography, but, I am also prepared to accept that if it is a craft, It may be piloted by a someone named Jock, Chuck or Zotz - could go either way. Who knows?

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:42:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Harrison

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:03:26 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 14:32:00 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 18:44:43 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>>From: Steve Seaburg <[Steve72284.nul](mailto:Steve72284.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 2004 09:36:29 EST  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

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>>>I don't know what was photographed, but I'm confident the photo  
>>>is not a hoax. The case has none of the 'earmarks' of a  
>>>photographic hoax, and I have examined high resolution versions  
>>>carefully.

>>The object in the photo is either a UFO "an unidentified flying  
>>object" until it is identified then it become an IFO or the  
>>object is a UFB unidentified flying Bird - e.g Pelican or -  
>>bug?

>>Or it is a camera defect?

>>Please excuse me being 'blond' here but when has a UFO ever been  
>>named as an Extraterrestrial Space Craft, as many are implying  
>>about this picture. Because, if we knew it as such it would then  
>>become an IFO wouldn't it? <smile>

>>How easily this word UFO is misused and misinterpreted, but hey,  
>>its been interesting to see what other List members thought of  
>>the picture.

>Diane,

>My statement was intended to simply imply the distinction  
>between something someone might photographically hoax (which is  
>not a UFO but a hoax), and something truly strange (other than  
>an insect, bird, or conventional aircraft) that might have been  
>photographed in the sky, and which, after due analysis remains  
>unidentified, even without any definition that what was  
>photographed would necessarily be of extra-terrestrial origin.  
>Period.

>Did I say anything about (to use your words), "an  
>extraterrestrial craft"?

I didn't say you did but said some have?

>Tell me, Diane, if a strange technological object (e.g., the  
>Socorro object with its landing gear imprints indicating a  
>technological object) has been reliably seen and reported, what  
>takes it out of the 'UFO' category? Must it be identified as to  
>its nature (i.e., was it technological)? If so, the Socorro  
>object is identified! Or must it be identified as to its source  
>(i.e., Chinese, Russian, Australian, from some other stellar  
>system, or a 'time machine', or whatever)? What the heck do you  
>mean by "identified"? The continuum between unidentified and  
>identified may be a long one. Where does one draw the line?

I find some people are good at naming unidentified flying  
objects. A smug on a picture with no clear definition becomes a  
classic flying disc because it has the shape of one?

>objects b  
>If one gets evidence that an object recorded was technological  
>but that it exceeds by far the technological capabilities of any  
>known potential terrestrial source, do we say it is identified  
>because we have determined it is technological, even though we  
>have not the faintest idea of its source (space travelers, time  
>travelers, or what have you) or its purpose? It is still, I  
>assert, a UFO.

Ray what is it if its not a UFO you said it .? I could be a bird  
a bug?

>Ray said : I've heard no evidence that the photographer even claims  
>the object shown is a UFO, and understand that he was simply puzzled  
>about what might have caused the image on the film.

Ho Ray wasn't it the imagination that stirred the pot in the  
first place.

>Then, let us imagine that the aforementioned product of advanced  
>technology actually landed and it was film-documented that some  
>strange beings 19 feet tall got out of it, and one of them even  
>went behind a bush and urinated. [Doesn't everyone realize that  
>such is the only reason those little guys in white coveralls  
>were beside that bush in the Socorro ravine? :o) ] Suppose the  
>urine-saturated soil was collected and its content proved  
>strange indeed, but that the ultimate motivation or purpose  
>(other than to relieve the bladder) of the strange beings coming  
>here remained completely unknown.

Ray you can call a urinating 19 foot tall being what ever you  
like but a fuzzy photo of a smug, oval-shaped[?] something does  
not constitute the definition of a classic flying disc in  
anyones terms.

>Tell me, Diane, do we still call the object a UFO?

Well I guess you guys being guys you would figure out an  
appropriate name: Maybe call the Socorro ravine: URINUS a  
Urinating Unidentified Species: "how's that for starters". ah!!  
:>) don't get me going as I have more ??

>I would have  
>no problem with that, would you? Yes, what was described in the  
>above scenario was evidently an alien vehicle or of other than  
>known terrestrial origin, but isn't it still a UFO of  
>unidentified purpose, unidentified power supply, unidentified  
>propulsive technology, unidentified capabilities, etc. I would  
>still call that unidentified, and feel that anyone else having a  
>problem with that is 'nit picking' and playing semantic games.

Ray the only ones nit-picking here is you guys at me for  
questioning your reasoning and definition of a UFO.

>Personally, if I had to bet on what was recorded in the  
>Whittlesea photo, I'd place my money on a defocused and image-  
> smeared, speeding insect or, only secondly, on an unnoticed  
>bird -- but not a pelican. :) I have looked long and hard at  
>that image (after first thinking it might show a domed disc)  
>with the aid of image processing and feel I can say  
>affirmatively that it is not the fabled domed disc of UFO  
>cartoons -- and I am not a 'pelican' and I believe in domed UFOs  
>because I have seen and filmed them (whatever their origin).  
>Yet, in my opinion, the photo simply provides no evidence of  
>such but is valuable because our reactions to it can tell us a  
>lot about what human perception can do when anyone wishes to see

>something in the ambiguous. It would make me feel good to  
>declare that the photo shows a domed disc, but after careful  
examination, that is just not my diagnosis.

Ray thank you! the above is a very well balanced comment.

>People generally tend to perceive what they want to see in an  
>ambiguous image, yet it is prudent to search for what may really  
>be found there, despite any initial and possibly false 'first  
>impressions' our perceptual mechanisms (being human) may have  
>tended to cause us to perceive in that image.

I agree

>The description "unidentified flying object" will undoubtedly go  
>on being used (or, in your opinion, mis-used, Diane) long after  
>either of us is dead; but I would caution about haggling over  
>the use or mis-use of the UFO term without having evidence  
>scientifically diagnostic of specific physical parameters of  
>truly strange, undiagnosed objects or phenomena that have been  
>so called.

That's all we can ask and maybe we all have to become more  
scientifically minded when making comments on smug or fuzzy  
photos.

UFO means a lot of different things to a lot of different people  
To us trying to prove there are ETs - People from other worlds  
visiting our planet talking our kids from their beds at night makes  
it harder for us to gain credibility when others are making outrageous  
claims with not one shred of hard scientific evidence to back them up.

Defining something like a fuzzy dot in a photo as a flying  
saucer does not make us look good or credible in the eyes of  
the general public or the media. Why in my opinion [ 80%] of  
the population would see only a fuzzy dot in the picture.

But implant the suggestion its flying saucer then [maybe 35%]  
would see it has such. But what happen when the other 65% ask  
you to prove its a flying saucer.

See the dilemma?

>No, Diane, I haven't missed your point. You've been as perfectly  
>clear as might have been a brainy brunette. :) I'm just grinning  
>at it.

Thanks Ray ;)

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Regards Diane Harrison

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

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Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 00:06:32 -0600  
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Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

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>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 11:26:50 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

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>I wrote:

>>>As for 'Whatzit?' That one is easy... unless it's a supersonic  
>>>balloon, it's a 'classic' flying saucer! :)

<snip>

>What I said up above is simple, Diane... what I see in the  
>Whittlesea photo is a domed-disc in the sky. It is in the shape  
>of an object that is commonly known and recognized as a "flying  
>saucer". Not to put too fine a point on it, I simply stated that  
>what I see in the photo resembles a "flying saucer" - in the  
>'classic' shape that is the definition of the term.

<snip>

Hi, John:

Please understand that I am not 'attacking' you, John. I just want to discuss your opinions about the object in this photograph.

I'm curious as to why you call it a "flying saucer", classic or otherwise. Since we are able to see the object from only one point of view or one side, why do you state it is a "domed-disc" or shaped like a "flying saucer"? For all we know, it could be cigar-shaped, triangular (with only one side visible), football-shaped, octogon-shaped, rectangular-shaped with rounded corners or perhaps some other shape.

From this picture alone, there is not enough evidence to indicate the object is shaped like a disc or a saucer (i.e. round). And as for the 'domed-disc' you see, how do you know it has a dome on top? Maybe it is not a dome at all. For all we know, it could be some other object flying next to it (either side) making it look as if it is on top of it. There are many possibilities as to what the object really is or is not, what may or may not be in, on or around it.

We may never know what the object is or is not. To assume it is "domed" and disc or saucer-shaped may reflect more of what you believe is there than is actually there in the photograph.

A. Hebert

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## Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Hebert

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Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 01:00:43 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:45:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder - Hebert

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2004 21:17:59 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

>>From: Louise A. Lowry <[ShnSassy1.nul](mailto:ShnSassy1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2004 15:14:25 -0600  
>>Subject: UFO Picture A Saucer Wonder

>>Source: The Herald Sun - Melbourne Australia

>[http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,8475447%255E2862,00.html)

><snip>

>I wonder just how many others have taken pictures outdoors only  
>to have captured similarly blurred images of birds in flight  
>that were not noticed at the time? I would very much appreciate  
>if you would share these pictures with us, including details on  
>how they were taken, for future reference and possibly to create  
>a database which will allow us to better interpret such similar  
>accidentally captured pictures of UFOs.

Got a million of 'em, Ha-Cha-Cha! ;>

Although the IFO Database

<http://ifo.s5.com>

began as an effort to demonstrate to a "friend" that images she labeled as UFO's were probably IFO's, I, too, had had my own 'close encounters' with what appeared to be UFO's in my own photographs.

There was one photograph I took when the kids and I were on the beach on Ship Island in 1997 (I think) that contained a seemingly "anomalous" object hovering or flying low over the beach. I even posted it on some list I was on asking for help identifying what it was. As to be expected, everyone insisted it was a UFO and made a big deal of it. Only one person said it might be a bird. I had the photograph enlarged and, sure enough, it was a bird - a seagull. This is when I first began to realize how hard it is to know what has actually been photographed flying in the sky and how easy it is to be influenced by our personal belief systems and perceptions.

Photographs of every speck, dot or blob people have found in their photographs and video footage are posted all over the internet, in magazines, UFO video's, books, etc. as UFO's. Though technically these objects are "unidentified" until they are identified, it's given a whole new meaning to the term "UFO". It has become a sort of free-for-all and anything in the sky can become a - UFO. I have tried to link to many such photographs of 'UFO's' in the IFO Database (some links have become broken because these images were removed or moved to new URL's but new ones pop up every day).

I have also watched subscribers to this list become more

discriminating in what they accept as "UFO's" over the years. More and more people are demanding better evidence, investigations and analysis rather than automatically promoting every unidentified object flying in the sky as a UFO. This has helped to reduce the giggle factor because less of us are fooled by mere photographic anomalies, hoaxes and misidentifications. This, in turn, leads to better investigations, analyses and, hopefully, leads us closer to the truth.

A new IFO Database is under construction to include images I have produced with the new digital photography equipment I purchased about a year ago (and continue to buy new equipment).

The wide-spread use of digital photography has opened up a whole new "Pandora's Box" of easily hoaxed and/or misidentified 'UFO' images. Even the photographic experts have some catching up to do in reference to digital imaging as there are all kinds of distortions, photographic defects and anomalies that need to be identified and understood when it comes to alleged photographs/videos of UFO's.

Again, I encourage others to create their own IFO database and become familiar with the many distortions, defects and anomalies that may occur in photographic images.

Continually sorting the wheat from the chaff,

A. Hebert

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## Are UFOs Real?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:48:04 -0500  
Subject: Are UFOs Real?

WGNS Talk Radio

<http://www.1450wgns.com/>

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Are UFOs Real?

If you listen to Art Bell or George Noory overnight on WGNS=85or even to Chuck Harder=92s show in the daytime=85you hear people ask "are flying saucers real?"

Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman will be in Murfreesboro next Wednesday night for a talk at MTSU.

Dr. Friedman says he has proof that we are not alone and that flying saucers are real!

James McGaha debates the opposite view.

The FREE session will be in the State Farm lecture hall this coming Wednesday night at 7:00 . [1-28-04] That=92s in the Business-Aerospace building. To make it more interesting=85Dr. Stanton Friedman will be the guest Wednesday morning on the WGNS Action Line.

Call-in and ask him about alleged government cover-ups, alien spacecraft and other X-file type topics of interest.

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## Filer's Files #05-2004

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:53:47 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #05-2004

Filer's Files #05-2004 Skywatch Investigations.  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
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My website is at: [www.georgefiler.com/](http://www.georgefiler.com/)

Mars Has Water Vapor

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. European Space Agency Claims There is Water on Mars, Opportunity Lander Shows Blue Skies on Mars, The Monoliths Of Mars, Vermont - It Looked Like A Football Stadium Flood Light Structure, New York - Metallic, Object Approached Then Passed Overhead, New Jersey =96 Exotic Propulsion Aircraft, Pennsylvania =96 Three UFOs and Tracks in the Snow, Delaware =96 Climbing Lights, North Carolina - Disk Shaped Craft, Mississippi - Large Cylinder, Illinois - A Bright Light Moving Unbelievably Fast, Arkansas - Three Lit Objects Travel From A Satellite, Arizona - Police See Light Moving In The Sky, California =96 Police Officer Takes UFO Photos, Oregon -This was no satellite, Washington - Saw A Circular Bright Spot On The Ground, UK/England - Metallic Craft Went From Saucer To Teardrop Shape, Netherlands =96 Flying Triangle, Germany - Light Flash Turns Darkness Into Daylight, Conversation With My Mom, Soviet Army Fought UFOs and Set Up a Secret Laboratory, and Australia - UFO photo.

