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>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 11:10:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 13:56:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>>A shameful waste of money and resources is what it it was/is,
>>Kyle. But it wasn't my buck so I can't complain.

>If by "shameful" you mean that the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo
>program never fed the hungry, or clothed the naked