All photos in these files can also be viewed at Weekly Files "Views" at: <http://www.georgefiler.com/>

European Space Agency=92s Claims There Is Water On Mars

European Space Agency=92s Mars Express is already sending back spectacular close-up High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) images and have announced there is water on Mars. Mars Express detected ice at the Red Planet's south pole, mission officials at Darmstadt, Germany, said Friday. "We have already identified water vapor in the atmosphere," scientist Vittorio Formisano said. "We have identified water ice on the soil on the south polar caps." The High-Resolution camera is the best sent to Mars thus far to search for the geological features that betray the presence of water and look for ancient oceans. It will make the first ever sub-surface investigation of Mars, using radar to penetrate down to three or four kilometers below the surface. It may even reveal underground lakes of ice or water. .

Newly released ESA images reveal leakage of water from crater walls.

Mars "Opportunity" Lander Shows Blue Skies

The twin rover Mars Lander called Opportunity landed successfully on Mars on January 24, 2004, at 12:05 PM EST, and soon began beaming images back to Earth from showing as we predicted Mar=92s blue skies. Video released to the news media for the first time showed blue skies on national TV. NASA has apparently decided to show the actual sky color rather than the red tinted version shown up to now. Blue skies indicate

atmosphere much greater than previously thought. The solar-powered rover is equipped with tools to scratch and drill into rocks and to examine the soil. Opportunity should operate for at least the next three months to look for water. Both Mars Landers have landed in areas that appear to have water near the surface. Just when the Spirit Lander was supposed to do its first drilling into the pyramid-shaped rock in the Gusev Crater its data stream shut down. Spirit has not sent any images or scientific data since January 21st, when it discovered a rock with a square hole. Some people are asking why the Lander shut down just when it might find water or other interesting artifacts? Don from Georgia claims he has obtained images from the Spirit that are "not to be released to the public" showing why Spirit shut down. :)

THE MONOLITHS OF MARS Norman Monteith Bryden writes, "I have spent thousands of hours studying the Mars Global Surveyor images. I am a graduate of Control Data Institute for Computer Technology. I have had love of science my entire life. This and my curiosity has driven me to great lengths. I think that I have discovered evidence of intelligent life on Mars. George Filer of Filer's Files has been very kind to me. He has put up on his site slideshows of my work. By clicking on the link below it will take you to the images. When you get to the web page click on the numbers below the introduction and a slide show will start. The images will change about every 10 seconds. To the left of each slide show are thumbnails that can also be accessed for that slide set. These images show evidence of running water, vegetation, animals and even full blown cities on the planet Mars. Thanks to Norman Bryden [www.georgefiler.com/](http://www.georgefiler.com/)

Vermont - Looked Like a Football Stadium Flood Lights

CORINTH -- The witness cannot explain what he saw after seeing an exploding star in the east as I was driving home at 7:20 PM, on January 20, 2004. Backing out of his neighbor's driveway in a small meadow about 75 feet in front of him and directly straight up, about 100 feet high was what looked like a light fixture one would see at a football stadium. The witness states, "It had three or four large lenses, (side by side) each a medium-bright glowing white light beam that blinded me, but just hung there and was bright and glared." I looked beyond the side of the lights to glimpse at what was holding this up there. What I saw was an outline showing that it curved away and behind the "set of lights". I pulled my car ahead and to the side of the road trying to keep an eye on it to get a better look through my passenger side window...when it just disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

New York - Metallic Object Passes Overhead

SARATOGA =96 A married couple were southbound on I 87 at the 32 mile marker just south of Saratoga NY on January 10, 2004, 3:30 PM, when they saw a distant object that they thought to be a hot air balloon in the distance. It was a clear cold night and unlikely for a hot air balloon to fly in temperatures 5 degrees above zero. The shape of the object changed and they were closing on the object faster than would be expected if it were a hot air balloon. The husband states, "As it passed overhead my wife was able to crane her neck and look up and see a disk shaped object, metallic in color, and not entirely smooth." The object did not have lights. At the closest point the object appeared about the size of a quarter. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

New Jersey =96 Exotic Propulsion Aircraft and Oval UFO

TURNERSVILLE - Evelyn Galson called to tell me she had just taken a digital image of a strange diamond shaped craft or flying pumpkin seed over her home on January 22, 2004 at 4 PM in clear blue skies. The craft flew across the entire sky from west to east in a matter of seconds leaving behind a long white contrail. Other jet aircraft were seen in the sky over Philadelphia a few miles away. She often takes photos related to her work in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Editor=92s Note: The US is believed to operate advanced reconnaissance aircraft to follow on to the SR-71 aircraft. The image shows an elongated diamond shaped aircraft with dimensions estimated at 70 by 110 feet. Jet engines appear to be buried in the fuselage and propel the vehicle at supersonic speeds,



probably in the range of 5000 miles per hour. The diamond shaped vehicle was white in color and likely generates intense heat due to the friction encountered. The craft appeared to fly above the 35,000 feet civilian air traffic in the Philadelphia area. The flying pumpkin seed could achieve hypersonic flight by pumping fuel from its midsection into a cone of air bounded by its shock wave. Popular Mechanics, carried an article by Gregory Pope, "America's New Secret Aircraft," in December 1991. The aircraft did not seem to have pulsed detonation engines that leave a puff of smoke or donut-on-a-rope contrails. Congress appropriated \$1.5 billion to develop and test a single high-speed high-altitude aircraft. This may be the first known image of a the advanced Exotic Propulsion Aircraft. Some estimates indicate these aircraft can reach 36,000 kilometers per hour (roughly Mach 36).

Pennsylvania =96 Three UFOs and Tracks in the Snow

IVYLAND =96 The witness saw UFO's outside his bedroom window on January 16, 2004, at 11:11 PM. There appeared to be three UFOs in the sky that night. The next morning we found unexplainable looking foot prints or tracks in the snow in our yard. Also there was a slice chopped off one of the trees. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Delaware =96 Climbing Lights

ELSMERE =96 The witness was coming home from shopping on January 10, 2004, and when he got out of his car and turned to his left he saw three craft flying overhead in a straight line at 5:35 PM. The witness states, "I pulled out my binoculars and saw they were round and had no tracer or underbelly flashing lights." They did not make a sound. I waited for a few minutes before one went left and out of sight and the other two shot up and disappeared from my sight. He remarked, "I grew up in a military family and I know my planes and helicopters very well enough to say that these were not military or civilian." Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

North Carolina - Disk Shaped Craft

BARCO -- The observer was driving along NC-158 going about 70 MPH on January 15, 2004, when he saw a white object fly over the top of his car 12:30 AM. It seemed to hover up the road and the flew off into the woods, so he thought it may have been an owl. A minute later, an object approached from the left shot out in front of the car and hovered like before above the streetlights, but seemed to be producing a soft, white, pulsing glow. After a few seconds, it dashed off eastward. It was shaped like a disk but on either end had one, wavy, streamer like "tentacle" that also seemed to glow. When the craft was moving, the tentacle would flow behind it. When the craft hovered, the tentacles went out to the sides, in line with the craft like you would see the wrappers ends on the end of a piece of hard candy but longer. They would move like a flag does in a calm wind. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

Mississippi - Large, Cylinder Shaped Craft

BILOXI -- A large cylinder shaped craft was seen hovering above the Gulf of Mexico about a mile from the city on January 8, 2004. The witness was driving east on I-90 and looked out over the Gulf and saw a long dark shape that was maybe 50 feet above the water at 4:45 PM. It was a good distance away so I couldn't make out any distinct shape. I watched it for more than 5 minutes and it never moved. It just sat there. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

UFOWisconsin - Good news! will live on!

UFOWisconsin has officially been sold to Mr. Noah Voss, owner of [www.getghostgear.com](http://www.getghostgear.com). Noah has always had a fascination with the paranormal and has had personal UFO sightings. His expertise in websites and the paranormal will be a great addition to UFOWisconsin. We feel confident that the site will continue to grow and develop with Noah behind it. In the words of the great Captain Kirk and his ship the Enterprise....First star to the right and straight on until dawn. Good luck to all....Your friend and star searcher. Frank! Thank you! We enjoyed starting this site & working with all of you. We are thrilled that Noah will be taking it over and will enjoy seeing it continue to

thrive under Noah's leadership. Thanks to John and Jenny Hoppe

Editor=92s Note: You have done a great job and will be missed.

Illinois - A Bright Light Moving Unbelievably Fast

PEORIA =96 The witness was driving her car with her aunt on January 7, 2004, at 3:30 PM, when they saw a brilliant light extremely high in the sky in mid-afternoon. It seemed to bright to be a plane although the sun may have been reflecting off it. Ten seconds later, it was further away and the brightness faded, and then it was gone. The whole sighting was less than 20 seconds. It could have been some sort of aircraft of ours, but I have never heard of anything we have invented that moves that fast; it was gone without a trace before we had a chance to try to follow it across the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport

SOHO OBSERVATORY =96 The observer often reviews the SOHO photos for anomalies that would otherwise be hidden by the Sun's brightness. On January 21, 2004, at exactly 7:00 AM the SOHO "blue spectrum" still shot captured the unmistakable image of a huge craft just above and to the left of the sun. I used Microsoft's Picture 7.0 to enlarge the section of the photo to 999%, the results were truly amazing! There is no longer any doubt in my mind. Though our government attempts to restrict public knowledge of these craft, it was their hardware, their physical evidence, and their website that published the data confirming its existence. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Arkansas - Three Lit Objects Travel From A Satellite

ST. GEORGE ISLAND -- While on a cold starlit evening walk on January 11, 2004, two friends witnessed three lighted objects appearing to come from a star/satellite in the southern sky at 7:10 PM. The star or satellite appears every night at about 18 degrees up and south southwest and is bright compared to other stars. It does not blink and twinkle like a star would so I am assuming it is a satellite. Within a 15 minute period we saw three brightly lit objects appear to come from this satellite. There was a space of about 5 to 8 minutes between each light, they would head in a slow southerly direction and each one would gradually become dim and fade out, the skies eventually clouded over ending our observations. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Texas - Extraterrestrial Edge Helps Balance Sheet

The Houston Chronicle by Craig Copetas writes, "A galactic mystery hovers over the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland: How many of the 2,280 global leaders, including 31 heads of state, gathered in this Alpine resort conduct business with extraterrestrials?" This is no whimsy for Davosians. It's on the agenda of the annual powwow of the influential and affluent who will ask forum participants such as Vice President Dick Cheney, Coca-Cola Chairman Douglas Daft and De La Rue Chief Executive Ian Much, if the aliens have landed and are collaborating with them to concoct government policy. "The extraterrestrials have yet to make contact with me," said Much, who will help moderate tonight's dinner seminar (closed except to forum participants) on The Conspiracy Behind Conspiracy Theories: Have Extraterrestrials Made Contact With Government Leaders?

The British moneymaker is confident =97 at least for now =97 that De La Rue remains the largest non-government printer of bank notes in the Milky Way. "If the aliens are here," Much reckoned, "I'd absolutely expect them to call me to have their currency printed." Despite the twilight zone topic arching many an eyebrow along the snow-covered strip of fashionable hotel bars, forum officials maintain their five-day program on Partnering for Security and Prosperity requires an unambiguous examination of extraterrestrial presence on Earth. "The panelists are the best in their domain; they all have expertise in specific fields," explained Philippe Bourguignon, the forum's co-chief executive officer. "The themes and sessions at Davos reflect the global agenda." And the public's pulse.

A 1996 Gallup Poll found that 71 percent of Americans believe the government knows more about UFOs than it has disclosed. A Roper poll found that some 80 percent of those questioned think Wall Street and Washington are hiding knowledge of extraterrestrial contact. And the Internet search engine Google

turns up as many Web pages dedicated to UFOs as it does for investment banking. "It is possible that UFOs really do contain aliens, and the government is hushing it up," Cambridge University physicist Stephen Hawking told British television viewers in a 1998 interview. President Bush's recent call to put a man on Mars before 2030 has swelled investor interest in exotic technologies, last week boosting the Bloomberg Aerospace Index 1.9 percent, its biggest gain since October. Earth's leaders prospecting extraterrestrial commerce as part of the forum's agenda has set off anticipation not seen among UFO analysts since Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released on DVD. Snip <http://www.HoustonChronicle.com>. This article is: <http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/business/2365195>

#### Arizona - Police See Light Moving In The Sky

QUARTZSITE =96 The observers were camping on January 16, 2004, and saw a bright off-white to orange light in the southeastern sky at 7:30 PM. The light was brighter than the stars and was moving towards them and it appeared to stop. He states, "As we watched, another light shot from the bottom of the main object (like a shooting star) straight towards the ground at high speed until it dissipated to nothing." This shooting object was the same color as the main object. I went and got a video camera and by that time the main object was moving away from us and I shot footage of it going away from us until it also disappeared. I am a Detective for a Southern California Police Agency and have never seen anything before like this. We had several witnesses present and the landscape was peppered with RV'ers that must have seen the same thing. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### Oregon =96 Three Lighted Objects Over The Ocean

COOS BAY -- Two witnesses saw three lighted objects on January 21, 2004, about five miles out at sea at about 6 PM. The couple reports one object was very large and high in the sky, and two were smaller. The large one had red and green lights, plus a large white light that could have been shining into the ocean. The large object maneuvered, hovered, and dropped at a high rate of speed. The other two objects did not move. The lights of all three had a scrubbing effect. Witnesses watched with binoculars. A Coast Guard helicopter headed out toward the objects.

ALOHA -- On January 21, 2004, at exactly 6:23 PM, the witness a police Officer-Reserve, and pilot was on his back patio, looking through his binoculars for his usual satellite sightings. He spotted a satellite following it's normal west to east path, but he spotted another much fainter satellite directly above it heading in the opposite direction only moving much faster. I followed it and saw it split into two. Now, following a parallel course to each other at a speed faster than satellite=92s fly, it joined into one, then, split into two. They headed at a 45 degree angle away from each other, then came back to parallel each other. However, sometimes they would jump backwards and were definitely jerking and would shoot out fast then come back a little then join together and head out. I followed them until out of sight, about three minutes in all. They made the other satellite seem slow but I have been watching satellites long enough to know the difference.. moving at 90-degree angles, 45-degree angles in a split second. It was quite amazing. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### Washington - Saw A Circular Bright Spot On The Ground

LANGLEY =96 The witness who lives on a golf course was looking down the fairway on January 18, 2004, 10 PM, where it is always pitch blackness and saw a flaming bright spot on the ground with two lights on the left, low in the sky. The lights and bright spot looked to be about 300 yards away. I thought there was a fire on the fairway. With the binoculars I saw a circle of bright light with heavy white vapors swirling within it and evaporating upward. There were two bright lights above. One light was pulsing brighter and seemed to be a spotlight on the circle. No noise. As time passed, the two lights moved slowly backwards...always low to the ground.. away from the fairway.. and the circular light with the vapors moved at the same rate...keeping the same distance apart. I watched until 02:15. Thanks to Peter Davenport UFOcenter

#### UK/England - Craft Went From Saucer To Teardrop Shape

DUNSTABLE -- It was a cold night on January 10, 2004, at midnight, when several student friends were walking home from the pub. They were walking down High Street when they heard a humming noise. The witnesses stated, "It was a metallic looking craft, it was in a saucer shape and was just hanging there in the air." Then it changed shape into a teardrop shape and flew upwards at an incredible speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### Germany - Light Flash Turns Darkness Into Daylight

COLOGNE -- On January 21, 2004, a large light flash occurred for two seconds that was witnessed by hundreds of persons from Kaiserslautern to Wiesbaden to Koln (Cologne), at 6:35 AM. It started as a low intensity flash and suddenly became brighter. It lit up the early morning darkness like daylight. The high intensity light appeared bluish, similar to that of light emitted from a halogen car headlight or lamp. The total incident lasted no more than two seconds. A friend related German media had reported the light was caused by a meteor reentering the earth's atmosphere however, I don't know if that's been verified at this time. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### Netherlands =96 Flying Triangle

UTRECHT -- A 21 year old resident from Vianen witnessed a triangle-shaped object fly over at 6:55 AM, on December 12, 2003. The witness who lives along the River Lek witnessed the object from the first floor of his house and states, "I saw an extremely bright light that wasn't steady, and was kind of turbid, like an image that's distorted by a flame." He woke up a friend and both saw the light approaching. When the object almost passed over the roof, I was able to see a large triangle-shaped wing. The wing was just as wide as long, and was surrounded by white, yellow, orange/red and green colored light with the borders relatively bright, and the bottom less bright. The object was as large as a medium-sized jet, and flew at a height of 120 meters at a speed between 100 to 140 km/h. The witness heard a strange humming sound and was emotionally touched and somewhat confused after the sighting. During the sighting the witness made a low resolution digital picture with his mobile phone, but unfortunately it didn't show much. Thanks to Toine Trust Site Admin UFOPlaza Editor UFOPlaza Nieuwsbrief site: [www.UFOPlaza.nl](http://www.UFOPlaza.nl) mail: [ganzEgal.nul](mailto:ganzEgal.nul) news: [nieuws.nul](mailto:nieuws.nul)

#### Conversations With My Mother on Her 93rd Birthday

My Mother says, "There probably is life on other planets because God would logically place intelligent life everywhere in hopes that they would worship him and follow his teachings." The main teaching is to worship God and do unto others as they do unto you. This would allow all planets to live together in harmony. If we were told there was life through out the universe, I doubt it would hurt Christianity or other religions. Narrow minded people may be offended by the remark, but its a huge universe out there and I refuse to believe that we are the only ones occupying it. Whatever God saw fit to put in the universe is all part of a greater visionary plan than we know. God is much greater, omnipotent and all-powerful than most of us realize. Maybe the world would be a better place when we all come to the common understanding that all life is sacred and we need to respect it both here on earth or any where in the universe." For the UFOs to fly around and do the things they do, they must be fairly close or at least have bases near by. It seems reasonable that God has his own Air Force.

In the nursing home where my Mother lives there are many who just want to die and be left alone. She attempted to comfort another blind woman by playing her music, talking to her, and rubbing her hands to try to cheer her up. She also offered her a hearing aid since the woman was hard of hearing. Regrettably, the woman was not responsive and didn't seem to want any help. She prefers to be unhappy, to stay in her room and eventually die. My mother attends everything such as spelling, history, and trivia, where you answer questions. She enjoys life and listens to a new book almost every day. You don't get to die you've got to wait. Her thought for birthday was: "Its a great life if you don't weaken." Love Mom.

#### Soviet Army Fought UFOs

Soviet military encountered many UFOs, and established at the end of the 60s a secret laboratory for researching flying objects in the USSR. Among the laboratory's tasks was researching anti-gravitation, but the research results were kept secret.

In 1947. Antiaircraft guns of Transcaucasian Military District fired on a flying cigar-shaped object which came from the Turkish border. The object's flying altitude was below 4,000 meters, but they failed to hit the cigar when the cigar increased its speed and flew away over the mountains. The Border District command ignored and ordered the monitors not to disclose the information that the object reached a speed up to 2000 kilometers per hour.

A similar case took place in 1984, in the Turkestan Military District. Near the city of Astrakhan air-defense system marked the ball-shaped object flying at the altitude of 2000 meters along the Caspian seashore. The object did not respond to radio communication and two fighters were launched, but they were unable to bring the object down. After being under fire, the object descended to 100 meters, and at this low altitude the planes were unable to continue firing. Despite being fired at, the object flew at slow speed. The ball passed over several military units, and was photographed. Near the city of Krasnoyarsk the military tried to bring the object down with the helicopter. However, it quickly increased its altitude so that the helicopter could not reach it. After firing all its supply of shells, the helicopter landed, and the ball abruptly flew in the direction of the sea and disappeared from the radar screens. In the same area a cylinder demonstrated its invulnerability. UFOs moving toward the border were attacked apparently unsuccessfully.

In 1985, near the town of Krasnovodsk the radar station under the command of Captain Valuev tracked a 1,000 meter disc-shaped object! The object was immovable, and some time later a small 5 meter disk flew out of it and then landed. Patrol boats rushed to that area, but when they closed to 100 meters, it took off and flew one kilometer away. This happened five times. Then the object flew up at a high speed to the bigger disc, which finally flew away spaceward.

In the end of June of 1971 the military could see over this area a black cigar-shaped flying object floating under the clouds at the altitude of 800 meters. The object was 25 meters long and had about 3 meters in diameter. It had neither stabilizers nor wings nor engines and was moving at the speed of 150 kilometers per hour producing no noise. In 1978, a Special Soviet military unit in the town of Mytishi was in charge of collecting data, and newly established "space troops" were designated to fight a possible threat from space.

In the beginning of August 1987, five soldiers of Leningrad Military District went to the North of Karelia region on a special mission to guard an object of unknown origin. It was found near the town of Vyborg and was 14 meters long, 4 meters wide, and 2.5 meters high. The object had neither doors nor hatches, and all attempts to open its hull were unsuccessful. The military tried to break off some object parts, but were only able to take some rods from its stern. In the end of September the object disappeared from the hangar without leaving a trace.  
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Australia -- Council Refers Photo To Government Agencies

WHITTLESEA -- An employee of this major municipality during his routine work as a traffic engineer took a photograph of a level railway crossing at Beveridge north of Melbourne using a digital camera. When it was downloaded from the camera on to a computer an object appeared in the sky on photograph. We just do not know what the object could be and would welcome any explanation. This Council believes it has an obligation to pass the image on to the relevant authorities for their consideration and investigation. The image has been referred by Council to the Chief Defence Scientist, Defence Science & Technology Organisation, and the Civil Aviation Authority. This Council has no opinion about the object. Thanks to Anastasia Wietrzychowska, Mutual UFO Network, CT and Jim Linton, Communications Officer.  
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Editor=92s Note: The object in the photo appears to be a flying disk such as those that are seen and photographed thousands of times a year around the world.

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## Rosetta A New Target To Solve Planetary Mysteries

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Rosetta -- a new target to solve planetary mysteries

Rosetta is scheduled to be launched on board an Ariane-5 rocket on 26 February from Kourou, French Guiana.

Originally timed to begin about a year ago, Rosetta's journey had to be postponed, as a precaution, following the failure of a different version of Ariane-5 in December 2002. This will be the first mission to orbit and land on a comet, one of the icy bodies that travel throughout the Solar System and develop a characteristic tail when they approach the Sun.

This delay meant that the original mission's target, Comet Wirtanen, could no longer be reached. Instead, a new target has been selected, Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, which Rosetta will encounter in 2014 after a 'billiard ball' journey through the Solar System lasting more than ten years. Rosetta's name comes from the famous 'Rosetta Stone', from which Egyptian hieroglyphics were deciphered almost 200 years ago. In a similar way, scientists hope that the Rosetta spacecraft will unlock the mysteries of the Solar System.

Comets are very interesting objects for scientists, since their composition reflects how the Solar System was when it was very young and still 'unfinished', more than 4600 million years ago. Comets have not changed much since then. In orbiting Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko and landing on it, Rosetta will collect information essential to an understanding of the origin and evolution of our Solar System. It will also help discover whether comets contributed to the beginnings of life on Earth. In fact comets are carriers of complex organic molecules that, delivered to Earth through impacts, perhaps played a role in the origin of living forms. Furthermore, 'volatile' light elements carried by comets might also have played an important role in forming the Earth's oceans and atmosphere.

"Rosetta is one of the most challenging missions undertaken so far," says Professor David Southwood, ESA Director of Science.

"No one has ever attempted such a mission, unique for its scientific implications as well as for its complex and spectacular interplanetary space manoeuvres." Before reaching its target in 2014, Rosetta will circle the Sun four times on wide loops in the inner Solar System. During its long trek, the spacecraft will have to endure some extreme thermal conditions. Once it is close to Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko, scientists will take it through a delicate braking manoeuvre; the spacecraft will then closely orbit the comet, and gently drop a lander on it. It will be landing on a small, fast-moving 'cosmic bullet' about whose 'geography' very little is known yet.



## An amazing 10-year interplanetary trek

Rosetta is a three-tonne box-type spacecraft about three metres high, with two 14-metre solar panels. It consists of an orbiter and a lander. The lander is approximately one metre across and 80 centimetres high. It will be attached to the side of the orbiter during the journey to Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko. Rosetta carries 21 experiments in total, 10 of them on the lander. They will be kept in hibernation during most of its 10-year trek towards the comet.

Why does Rosetta's cruise need to take so long? To reach Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko, the spacecraft needs to go out into deep space as far out from the Sun as Jupiter. No launcher could possibly get Rosetta there directly. ESA's spacecraft will gather speed from gravitational 'kicks' provided by four planetary fly-bys: one of Mars in 2007 and three of Earth in 2005, 2007 and 2009. During the trip, Rosetta will also twice pass through the asteroid belt, where a fly-by with one or more of these primitive objects is possible. A number of candidate targets have already been identified, but the final selection will be made after launch, once the amount of surplus fuel has been verified by mission engineers. During these encounters, scientists plan to switch on Rosetta's instruments for scientific studies of these largely unexplored Solar System bodies.

Long trips in deep space include many hazards, such as extreme changes in temperature. Rosetta will leave the benign environment of near-Earth space to the dark, frigid regions beyond the asteroid belt. To manage these thermal loads, experts have done very tough pre-launch tests to study Rosetta's endurance. For example, they have heated its external surfaces to more than 150°C, then cooled it to -150°C in the next test.

The spacecraft will be fully reactivated prior to the comet rendezvous manoeuvre in 2014. Then, Rosetta will orbit the comet -- an object only about 4 kilometres in diameter - while it cruises through the inner Solar System at 135 000 kilometres per hour. At the time of the rendezvous -- around 675 million kilometres from the Sun -- Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko will hardly show any surface activity. This means that the characteristic 'coma' (the comet's 'atmosphere') and the tail will not be formed yet, because of the distance from the Sun. The comet's tail is in fact made of dust grains and frozen gases from the comet's surface that vaporise because of the Sun's heat.

Over a period of six months, Rosetta will extensively map the comet's surface, prior to selecting a landing site. In November 2014, the lander will be ejected from the spacecraft from a height which could be as low as one kilometre. Touchdown will be at walking speed, about one metre per second. Immediately after touchdown, the lander will fire a harpoon into the ground to avoid bouncing off the surface back into space, since the comet's extremely weak gravity alone would not hold onto the lander. Operations and scientific observations on the surface will last at least a week, but may continue for many months. Besides taking close-up pictures, the lander will drill into the dark organic crust and sample the primordial ices and gases.

During and after the lander operations, Rosetta will continue orbiting and studying the comet: it will be the first spacecraft to witness at close quarters the changes taking place in a comet when the comet approaches the Sun and grows its coma and tail and then travels away from it. The trip will end in December 2015, after 12 years of adventure, when the comet has made its closest approach to the Sun and is on its way towards the outer Solar System.

## Studying a comet on the spot

Rosetta's goal is to examine the comet in great detail. The instruments on the orbiter include several cameras and spectrometers that work at different wavelengths: infrared, ultraviolet, visible and microwave. In addition, there are various other instruments to make in situ analysis. Together, they will provide, amongst other things, very high-resolution images and information about the shape, density, temperature and chemical composition of the comet. Rosetta's instruments will

analyse the gases and dust grains in the coma that forms when the comet becomes active, as well as the interaction with the solar wind.

The ten experiments on the lander will make an on-the-spot analysis of the composition and structure of the comet's surface and subsurface material. A drilling system will take samples down to 30 centimetres below the surface and feed these to the 'composition analysers'. Other instruments will measure properties such as near-surface strength, density, texture, porosity, ice phases and thermal properties. Microscopic studies of individual grains will tell us about the texture.

#### Ground operations

All scientific data including those relayed from the lander will be stored on the orbiter for downlink to Earth at the next ground station contact. ESA has installed a new deep-space antenna at New Norcia, near Perth in Western Australia, as the main communications link between the spacecraft and ESOC Mission Control in Darmstadt, Germany. This 35-metre diameter parabolic antenna allows the radio signal to reach distances of more than a million kilometres from Earth. The radio signals, travelling at the speed of light, will take up to 50 minutes to cover the distance between the spacecraft and Earth.

#### Building Rosetta

Rosetta was selected as a mission in 1993. The spacecraft has been built by Astrium Germany as prime contractor. Major subcontractors are Astrium UK (spacecraft platform), Astrium France (spacecraft avionics), and Alenia Spazio (assembly, integration, and verification). Rosetta's industrial team involves more than 50 contractors from 14 European countries, Canada and the United States.

Scientific consortia from institutes across Europe and the United States have provided the instruments on the orbiter. A European consortium under the leadership of the German Aerospace Research Institute (DLR) has provided the lander. Rosetta has cost ESA EUR 770 million at 2000 economic conditions. This includes the launch and the entire period of development and mission operations from 1996 to 2015. The lander and the experiments, the so-called 'payload', are not included since they are funded by the member states through scientific institutes.

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## Mars Rover Finds More Layers Of Mystery

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 04:59:04 -0500  
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Source: Star Tribune

<http://www.startribune.com/stories/1556/4343323.html>

Mars rover finds more layers of mystery  
Andrew Bridges, Associated Press

Published January 28, 2004  
MARS28

PASADENA, CALIF. -- A NASA rover got its closest-ever look at bedrock on the surface of Mars on Tuesday and discovered layering that scientists were eager for the spacecraft to examine for any long-ago signs of water.

The Opportunity rover spied the layering just days after it landed on the far side of the planet from its twin, Spirit. On Tuesday, NASA unveiled a high-resolution photograph of the horizontally striped and fractured slabs of bedrock.

"Look at the wonderful layer-cake structure in there," said Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist, as he excitedly narrated a slow pan of the black-and-white image. "It's going to be fascinating beyond words to get up close and personal with this thing."

The find is a significant one: Each roughly half-inch-thick layer represents an event in the geologic history of the planet that Opportunity should be able to reconstruct with its complement of cameras and scientific instruments.

Scientists believe the layers were laid down billions of years ago, piling up either as ash spewed by successive volcanic eruptions or as sediments borne by wind or water.

Some scientists believe the 18-inch-high band of layered rocks is cross-bedded in part, suggesting a sedimentary origin that would require the presence of water.

The slabs of bedrock rim a portion of the shallow depression near where the six-wheeled robot sits atop its lander.

The Opportunity rover was in good shape after its weekend landing but had developed a small, 15-watt power loss that worried NASA.

Engineers believe a heater in the shoulder of its robotic arm has been turning on unnecessarily when temperatures drop. Engineers continued to monitor the situation, unsure whether it could harm the rover.

"We're very paranoid people," mission manager Jim Erickson said.

The Spirit rover, 6,600 miles around the planet, continued to recover from computer problems that last week brought its science work to a halt. Engineers received additional data they hope will help them understand the problem.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Guenther

From: Daniel Guenther <[daniel\\_g.nul-online.de](mailto:daniel_g.nul-online.de)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 17:56:55 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 05:12:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Guenther

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 10:54:03 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

>>From: Diane Harrison <[auforn.nul](mailto:auforn.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 18:56:18 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>Classic UFO - Classic Unidentified Flying Object? Hmm!  
>>How does a UFO become a classic Unidentified Flying Object.?  
>>Please explain? :>(

>Maybe I can shed a little bit of light here. When people talk  
>about "flying saucers" anymore, they're not speaking in a  
>vacuum. As you noted, we've got a half-century of fictional and  
>real world references to add meaning to the phrase.

Hi!

When the term 'flying saucers' was used during the early time of  
ufology, it didn't even had to do with the shape of the  
'objects'.

For a confirmation just see this list, which is an exact  
copy of original documents that can be found at John  
Greenewald Jr.'s website [www.blackvault.com](http://www.blackvault.com)

List of early Project Sign UFO study  
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or

<http://www.ufodb.net/100.txt>

and

<http://www.blackvault.com/documents/ufos/janaug/janaugwpafb131.htm>

I am referring to those entries like

- 'Flying Saucers (not actually described as being this shape)'
- 'Disc (not actually stated as being of this shape)'
- 'Referred to as saucer but not stated as being of this definite shape'

in the 'Shape' column.

It indicates that although the object looked different - it was  
initially described as a 'flying saucer'.

Daniel G.

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## Our Crowded Skies

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Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 08:38:24 -0500  
Subject: Our Crowded Skies

Hi Everyone!

Is it a plane? Is it a UFO! No, it's the U.S. Homeland Security blimp!

People all over the U.S. will soon be able to look up and see at least one unusual and nearly motionless object in the sky that some may mistaken for a UFO (see 'Polular Science' story below).

<http://www.popsci.com/popsci/aviation/article/0%2C12543%2C583484%2C00.html>

Such large oval, cigar, saucer or spherical shaped airships are already flying and are familiar sights over sports stadiums or as flying advertising billboards above cities all over the world. One leading Canadian company north of Toronto that manufactures spherical UFO shaped high altitude manned and unmanned blimps (see web site below) has plans to produce even larger ones than those the U.S. Homeland Security plans for its fleet. Although these blimps which will operate at altitudes higher than most aircraft fly and can be thought of as poor-man spy satelllites, unlike much more expensive low orbiting satelllites, these blimps can remain stationary over one spot for years and can easily be refitted or serviced when they break down.

<http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/index.htm>

I wonder if these man-made UFOs which, along with jet contrails, will soon be taken for granted by people whenever they look up in the sky or admire a beautiful sunset. How will these blimps affect the total number of UFO sighting reports made each year? Also, will the U.S. Homeland Security blimps serve to either scare away UFOs or be able to closely observe their activities and possibly even document a few of the suspected millions of alien abductions in the U.S. alone?

Nick Balaskas

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## Russia Surpasses Americans In Space Race

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01/30/2004

Russia Continues to Surpass Americans in the Space Race

On July 25, 1969, many Americans watched their televisions in awe as astronaut Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Americans were amazed at what advances in technology had produced: a man on the moon. Ticker tape parades greeted returning astronauts. America had proven itself a leader in the space race.

Lately, some have begun to suggest that this was not the case at all; some people have suggested that America never made it to the moon and that it was just an illusion made with trick photography. Bart Sibrel is one of those people. He made a video called, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Moon," in which he provides much documentation to suggest that man has yet to walk on the moon. Is this possible? Could have America faked the entire moon landing?

On first thought, it might sound ludicrous for many - to think that man has not walked on the moon. After all, it would require such a grand conspiracy that, certainly, someone who was privy to such information would have spoken. Nevertheless, there are those who are skeptical of this moon-walking.

Surprisingly, some of the ideas presented by them are not as preposterous as they might sound. Based on surveys, it has been estimated that between 6 and 20 percent of Americans do not believe a man actually walked on the moon. Are 6-20 percent of Americans fools, or are they a little brighter than the rest?

In order to fully understand the claim that man did not walk on the moon, the events leading up to this event that most Americans consider an historic fact must be re-examined and scrutinized. We must go back in time, when the space race between Russia (or the Soviet Union, as it was known then) first started. By doing this, I feel that you will better understand the arguments both for and against the claim of man walking on the moon.

What I present here may shock many fellow Americans, as we generally view our nation and its space exploration program as being, by far, superior to that of all other nations. After all, we were the first nation to have "a man walk on the moon" (or so we believe). While this might possibly be true that America was the first nation to have a man walk on the moon (though there is evidence to suggest otherwise). As difficult as it may be for many to admit, this appears to be the only "first" America had in the great space race.

If we are to be honest, during the "space race" from the late-1950s until the time American astronauts were to have walked on the moon, Russia was utterly devastating America. This was probably both due to the fact that Russians were highly educated



and the fact that, with Russia's strict Communist leadership at the time, failure was not an option. And Russia's society encouraged intelligence, whereas America's society has been encouraging a host of things - such as artying and irresponsibility - none of which promoted intelligence.

In 1957, America was astonished, as was the rest of the world, when it was discovered that a Russian satellite, Sputnik, had gone into outer space. People were absolutely amazed that such a device made it into outer space. Not only was the scientific community of America in awe, but so too was the American military, who were greatly concerned about Russia having the ability to put such a device in outer space.

Later that year, Russia again made a first, when a small dog, Laika (which means "barker"), was launched into outer space. This again sent shockwaves throughout the world. Americans heard about this and were astonished that a dog went into outer space. This dog was actually put into orbit, and unfortunately died 6 hours later while in space, not being able to withstand the rigors involved.

Meanwhile, in 1957, while America stood shocked at Russia's progress, America attempted to launch its own satellite into outer space. This was meant to show the Russians that America too was a contender in the space race. A satellite was to accompany the rocket, which had been tested for stress. America felt everything was prepared. But the rocket blew up at the launch pad, never leaving the ground. It was an international embarrassment.

In 1959, trying to copy what Russia had done two years prior, America was finally getting an animal into outer space. A couple of monkeys went up only 300 miles for just 15 minutes total. This, of course, was a far cry from the orbit in which the Russian dog was put two years previous. However, the monkeys did return alive.

While America was sending rockets up for 15 minutes in 1959, Russia was again making shockwaves when its satellite Luna-1 flew by the moon. Later in 1959, the Russian satellite Luna-2 reached the moon's surface and left national symbols of the then-USSR. Again in 1959, the satellite Luna-3 made another first for Russia, when it took pictures of the far side of the moon, transmitting these pictures back to Russia.

Russia also had the first space probe to circle the earth.

A couple years later in 1961, Russia then became the first country to have a man orbit the earth, Yuri Gagarin, who rood aboard the space craft Vostok. This again astonished the international community, who were surprised that such a feat never tried before could be accomplished. While the Russians were orbiting the earth, the American Alan Shepard was launched just 115 miles into space, not even going close to the distance Russia's dog had traveled two years prior; and he landed in the Atlantic Ocean 15 minutes later. Meanwhile, Russia again had nother first in 1961, when its interplanetary probe Venera-1 was launched to Venus.

In 1962, America became the second country to have a man of its own in orbit around the earth, John Glenn. Parades greeted John Glenn when he returned. Due to his notoriety, he later became a U.S. Senator because Americans care more for celebrity status than fit politicians.

President John F. Kennedy at this time said America would have a man on the Moon by the end of the decade. He was later assassinated in 1964, leaving his dream of having a man on the moon to be fulfilled by others.

In 1962, Russia was the first nation to have two rockets with cosmonauts in outer space at the same time. It was known as the first "formation flying" in space when the two manned spacecraft, Vostok-3 and Vostok-4, traveled near each other in unison.

In 1963 Russian cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space. She was aboard the Vostok-6. Not only was this significant by the fact that she was a woman, but she was also just a regular person, who had worked at a textile factory. So

she was also the first public citizen in space, not being the typical cosmonaut.

In 1964, trying to duplicate what Russia had done back in 1959, America launched the Ranger VII, which took pictures of the moon and then crash-landed into it. Nevertheless, it did send some interesting images of the moon, close-up images that attracted a great deal of curiosity to Americans, who might have only been able to have seen such images if Russia had shared theirs.

In 1964, Russia became the first nation to have launched two satellites, Elektron-1 and Electron-2, while just using one rocket.

In 1965, tragedy struck when the American rocket Atlas blew up on the launch pad, causing incredible damage. This terrible event sent a chill up many potential astronauts' backs. It re-emphasized the importance of safety precautions. Some feel that this accident was not quite that - that it may have very well have ended that way due to some astronauts not wanting to go along with a plan; in short, some feel they were assassinated by their very own government. It is not known what evidence such thoughts are based on, however, if any.

Russia too had a disaster related to safety at a different time, in which many engineers died. This had occurred several years prior. Nevertheless, over the years, Russia has shown itself to be much, much safer in its space flights and landings than America.

In the year that America's rocket was smoldering on the launch pad, on March 18, 1965, Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov took the first space walk, a ten-minute tethered excursion outside Voshkod 2. On June 3, 1965, Edward White II is the first American to walk in space on Gemini 4, though not as far out in space. He stayed out for 22 minutes.

In 1966, Neil Armstrong and other astronauts went in space aboard the Gemini VIII and Agina. They met amid outer space and docked. Later, a malfunction with Armstrong's rocket caused him to return to earth prematurely, but fortunately no one was injured.

Meanwhile in 1966, Russia became the first nation to have an unmanned space probe, the Lunar IX, to actually land softly on the moon. It transmitted pictures from its surface back to earth. Also in 1966, the Venera-3 became the first spacecraft to reach the surface of Venus. National symbols of the USSR were left there. In 1966, Russia had the first satellite put in orbit around the moon, the Lunar X space probe.

In 1967, Russia had the first two unmanned spacecrafts that automatically met in space then docked and undocked.

Also in 1967, tragedy struck three American astronauts who died while sitting inside a rocket. Their capsule burst into flames. The reason why it caught fire is largely unknown; it is thought to have started as the result of a spark of unknown origin that was somehow able to ignite the extremely well-insulated fuel tanks. Again, some feel that there may be more to this incident than we currently know.

In 1968, Russia's unmanned rocket Zond-5 became the first to travel around the moon and return back to earth unscathed. Russia was the first to have a manned spacecraft orbit the earth, Vostok, several years prior. Russia had already showed the world that it was the first to have an unmanned spacecraft, the Lunar IX, softly land on the moon, and now it showed the world that it could even have an unmanned spacecraft circle the moon and return, with Zond-5.

Why didn't Russia then send up a man on one of its spacecrafts to the moon? It would have seemed simple enough. I'll get to this later.

1969 - Again, Russia had another first: The first docking of manned spacecraft (Soyuz-4 and Soyuz-5), and crew transfer from one spacecraft to the other through open space.

1969 - Still another first for Russia occurred: The first formation flying of three manned spacecraft, Soyuz-6, Souyz-7

and Soyuz-8, during which they maneuvered relatively close to each other, with ground facilities providing simultaneous support for the three spacecraft.

Meanwhile, in America, the end of the decade was approaching. The late-President John F. Kennedy's dream was becoming just that: a dream. Violence gripped America, with the war in Viet Nam and racial riots across America's cities. America's leaders were desperately looking for "heroes" - some people to keep the public's minds off of the problems at home. America was looking for something to distract Americans from the failing policies. America's leaders wanted to show the world that its insane policies were a match to the highly educated Russians and their orderly society. While America's wars at home and abroad were causing much turmoil, America desperately needed some "pride" - anything for which to be proud.

Russians had wanted to go to the moon. However, there were many concerns with safety. The Van Allen Belts released a deadly radiation that could easily fry a person to death. Plus, the moon is 250,000 miles away - quite a distance. While I'm not familiar with how fast the rockets were, traveling at 1,200 miles per hour, it would be approximately a 20-day journey each way, provided there were no problems. Even at 2-3 times that speed, it would still be a difficult journey. The amount of fuel required would be staggering, with the added weight of people, food, air, supplies, etc. Yet somehow, these rockets managed to go much, much faster in a zero atmosphere with nothing with which to propel? Perhaps, the speed is possible, yet one cannot deny the deadly radiation rays out in space known as the Van Allen Belts.

One cosmonaut who was sent in far outer space reportedly experienced the Van Allen Belts harmful effects firsthand. According to various sources, while he left white, he came back black; he was cooked to a crisp due to the harmful radiation. This was despite heavy shielding to dissipate any rays, which did no good. Those who knew about this incident were reportedly devastated.

Then, suddenly, out of nowhere, as Americans and the rest of the world stood in front of their televisions, two astronauts stepped on the moon in 1969. Up until then, America was putting people about 400 miles away in orbit - far away from the harmful Van Allen Belts. But suddenly Americans made it into outer space - landing and walking on the moon - 250,000 miles away, no less?

In 1965, the U.S. made a fake moon landscape, which was used for testing a space vehicle. Some have suggested the scenery for the moon landing was faked. Could this have been it?

Russia seemed to continue to have "firsts" - except for the moon landing. On April 19, 1971, they had the first Space Station. The Soviets launch Salyut 1, the first orbiting space station. Salyut 1's original crew reportedly died during re-entry on June 30, 1971. Georgi Bobroevski, Vladislav Volkov, and Victor Patsayev had spent a new record of 23 days in outer space.

It wasn't for two more years that the first American Space Station - May 14, 1973 - was developed. The first American space station, Skylab, is damaged during launch. The first of three crews arrive 11 days later for a 28-day stay. They make in-orbit repairs and set records for time spent in space.

Russia had the first woman, Svetlana Savitskaya, to participate in a space walk on July 17, 1984. With her partner, Vladimir Dzhanibekov, she conducted welding experiments for over three hours outside the Soviet space station Salyut 7. Savitskaya had become the second woman to fly in space during a Soviet mission in 1982.

There were all these "firsts" by Russia. Yet Russia has yet to land a man on the moon? Why? While people seldom hear about it, nor do they listen even if so, Russian Cosmonaut Boris Volynov has gone on record saying that he does not believe that Americans landed on the moon. It seems he is far from the only one to think this way. Indeed, it is doubtful he is the only cosmonaut to feel this way.

Further, one astronaut - Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon - has confirmed some doubts. This is not to say that

he supports the contention that man did not land on the moon.

He is an astronaut, after all. He probably enjoys the notoriety. And you have to wonder if some of the past astronauts might have been given the death sentence for planning to go on record about such things? Or were there merely some bad "accidents"? Whatever the case may be, Armstrong is getting older. And he does seemingly admit that something is amiss.

Indeed, there is definitely something wrong here. If you take a moment to view video footage of the moon landing by U.S. astronauts from back in the 1960s, you'll notice that the dust kicked up by astronauts immediately settles down, just as if it was sand on the beach. Yet we all know that not only does the moon have less gravity, but it also has zero-atmosphere. Therefore, the moon dust should travel further given the force and little to counteract it. Yet, for some strange, unexplained reason, the moon dust resettles back to the ground at the same gravitational rate of 32 ft./sec. as the earth.

In a letter I received back from the astronaut Armstrong, which asked him about this strange fact of the same gravitational pull on both the moon and earth, the response I was sent surprisingly admitted that, yes, the gravitational pull should be different. Of course, Armstrong didn't come right out and admit that this was the case. That might be the death sentence for him - similar to what 3 other U.S. astronauts experienced in the 1960s when their simulated rocket mysteriously blew up during a ground test? Oh, it was just an accident? It makes you pause for a moment.

Now, of course, it looks like the race to Mars has begun. U.S. President George W. Bush has stated that, perhaps, man will walk on Mars by the year 2020. Bush stated that NASA may send astronauts to the moon again so that they may experience the effects of space travel shortly before sending them to Mars.

But if you look at the facts, you really have to wonder: Has man made it to the moon yet?

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## Get Stanton T. Friedman His Honorary Doctorate!

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 12:42:54 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 08:45:35 -0500  
Subject: Get Stanton T. Friedman His Honorary Doctorate!

Okay, I saw this in another thread here.

So after all these years let's figure out how to get Stanton T. Friedman an 'Honorary Doctorate' so we can finally call him 'Dr. Friedman' without him having to correct us in mid-lecture.

He deserves one I say!

I know there's a procedure somewhere and I'm sure Mr. Friedman has enough fans who have gone to umpteen colleges or even head colleges. After all he's done for mankind I'm sure we can all pitch together and find an accredited institution that would love to bestow upon him what he's been long overdue.

I'll start with my alma mater. Then I'll scour the procedures and colleges and see what pals I have who are heads of colleges. (Wait! I just realized I have 3 pals who are tops at 3 Ivy League schools!)

Hey, it's just a thought and a good way of paying back Stanton T. Friedman for what he's done for everyone.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Flying Humanoids - Yturria

From: **Santiago Yturria** <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 12:42:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 09:07:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flying Humanoids - Yturria

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 11:18:08 -0800  
>Subject: Flying Humanoids

>Unsolved: Flying Humanoids

>Mad Inventors? Several people saw a flying man over Chehalis,  
>Washington on January 6, 1948. Bernice Zaikowski was one of  
>them. She was soon joined by some schoolchildren who asked to  
>come into her garden to get a better view of the aerial mystery.  
>More from your Guide below

>The man, in an upright position, was hovering just 20 feet above  
>her barn, she estimated. He was apparently kept aloft by long  
>silver wings that were strapped to his body. He seemed to have  
>controls of some kind on his chest, which he worked to maneuver  
>himself with a lot of whizzing noise.

Here in Mexico those enigmatic flying humanoids have been seen  
and videotaped recently since March 2000 mainly in Mexico city,  
Tepoztlan and Cuernavaca.

One of the most famous cases of this next level phenomena is  
certainly the incident of a flying being over the pyramids in  
Teotihuacan in March 21, 1992 during the traditional  
celebrations. The insolit sigthing was witnessed by many people  
and also photographed by a reporter of the newspaper Ovaciones  
from Mexico city. The spectacular photo and the report were  
published the next day under the name of Strange Flying Object  
Over The Pyramids. The amazed witnesses named this flying being  
The Flying Angel.

This phenomena is extremely rare and hard to deal. You need to  
see the images to have an idea of the nature and characteristics  
of these humanoid shaped flying entities. We have the evidence  
but not a clue of what these flying things could be.

The Teotihuacan case as well as the others remain unexplained  
and represent a serious challenge to modern Ufology.

Santiago Yturria

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## Linda Cortile Re-Surfaces

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm.nul](mailto:lrgm.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 19:43:41 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 09:13:09 -0500  
Subject: Linda Cortile Re-Surfaces

Linda Cortile has just published a personal account of her abduction in French (Mon Cas: 30 Novembre 1989 - La Gazette Forteenne #2, 2003). It reads like a novel. Linda surely has improved her story-telling skills!

There are some new revelations on it. Unfortunately my French is not what it should be, so I only comment on the most surprising, to me, aspects.

Linda mentions a new witness - Fred, a driver of New York Post truck on the Brooklyn Bridge. I would like to know more about him, specially how he was not located earlier.

But the plot thickens. As you know the last version of her story refers to at least a dozen U.N. limos getting stopped at the intersection between South St and Catherine Slip. Dan, Richard and the Third Man travelling in the very first car (security guidelines non-withstanding).

Skeptics wondered why nobody saw them. But now, Linda explains:

"At the New York Post complex, a well-known journalist leaves a nearby bar. Too drunk to drive, he ask one of the drivers if he can drop him home. The driver answers that the lorries cannot move because there are several limos blocking the street. He even suspected that the big boss could be paying a visit to the newspaper"

Does anybody know the name of this witness and why he did not appeared before?

Another surprise is the strange odour that surrounded our three abductees on the street.

Now at least, we have a credible? explanation why the rest of the cavalcade continued the trip. Apparently, they looked inside the Third Man's limo, found nobody, and thought they had got aboard another car!

Against previous versions, this time Richard located her almost immediately, suspected they were abducted almost since the beginning, and they put Linda under surveillance. Surprisingly, they did not know she was meeting Budd Hopkins!!

I certainly would like to learn more details about all this.

Yours,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 12:50:21 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 09:59:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:14:00 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy.nul](mailto:gtmccoy.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 19:16:15 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

><snip>

>>Now I am fully prepared to have this incident as a hoax or an  
>>artifact of photography, but, I am also prepared to accept that  
>>if it is a craft, It may be piloted by a someone named Jock,  
>>Chuck or Zotz - could go either way. Who knows?

>maybe for once we could hazard a guess as to whether it is a "classic" UFO.

Whoa, Nellie! What's the big rush? Do you know something more  
about the photo than the rest of us?

>This means bite the bullet and pronounce ourselves as to it is  
>an extraterrestrial craft under intelligent control-or that it's  
>an IFO and then prove what the IFO is. Or at the very least  
>assign a high probability as to what it is.

As it stands now, it's an image of a train crossing with a  
blurry something-or-other in it. Maybe a flying saucer. If it  
is, it sure is a crappy photo of one, as there are dozens if not  
hundreds of better, clearer photos of flying saucers around. As  
for waving our wands over it and declaring it an alien  
spacecraft, what evidence is there of that? If we're going to  
call it alien, we might as well say where it's from and why  
they're here while we're at it, because we have just as much  
evidence to support those claims as the first, namely none.

Perhaps it would have been a little different had the  
photographer experienced something more (or even seen the  
"craft" in the photo), but he evidently didn't. And that would  
only add a tiny fraction of information to the question, and  
certainly not enough to draw any conclusions.

No, what we need to do is file this one away with the others  
determined to be "inconclusive," and get on with it. If more  
information comes to light, we'll review it, but at this point,  
there's nothing more to add.

Ufology needs to develop better time management skills.

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard.nul](mailto:vanguard.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 13:37:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:01:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Hebert

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 22:45:06 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard.nul](mailto:vanguard.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 00:06:32 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 14:17:16 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph  
><snip>

>>Please understand that I am not 'attacking' you, John. I just  
>>want to discuss your opinions about the object in this  
>>photograph.

>>I'm curious as to why you call it a "flying saucer", classic or  
>>otherwise. Since we are able to see the object from only one  
>>point of view or one side, why do you state it is a "domed-disc"  
>>or shaped like a "flying saucer"? For all we know, it could be  
>>cigar-shaped, triangular (with only one side visible),  
>>football-shaped, octogon-shaped, rectangular-shaped with rounded  
>>corners or perhaps some other shape.

>A brilliant observation. That is precisely why it is a UFO  
>- an Unidentified Fuzzy Object. I've found it kind of amusing  
>that after all this time that a fuzzy image on one frame of a  
>film without any known witnesses could stimulate all kinds of  
>instant rabid speculation.

>It somewhat reminds of when we had the case of the fellow who  
>did his cocaine in his wheelchair on a Pennsylvania hill. The  
>aliens intervened and he ended up in a tree, or so we were told.  
>There was a lot of speculation here in the early days of that  
>incident..... <g>

Thank you, Josh.

It's hard to know what an object in a photo is or is not but  
perceiving beyond what is visible is only speculation and  
interpretation, not analysis and research. This applies not only  
to potential UFOs that may be misinterpreted IFO's but also to  
IFO's that may be potential UFOs too quickly dismissed or  
misidentified. It works both ways.

In my work, I always strive to maintain an open mind and to  
remain as objective as possible. Although it seems like all I do  
is point out potential IFO's, for years now I have been  
analyzing declared UFO hoaxes and misidentifications looking for  
potential UFOs. Sometimes even the best images of potential UFOs  
are hastily dismissed or declared a hoax.

Many UFO believers resent me for pointing out potential IFO's  
where they see UFOs. When I share the flip side to my research,

the skeptics and debunkers (and probably those same 'UFO believers') will be jumping on my case for pointing out potential UFOs they have long since dismissed as hoaxes. But that's what research is all about.

This is why I continually emphasize the relationship between our perceptions and the interpretation of stimuli/data. Not only can our minds trick us into seeing things that are not there, therein also lies the potential for others to use this same process to trick us into not preceiving what is there.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 15:56:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:06:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Velez

>From: Dan Bright <[ufo.nul](mailto:ufo.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:12:14 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Bright

>List,

>I've posted two non-bicubic (genuine fractals algorithm)  
>enlargements on my site for the benefit of those who don't have  
>access to such image re-sampling software:

>Image and enlargements: <http://tinyurl.com/2espy>

>I also asked a friend of mine who is an expert in digital  
>photography (deputy editor of a leading digital photography  
>magazine here in the UK) to take a look at the image.

Hi Dan,

You wrote:

>He concluded that it appears to show characteristics that may be  
>consistent with image manipulation.

There is absolutely no evidence anywhere in the photo of  
'manipulation' of any kind. Your friend, whoever he is, fails  
to sign off on his own analysis which must have taken him all of  
five minutes. His analysis had to have been quick - and cursory,  
at best.

I can't believe that any graphics expert worth his salt would  
make the kind of unsubstantiated pronouncements that this fellow  
has made after conducting a 'careful' analysis of the photo.

It's real easy for him to a., declare himself an 'expert' b.,  
declare the photo a doctored hoax and then c., to very glibly  
state that "some people are bound to disagree" with his flip  
accusations and half-baked analysis. I'm not surprised he didn't  
put his name on it.

>Full analysis: <http://tinyurl.com/2x9be>

Twaddle! I have taken the time to post an example taken from the  
photo which refutes the claim of Mr. Anonymous that lighting and  
shadows are inconsistent between the crossing sign and the  
object in the sky.

"Expert" my eye!

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/WhatIsee/>

...and scroll to the last image on the page. Make up your own  
mind. So much for "anonymous experts" eh?

Regards,

John Velez

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## Re: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 16:05:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:28:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Stanford

>From: Tom Benson <[sparkle.nul](mailto:sparkle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:26:42 -0500  
>Subject: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004

>The subject Congress sponsored by The UFO/ET World Traveling  
>Museum and Library of Scientific Anomalies will occur on March 27  
>& 28, 2004 at the Days Inn, Route 206 & New Jersey Turn Pike  
>Exit # 7 North, near Bordentown, New Jersey.

>Confirmed speakers, brief description and their topics are:

<snip>

>Jay Soloman - Contactee from the Pleiades Star System for 11  
>years in the 1990's discusses his experiences

<snip>

With that guy's hogwash (I could have pointed out others on the program.) being promoted in a 'UFO Congress', serious UFO researchers need no other enemies. Shame on those promoting, or those aiding and abetting (by speaking at or attending) such a conference. Is it any wonder that in scientific circles, the subject remains laughable?

Be sure and watch out for those vampires from space, too! :)

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: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 13:32:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:30:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Hatch

>From: Tom Benson <[sparkle.nul](mailto:sparkle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:26:42 -0500  
>Subject: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004

>Dear List:

>The subject Congress sponsored by The UFO/ET World Traveling  
>Museum and Library of Scientific Anomalies will occur on March 27  
>& 28, 2004 at the Days Inn, Route 206 & New Jersey Turn Pike  
>Exit # 7 North, near Bordentown, New Jersey.

<snip>

Hello all:

I won't be attending. If anybody does, can you briefly advise us  
of the latest input from the Pleiades? I'd like to know a bit  
more about Vampires from Outer Space as well. I thought they  
were from 1930s Eastern Europe.

Thanks

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Are UFOs Real? - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 21:01:43 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:35:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? - Friedman

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 08:23:54 -0800  
>Subject: Are UFOs Real?

>WGNS Talk Radio

><http://www.1450wgns.com/>

>1-28-04

>Are UFOs Real?

>If you listen to Art Bell or George Noory overnight on WGNS.or  
>even to Chuck Harder's show in the daytime.you hear people ask  
>"are flying saucers real?"

>Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman will be in Murfreesboro next  
>Wednesday night for a talk at MTSU.

>Dr. Friedman says he has proof that we are not alone and that  
>flying saucers are real!

>James McGaha debates the opposite view.

>The FREE session will be in the State Farm lecture hall this  
>coming Wednesday night at 7:00 . [1-28-04] That's in the  
>Business-Aerospace building. To make it more interesting.Dr.  
>Stanton Friedman will be the guest Wednesday morning on the WGNS  
>Action Line.

>Call-in and ask him about alleged government cover-ups, alien  
>spacecraft and other X-file type topics of interest.

Just for the record, I definitely indicated that I did not have  
a PhD. The first caller insisted this UFO stuff was all the work  
of the devil. The second said it wasn't the work of the devil  
because she had seen one.....

The debate drew the biggest audience the Freethought Alliance at  
MTSU had ever attracted. Overflow. I will be on with Errol et al,  
on SDI tonight:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2004.html>

and will have available, soon, tapes of the debate.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: When UFOs Arrive - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 22:04:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:41:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: When UFOs Arrive - Friedman

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 10:43:44 -0700  
>Subject: When UFOs Arrive

>Source: Popular Mechanics Magazine

><http://popularmechanics.com/>

>February 2004

>When UFOs Arrive - What Will You Do?  
>By Jim Wilson

<snip>

Yet another case of a grossly misleading Jim Wilson UFO article in Popular Mechanics.....

My most recent MUFON Journal Column, submitted 10 days ago, dealt in detail with the inaccuracies and other things wrong with this piece.

Interesting that, as usual with their UFO articles, it was the cover story. Anybody reading the article will recognize that there is no secret world government program to deal with the alien encounter.

Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up is the operating principle for PM.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? -

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 12:26:29 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:43:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address? -

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 15:36:50 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

>>From: Mary Chapman <[alfie107.nul](mailto:alfie107.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 09:50:16 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Perhaps A 'State Of Ufology' Address?

><snip>

>>Okay... I'm just a lurker here, but enjoy immensely the  
>>information and banter! On this subject of a "State of Ufology",  
>>I just have to interject something if I may?

>>The last few days I have been thinking that perhaps, since there  
>>are SO many interested parties, including but not limited to  
>>'believers' and 'skeptics', and there are so many internet and  
>>radio links, why hasn't anybody come up with a 'UFO Channel' or  
>>network for TV?

>>I know there's the Sci-fi, TLC, History Channels, but none of  
>>them are geared specifically to Ufology.

<snip>

>One of the questions you have to answer is whether or not you  
>want to tie this study as a "science" to the profit motive. If  
>your goal is a pursuit of the "truth", then it doesn't make a  
>lot of sense to leave decisions on programming in the hands of  
>the group that can bring in the largest crowds. This is a  
>problem that most Symposiums face, since they have to attract a  
>large enough audience to re-coup costs and often have to invite  
>flamboyant speakers to bring in that crowd. Science,  
>unfortunately, is often left at the door.

>What we've seen is the evolution of thousands of "experts" on  
>the subject, who've all put their web pages. Some are good, and  
>some aren't, but we're left with making that judgement based on  
>our own beliefs and theories.

Hi Steve & List,

Steve you have raised an important point that should be  
highlighted, here, that being, at what cost do we attempt to  
attract the public to the UFO subject.

Over the last few decades there has been a general trend by the  
media away from hard nosed reporting and a huge swing of the  
pendulum towards infotainment. UFO research has not been spared  
this trend either.

Infotainment offers knowledge through sensationalism under the  
guise of keeping people informed and although the idea of  
educating and entertaining people simultaneously is not a new  
idea, when applied to UFO research it sometimes falls short of  
being done well.

Mixing high levels of human intrigue, drama, and sensationalism with unending story lines of alien abductions and conspiracy is beginning to take it's toll, I believe. Due to the UFO community's lingering fascination, these stories are never in short supply and there is hardly a UFO conference today that does not include a hearty smorgasbord of these morsels. (I can already hear much stomping of feet :>) ) I have organised conferences and seminars in Australia and ensured there was adequate supply of this information, but now I question my wisdom, at least, I am today.

If we want people to take this subject seriously then perhaps the UFO community might have to consider making some compromises to achieve it's short and long term goals, if there are indeed any in existence. Sometimes they can be quite blurry.

Although infotainment may bring some people to the UFO subject that otherwise may not pay attention to it, I wonder about it's impact and whether it's emergence may have accelerated the lingering decline of interest in the UFO subject, at least in Australia. This causes one to ponder at what price we displace good material for "bums on seats" or increased readership, and whether we are infotaining the subject to death?

A steady stream of sensationalistic news has adverse effects on public perceptions of the UFO subject creating distorted perceptions, levels of distrust and widespread confusion, perpetrating ignorance rather than learning and possibly further creating a diminished public interest.

Long term interests in this subject are maintained not by infotainment or for it's shock value (in fact this is a turn off to most seriously interested people I have spoken to) but through a balanced reporting of all aspects of Ufology.

An interest in the UFO subject takes years to cultivate and years to diminish, but once diminished it is not easily restored. This is why UFO researchers, magazines and conferences need to look at their subject matter and present it in a balanced and unsensationalistic manner so the UFO "consumer" will stay with it.

Perhaps one day when we truly gain an extraterrestrial perspective of this third rock from the Sun we might actually see the UFO community's own role in Ufology more clearly and whether we have actually moved it forward or held it back.

\*I apologise in advance for any insult to experiencers my comments may have created but in this email I am attempting to look at this challenge from the public perspective of the subject, not an experiencers.

Sheryl Gottschall

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## CI: Peculiar Reflective 'Something' At Opportunity

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 20:36:49 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:47:04 -0500  
Subject: CI: Peculiar Reflective 'Something' At Opportunity

Cydonian Imperative  
1-31-04

Peculiar Reflective "Something" at Opportunity Site  
by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html> (page 46)

Anomaly hunter Efrain Palermo, best-known for his ground-breaking study of Martian "seeps," thought by some to represent short-lived liquid surface water, has been carefully examining an anomaly located at the Opportunity rover's landing site. At first glance, the mirror-bright shape seen below looks rather innocuous -- until one realizes there's nothing remotely like it at either of the rover sites (or, for that matter, the locations examined by the Viking landers and 1997's Pathfinder).

[image]

A bright, three-dimensional formation greets Opportunity.  
Spacecraft debris? Life? Image courtesy Efrain Palermo.

Whatever it is, it appears three-dimensional, with a narrow extended "petal" casting a distinct shadow on the ground. One early explanation held that the strange shape was a digital processing artifact. But the formation is visible in several black-and-white rover photographs; whatever it is, it's a real object and not a "glitch" -- although some of its unusual brightness is probably due to light saturation.

Palermo considered the possibility that the conspicuous shape (or "flower," as it has become known among Internet anomalists) might be due to a fragment from the Opportunity landing craft. But since nothing is obviously wrong with Opportunity, this possibility seems remote. Also, the material comprising the lander's air-bags -- the most likely source of any terrestrially introduced "litter" -- is stronger than steel, tending to rule out the rover entirely.

So what is it? Some, including Palermo, think the bright object might be a form of Martian plantlife. The organic-looking "petal" supports this hypothesis. Plant or not, the so-called "flower" is exceptionally nagging. Forthcoming high-resolution color views will reveal the object in considerably better detail.

Palermo's website: <http://palermoproject.com>

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## Re: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[vanguard.nul](mailto:vanguard.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 22:58:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:49:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004 - Hebert

>From: Tom Benson <[sparkle.nul](mailto:sparkle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:26:42 -0500  
>Subject: The Great UFO/ET Congress Of 2004

>The subject Congress sponsored by The UFO/ET World Traveling  
>Museum and Library of Scientific Anomalies will occur on March 27  
>& 28, 2004 at the Days Inn, Route 206 & New Jersey Turn Pike  
>Exit # 7 North, near Bordentown, New Jersey.

>Confirmed speakers, brief description and their topics are:

<snip>

>Jay Soloman - Contactee from the Pleiades Star System for 11  
>years in the 1990's discusses his experiences

<snip>

>Rosemary Eileen Guiley - discusses Vampires from Outer Space

<snip>

Contactee from the "Pleiades Star System"? Vampires from outer space?!

No wonder the giggle factor is alive and well. No wonder I have  
to sort through tarot cards and astrology books to find UFO  
books at the book stores. Not wonder I feel like a fool for  
giving up my career to devote the last 12 years of my life to  
researching UFOs.

A. Hebert

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## Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:26:54 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:54:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 13 Jan 2004 10:52:56 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>From: Max Burns <[max.burns.nul](mailto:max.burns.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2004 13:28:03 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

>>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Jan 2004 20:59:29 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Reporter Claims UFO Over Home Of UK Tory Leader

><snip>

>>>What I find irritating about it is Howard's tired bleating ever  
>>>since. The story is clearly extremely irksome for him. "I may  
>>>have been in that night but I'm not sure." Of course the twerp  
>>>was in, it was 3:00 o'clock in the morning and he ought to  
>>>remember. And of course he knows what happened.

>>The likes of Howard will have a fully documented diary and a  
>>simple check of his diary would tell him if he was at home or  
>>away.

>>>As soon as I can steel myself for an attack of the silly beggars  
>>>(phone taps, messing about with my credit cards, strange visits  
>>>to my house etc) then I'm off to my MP who is Howard's PPS with  
>>>a whole list of questions for him to ask his master. If nothing  
>>>else, it will be an amusing ten minutes until I'm shown the  
>>>door.

>>Good luck, keep me informed how it goes

>I have now made an appointment to see my MP, Graham Brady, at  
>the end of the month.

>I shall indeed keep you informed.

Hi Max,

I went along to see my MP, Graham Brady, about the Burmarsh  
incident, this morning. If you recall, he is also Howard's PPS.

He seemed delighted I walked in, partly to relieve the tedium of  
a Saturday morning surgery but also because he sees the story as  
an opportunity to wind Mr. Howard up! I'm serious, he seemed to  
see acres of mileage in this to tease his boss.

My approach has, he acknowledged, caused him some discomfort  
because of his relationship with Howard, but he thought the best  
approach was for him to ask Howard directly.

He said, "You know what will happen if I write to the MOD.  
They'll deny any incident took place." He didn't feel it was  
appropriate to ask a question in the House but his companion,  
Stephanie Pool, a local councillor who presumably was acting as

his secretary, noticed from the article on the event that I brought in that the matter had been raised in the European parliament. This seemed to impress her.

I am delighted with the result. I think the approach Brady is going to take is the best option likely to produce an answer. Such was his enthusiasm that I felt I had to caution him not to "lunge" at Howard too aggressively with it as the story has obviously irritated him over the years.

Do I expect an informative answer? No. But you never know.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Are UFOs Real? - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[denzlerb.nul](mailto:denzlerb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 06:52:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:56:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? - Denzler

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 23:32:55 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real?

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 08:23:54 -0800  
>>Subject: Are UFOs Real?

>>WGNS Talk Radio

<snip>

>>To make it more interesting.Dr. Stanton Friedman will be the  
>>guest Wednesday morning on the WGNS Action Line.

>Frank,

>Stan Friedman is a very bright guy with a lot of knowledge and  
>experience, but he still is not a "Dr." (PhD)., and people

>should stop saying that.

>I have been awarded all sorts of "honorary PhDs" over the years,  
>presumably because someone like me, with a "mere" B.A. in  
>philosophy/math, is not supposed to sound so intelligent.

>But let's be accurate in our labelings.

I agree that accuracy in labeling is important, and as a person with a hard-earned Ph.D., I don't like to see the title awarded without justification. However, I've also known some folks who are not only very bright, but whose approach, ideas, and track record of solid accomplishment in their fields of interest match and can stand up to (and at times even surpass) anything the academic world has to offer from those of us who do really have Ph.D.'s. George Hansen is one, for instance. These are folks who, if they had chosen to (or been able to) go for a Ph.D., would certainly have been able to earn one -- and from one of the best degree-granting institutions, too. Not just from "Fly-By-Night U." or "Metaphysical- Touchy-Feely U."

Most folks who give you that label, I'll wager, have never paid attention to exactly what degree you got. To be awarded an "honorary Ph.D." (as you put it) is probably not a reflection of how intelligent you're not supposed to be with "only" a B.A., but a reflection of how intelligent and accomplished you *are*.\* That level and kind of accomplishment is (rightly or wrongly) often presumed to go along with advanced education.

So my doctoral hood's off to folks like George Hansen, Dick Hall, and Stan Friedman, who have done a lot of outstanding work in their fields. That doesn't mean I agree with them in every particular, but IMHO they've done very high-quality work. If these folks get mistaken for being Ph.D.s, I can see why.

Brenda Denzler, Ph.D.

(honestly!)

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## 'Opportunity' Says It Is Driving on Mars

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 05:02:35 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:57:49 -0500  
Subject: 'Opportunity' Says It Is Driving on Mars

Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.co.uk/newsArticle.jhtml?type=scienceNews&storyID=4254452&section=news>

31 January, 2004

Rover Opportunity Says It Is Driving on Mars

By Gina Keating

PASADENA, Calif. (Reuters) - The rover Opportunity signaled to NASA scientists on Saturday that it has driven onto the surface of Mars to begin a mission to explore the planet's geological history and search for signs of water.

Engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena checked the rover's systems before pressing a computer button at 12:26 a.m. PST (3:26 EST/0826 GMT) that sent the rover a sequence of commands.

About 90 minutes later, JPL's mission control center erupted in cheers and strains of "Going Mobile" by The Who when a signal from the rover indicated that it had begun its drive onto the martian surface.

"The vehicle should already be on the surface at this time ... we have probably already executed egress," mission manager James Erickson said.

The team had to wait another 90 minutes for confirmation from the orbiter Odyssey that Opportunity had safely negotiated the 10-foot (3-meter) drive forward down a reinforced cloth ramp to the planet's surface.

The six-wheeled rover was ordered to beam photos of its new position in the Meridiani Planum to the orbiter Odyssey, which was scheduled to pass overhead at about 3:20 a.m. PST (6:20 a.m. EST/1120 GMT).

"We expect to see pictures of the lander without the rover on it and the ground in front of us," Erickson said.

Mission control "woke" Opportunity for the drive off its landing pad on its seventh martian day, or sol 7, at 8:05 p.m. PST (11:05 p.m. EST/0405 GMT) with Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run."

Mission control directed the rover to fire a pyrotechnic device that cut the last cable holding it to the lander, and to move forward about 4 inches to test its mobility systems in a maneuver known as an "egress bump."

"All subsystems are reporting that they are ready," Erickson said. "Everything is going fine with the vehicle. Nobody sees any reason to slow down."

The command sequences sent to Opportunity and its twin rover, Spirit, are boosted into space from Pasadena mission control by Deep Space Network dishes in California, Spain and Australia.

The golf cart-sized Spirit and Opportunity are each equipped with a mobile laboratory of geologic tools designed to search for evidence that the barren martian surface was once wetter, and possibly more hospitable to life, than it is now.

Opportunity has moved through its landing and exit nearly twice as fast as Spirit, which landed on the other side of the planet on Jan. 3 and rolled off its lander onto Gusev Crater 12 martian days, or sols, later.

Opportunity landed on Jan. 24 inside a small crater - 66 feet wide and 10 feet deep - a short distance from an outcropping of pale bedrock that scientists believe holds clues to Mars' geologic and climatic history.

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## UFO Spotted Over Kineton UK

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 05:09:00 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:00:32 -0500  
Subject: UFO Spotted Over Kineton UK

Source: The Courier - Warwick, UK

<http://www.warwicktoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=693&ArticleID=732571>

Saturday 31 January 2004

A UFO was spotted by a south Warwickshire mum on Wednesday morning.

It hovered over Kineton at 7.50am and a nearby aeroplane seemed to disappear as it approached the object.

Clare Reed, 29, of Lodge Farm near Compton Verney, caught the strange aircraft on her camera as she took her two sons to school. She said: "It looked really bizarre - like a huge flame with a wispy bit at the top and a black dot in the middle. I've never seen anything like it in my life."

Ms Reed's two sons Jamie, 13, and Jacob, 12, were in the car with her and were equally baffled by the sighting.

Ms Reed said: "They said 'wow, it's an alien', and we sat and watched for two minutes, trying to figure out what it was. "There could be a perfectly logical explanation, but I don't have a wild imagination. I just don't know what it was. "

Ms Reed drove her car down the lane to try to get a better look, but she lost sight of the UFO.

If you saw it, call the news room on 457725.

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## Of Hubble SETI & UFOs FWIW

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[denzlerb.nul](mailto:denzlerb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 07:48:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:06:28 -0500  
Subject: Of Hubble SETI & UFOs FWIW

In the course of my work, I have the opportunity to travel from time to time. Recently, I chanced to meet a person who had a bunch of memorabilia from the Hubble space telescope project.

The nature of the things he had on display indicated that he had worked on that project for awhile, so I asked him about it. He told me what his role had been, and then discussed the impending closure of the project and whether the announcement was more a political strategy to get more funding from Congress rather than a reflection of any reality.

I then told him that I'd written my dissertation on UFOs and the UFO community (one of his eyebrows went up at this point), and said that those folks kept their fingers on the pulse of programs like the Hubble, because they were very interested in our (overt, anyway) space exploration programs.

He then told me that before he'd worked on the Hubble, he had been at another well-known place of employment (which I shan't mention here so as to make it difficult for people to track him down by looking for his work history, should there be moles among us).

While there, he came in contact with people working on different "top, top, top secret" projects, the nature of which he could only surmise given the kind of contact he had with them. One day he was talking to one of those people and this person said, "I'll just tell you this: There's something out there." And this person pointed upward as he said it.

At this point I emphasized that when it comes to UFOs, we have too many high-quality sightings, with multiple independent witnesses and simultaneous instrumented data, to believe that nothing is going on. And I said that one has to admit that there's a lot of foolishness that attaches itself to the subject of UFOs, and a lot of religious or quasi-religious, perhaps wishful, thinking that gets wrapped up with it, but there is, nevertheless, that hard core of evidence to consider. He said yes, reliable evidence.

But, I pointed out, in relation to his contact's statement, the question is, "It's one thing to say there's something out there. It's another, entirely, to suggest that what is out there, has come here." He agreed. He said that based on his knowledge of this person's project (the basis for which he described in one or two words), he thought it was probably something like the SETI project. Then he made a joke about losing his job because of telling me this. My immediate thought, which I kept to myself, was that SETI is about listening, and what he had described could also be used for broadcasting/transmitting, or for tracking something, or.....

Several years ago, when a friend found out that I was working on a UFO-related dissertation, she said that her friend's husband had been working for several years as part of a team under a government contract to figure out how we would communicate with an alien race.

Makes you wonder if SETI is a front organization, and real

contact has already been made. When the Powers That Be decide to let the cat officially out of the bag, will SETI be the "front man" for doing so?

It also makes you wonder how much of the cat we actually have in the bag, and whether there may not be different parts of the cat contained in different bags - the holders of any one bag-with-parts being unknown to those who hold still other parts and all thinking (mistakenly) that they themselves have the only, the full, and the complete cat.

If it should appear to be fiscally or politically necessary for one bag-holder to let their part of the cat out (which they may erroneously believe is the whole cat), could it precipitate, in self-defense as public opinion creates a groundswell of support for massive funding for that bag-opening group, a chain reaction of bag openings?

Or, perhaps some of the bag-holders have a sketchy awareness that other folks elsewhere in the political/military/research complex seem to have bags with something in them. In the battle for financial and other resources to continue their work, they want to know who their competitors are for the resources, so they snoop. One good way to snoop is to keep your ear tuned to the UFO community, where tidbits of info from insiders (or former insiders) periodically surfaces. Like the conversation I've just related to you all.

I realize that this all falls under the category of "yet another unofficial tidbit about alien life" that cannot be verified... all the more so because I am withholding details about this person that might enable him to be identified by someone who really wanted to track him down. But I guess I see it as kind of like throwing another bean into the pot. By itself, not very nourishing. But when we put all the beans into the pot together, an interesting stew seems to present itself for our consideration.

So, for what it's worth, there it is. My bean for the day. (Ha! In this case, it's a human bean! - Pah-dump-DUMP!)

Brenda

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## Has A UFO Ever Killed A Diesel Engine?

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 08:16:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:16:18 -0500  
Subject: Has A UFO Ever Killed A Diesel Engine?

Have UFOs ever been reported to kill a diesel engine?

Eleanor White

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## Abductions And Twin Pregnancies?

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm.nul](mailto:lrgm.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 14:51:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:24:08 -0500  
Subject: Abductions And Twin Pregnancies?

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm.nul](mailto:lrgm.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Nov 2003 17:35:22 +0100  
>Subject: Abductions And Twin Pregnancies

>Reading Preston Dennett's "UFOS over Topanga Canyon" (p. 84) I  
>came across the following statement:

>(...) "In fact, UFOs have shown a great interest in pregnant  
>women, and there are several cases on record involving them,  
>particularly women who are pregnant with twins and then  
>mysteriously lose one of the fetuses".

>I have never heard about that, and I considered myself quite  
>versed in abduction literature.

>Can anybody point me to those cases on record?

Last November I asked about twin pregnancies, but nobody provide  
any leads. Now, I have come across another mention of this  
alleged incident in The Alien Abduction Survival Guide, by  
Michelle LaVigne p. 18:

"The missing twin syndrome (which is described in medical  
textbooks -Ed.) is not an uncommon occurrence for abductees.

When my second child was born, she weighed just over six pounds,  
but the placenta was nine pounds. It was divided, as if it had  
developed for twins. It even had two umbilical cords. But where  
was the other baby?

Many abductees' mothers tell stories about how the doctor  
insisted the abductee was going to be twins, but when the time  
came, the doctor was wrong."

Can somebody help me to estimate the number of "Many abductee's  
mothers...".

Curiously, later on LaVigne writes (p. 76):

"Some people believe that this process (replacement of the human  
race effected by crossbreeding until the two races are indistin-  
guisable) is already underway (...) Our children will be next  
and so on (I wonder if this is why my daughter has 13 complete  
sets of ribs?)."

Reading LaVigne's book I am reminded of an earlier book I read  
several years ago, Secret Vows: Our Lives with ETs, by Denise  
Rieb & Bert Twiggs. Can anybody tell me more about the authors  
and their present whereabouts?

Thanks in advance,

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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## Witness Frustration

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:04:33 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:28:07 -0500  
Subject: Witness Frustration

Don't you hate it when you've got a UFO witness and they won't talk?

What I mean is they won't tell the authorities or the public what they've told you in private. You know their story is true as it is the lynchpin to this debacle but for some reason known only to the muses they won't talk.

Sometimes it's not one, it's two or more witnesses.

What's perplexing is these same people would fight you to the death if you told them they were lying, if you disrespected their favorite Aunt Bea's cornbread recipe, and Heaven help you if you tell them that catfish wasn't big enough to swallow a preacher's cat.

Now you're left to finding out what they're afraid of.  
Government? Embarrassment?

These same people have various awards for bravery both military and civilian. They'll even dress up in a silly costume during any harvest parade. So it ain't embarrassment nor government nor anything logical a fellow with a good night's sleep can figure out.

Just another day in Ufology.

Best,  
Greg

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Bright

From: Dan Bright <[ufo.nul](mailto:ufo.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 16:13:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:29:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Bright

>From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 15:56:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>He concluded that it appears to show characteristics that may be  
>>consistent with image manipulation.

Hello John,

>There is absolutely no evidence anywhere in the photo of  
>'manipulation' of any kind.

What do you make of the missing 'fringe'?

>Your friend, whoever he is, fails to  
>sign off on his own analysis

I've pointed out the reason behind the anonimity issue in a  
reply to a previous poster. I hope to post his full details here  
in due course.

>Twaddle! I have taken the time to post an example taken from the  
>photo which refutes the claim of Mr. Anonymous that lighting and  
>shadows are inconsistent between the crossing sign and the object  
>in the sky.

I'll ask him to elaborate on the lighting issue, and point him  
in the direction of your examples.

Regarding your Bryce 3D comparison, I particularly liked that -  
I was going to try it myself but you beat me to it. Might I  
also suggest, however, that this demonstrates how it is possible  
to create such images with relative ease, hence the need for  
extreme caution in accepting any image (especially digital) as  
definitive evidence of UFO.

>Make up your own  
>mind. So much for "anonymous experts" eh?

If you want my personal opinion (for what it's worth), I  
wouldn't declare the case a 'hoax' based on this analysis alone.  
The image was examined for specific indicators, and some  
characteristics were found that are consistent with what might  
be expected had the image been subject to manipulation (in his  
view). Naturally, I fully accept that a thorough investigation  
of the witness and sighting (including more rigorous image  
analyses than the preliminary findings reported here) would be  
needed to draw any definitive conclusions vis-a-vis the case per  
se.

Best,

Dan

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## Roswell UFO & TV's 'Space Patrol'

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:16:13 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:32:23 -0500  
Subject: Roswell UFO & TV's 'Space Patrol'

For Giggles And Ships...Roswell UFO & TV's "Space Patrol"

Several years ago I and my pals of at an aircraft club marvelled at the craftsmanship of several companies that put out model toys.

Some fly, some are for display, but all are good fun to put together for one's own enjoyment or as a group or family project. Any model maker on this list will agree.

I of course had to point out the cool 'Roswell' model from Testor's. If I recall it was a combination of descriptions forensically extracted and authorized by someone or some committee with real Roswell witnesses who's testimony lead to it's authenticity.

A very, very cool model kit.

Yet what made me giggle was while I was looking for rare model kits, I ran across a model only you folks who grew up in the 50's would recall. It was a spaceship from the old "Space Patrol" television show. The ship is called the 'Vindicator' and I and my pals couldn't help but laugh at how similar it looked to the new 'Roswell' ship from Testors.

Then we had that 'Twilight Zoney' feeling....

Look at who put together that 'Space Command' show, check the credits.

That's all I'll say for now. A good exercise in investigating.

btw for you nostalgics, here's a 'Space Patrol' fan site:

<http://www.solarguard.com/sphome.htm>

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Russia Surpasses Americans In Space Race -

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 09:09:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:34:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Russia Surpasses Americans In Space Race -

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 09:39:06 -0800  
>Subject: Russia Surpasses Americans In Space Race

<snip>

>But if you look at the facts, you really have to wonder: Has man  
>made it to the moon yet?

What I remember from moon video footage are these things:

1. The movements of the space-suited astronauts suggested to me that they were in a lower gravity environment than on Earth.
2. The dry soil spinning off the wheels of the rover vehicles did not diffuse into dust clouds, as would have been the case on Earth. Instead the particles fell swiftly back to the surface.
3. The U.S. flag, suspended from an L-shaped mast, appeared to me to mechanically oscillate, rather than flap in a continuous breeze.
4. The moon surface camera shots of the lift off to rejoin the lunar orbiters show exhaust characteristics which clearly looked like the rocket motor was exhausting into a vacuum. The rocket motor size did not appear large enough to lift the vehicle so quickly in Earth's gravity.

I'd bet the moon missions were genuine, in spite of the anomalies in the images being used to support the faked mission hypothesis.

Eleanor White

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## Re: New European UFO Survey - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 16:20:31 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:35:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: New European UFO Survey - McGonagle

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 16:22:38 -0000  
>Subject: Re: New European UFO Survey

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg.nul](mailto:Lehmborg.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 18:40:54 -0600  
>>Subject: New European UFO Survey

<snip>

>impressed by it. I am cc: 'ing the contact email address with  
>this post, BTW. If I get any response, I'll let the list know.

I received the following message - presumably in response to my  
previous UpDates post:

Joe  
----- Original Message -----  
From: "Echo" <[Echo.nul](mailto:Echo.nul)>  
To: <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2004 4:08 PM  
Subject: EUS

Dear sir

Thank you for your interest in EUS.  
As mentioned in our website the contact is at:  
[echo.nul](mailto:echo.nul) not anywhere else.

You will get more info after two weeks, the time to update in  
four languages the texts, and manifesto. We will explain all  
that on ufoupdates list in due time.

(The name you mentioned on UUD List is of the data processing  
technician.)

Sincerely:

Stefan de VEER  
EUS/Switzerland

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## Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg.nul](mailto:Lehmborg.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:18:070600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:38:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph - Lehmborg

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 12:50:210600  
>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jan 2004 19:14:000400  
>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy.nul](mailto:gtmccoy.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates Toronto"<[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 19:16:150800  
>>>Subject: Re: Whittlesea Australia UFO Photograph

>><snip>

>>>Now I am fully prepared to have this incedent as a hoax or an  
>>>artifact of photography, but, I am also prepared to accept that  
>>>if it is a craft, It may be piloted by a someone named Jock,  
>>>Chuck or Zotz could go either way. Who knows?

>>maybe for once we could hazard a guess as to whether it is a  
>>"classic" UFO.

>Whoa, Nellie! What's the big rush? Do you know something more  
>about the photo than the rest of us?

I think Don just wants to cut to the chase - like many of the  
rest of us. Other than being one of the braver persons willing  
to look the evidence right in the teeth and go where the data  
goes (and so more knowledgeable than most persons with regard to  
your concern) he's willing to step over the hurdle of \*fretting\*  
on whether they exist or not... and just go to the next level of  
accepting that theyare- real... advancing our culture in that  
very likely rewarding or expanded direction.

>>This means bite the bullet and pronounce ourselves as to it is  
>>an extraterrestrial craft under intelligent control-or that it's  
>>an IFO and then prove what the IFO is. Or at the very least  
>>assign a high probability as to what it is.

>As it stands now, it's an image of a train crossing with a  
>blurry something-or-other in it. Maybe a flying saucer.

If it does turn out to be a levitating Andy Roberts on one of  
his astral projections of research confabulation and not a  
UFO... does one take that to be evidence against a ufological  
reality? Does the aforementioned take satisfaction in the  
affirmation of same?

>If it  
>is, it sure is a crappy photo of one, as there are dozens if not  
>hundreds of better, clearer photos of flying saucers around.

I'm reassured by a crappy photo, only discovered after the fact  
by professional persons using best professional practice-  
persons not prone to risking gainful employment misusing

company equipment to perpetrate a fraud, and otherwise competent instruments of observation in the tradition of Dr. Hynek's thoughtful description of same. On the other hand, Andy Roberts would produce a \*wonderful\* photograph, decidedly less-reassuring...

>As  
>for waving our wands over it and declaring it an alien  
>spacecraft, what evidence is there of that?

After one accepts that there are \*alien\* (whatever that might mean...) spacecraft (and very reasonably I add, given the massive-evidence) another quality picture of one is just another quality picture of one... There is massive evidence (and ones argument is not with me but with vetted others...) that UFOs exist... this qualifies a quality picture of a UFO. If the picture turns out to be one of Andy Robert's fulminating FUBARS, UFOs still-exist (!)... given the massive evidence quantified and qualified by the aforementioned plethora of vetted persons, and further accepted by reasonable people everywhere.

>If we're going to  
>call it alien, we might as well say where it's from and why  
>they're here while we're at it,

That's nonsense, hossa! There's plenty of stuff that is observable and accepted by us as real, but we don't have a clue of "where", "why," or "how." Examples from Dr. Rudiak's parallel thread might be gravitation, electricity, magnetism, supernova, blackholes, evolution, etc., etc. An acceptance of the observed does not demand total understanding of the observed, it seems to me.

>because we have just as much  
>evidence to support those claims as the first, namely none.

The evidence for UFOs is huge... and please remember that the argument is not with me.

>Perhaps it would have been a little different had the  
>photographer experienced something more (or even seen the  
>"craft" in the photo), but he evidently didn't.

That's reassuring, actually (I think), and a plus in a tally of verity.

>And that would  
>only add a tiny fraction of information to the question, and  
>certainly not enough to draw any conclusions.

There are those who jump to conclusions, of course, but then there are the unheralded ones who won't even be dragged to one! It may be that many who jump are provoked by the ones who won't be dragged, too.

>No, what we need to do is file this one away with the others  
>determined to be "inconclusive," and get on with it. If more  
>information comes to light, we'll review it, but at this point,  
>there's nothing more to add.

UFOs are real, regardless, and it is that acceptance that we should be getting on with. Tedious discussions regarding whether they exist or not remain describing a circular path not showing significant progression in over 50 years.

>Ufology needs to develop better time management skills.

Ufology needs to be first accepted as a logical extension of going where a massive amount of data leads before we need to argue on the quality of its skills.

[Lehmberg.nul](#)

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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.

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <[Lehmberg.nul](mailto:Lehmberg.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 10:23:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:50:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? - Lehmberg

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 21:01:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real?

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 08:23:54 -0800  
>>Subject: Are UFOs Real?

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>><http://www.1450wgns.com/>

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>and will have available, soon, tapes of the debate.

Alright! I can't WAIT for the show tonight! Please keep us up to  
date on tape availability... I want to write about it! I \_know\_  
there's an Ode in it! <g>

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## Re: Are UFOs Real? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:46:30 EST  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 11:53:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? - Boone

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Don't you love it when a skeptic or debunker's first scientific  
explanation for UFOs focuses on 'The Devil', demons, and other  
mythological characters?

I used to get this type of explanation on a daily basis.

It made me think however the mindset of a vast number of folks  
to whom any real scientific is some sort of threat to their  
belief system.

Take a look at 100 years ago. Look at what our forebears thought  
of reality and what science brought forth. Seems they were kind  
of silly back then. Then take a look 1,000 years ago. It was  
part of the scientific regimen to get burned at the stake or  
drawn and quartered for every scientific advancement that came  
about.

For the past 50 years people who might have suggested life on  
other worlds, alien visitations ( nevermind the fact that you  
can look up into the sky and see the trillions of stars ) got a  
fellow tossed into a mental institution, unemployed, beaten up,  
ostracized and downright kicked out of the local poker club.

You don't get this with orthodox Judaism, Islam, Hindu, Buddhism  
or real down home middle east Christianity. You only get this  
foolishness from the Westernized Fundamentalists who vehemently

oppose any viewpoint that might interfere with fundraising.

Go figure?

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Review Of 'Sight Unseen' By Hopkins & Rainey -

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 17:43:34 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 15:18:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Review Of 'Sight Unseen' By Hopkins & Rainey -

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2004 11:25:25 -0500  
>Subject: Review Of 'Sight Unseen' By Hopkins & Rainey

>Just as an FYI, I just read a great review of Budd Hopkins' and  
>Carol Rainey's new book, "Sight Unseen: Science, UFO  
>Invisibility and Transgenic Beings," NY: Atria Books, 416 pp.  
>\$25

>It is published in the February/March 2004 issue of 'UFO'.

<snip>

>I highly recommend reading Sight Unseen, and be sure to buy a  
>copy of UFO while you're at it.

To Katharina and all,

Yes, I am reading the book, and I also feel it's an important  
one. It is not an easy read, but it is worth reading carefully.

It is with this kind of book that ufology is making progress.

Congratulations to Budd and Carol Rainey, whom I had the  
pleasure of meeting, a few years ago, in San Marino, Italy.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: New European UFO Survey - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 17:47:47 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jan 2004 15:20:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: New European UFO Survey - Bourdais

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
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>>New European Science group:- EUS European UFO Survey

><snip>

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

>>This is just newly on line, I'm told, and fairly simple at the  
>>moment. It is available in four languages. The scuttlebutt is  
>>that the members are very well connected... Does anyone have any  
>>additional details?

>The domain is registered to a Gregory Pillet with an address in  
>Paris (France). Perhaps one of our French subscribers can  
>provide more information?

Hello,

I just know that this site is under construction.

The announcement was premature.

Please, just wait and see.

Gildas Bourdais

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>ROUNDUP MYSTERY VAN CAUGHT ON FILM

Anyone wishing to see the image of the van it is now on the website with the bulletin at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v09/rnd0904.shtml>

My thanks to Steven for getting the bulletin out to the List (Just like old times Steven <g>). My computer stopped working last Tuesday and I have been forced to check my mail either at work or on another person's computer. It will be a few weeks before I can get things sorted out and site updates might be delayed until then.

Best wishes,

John Hayes

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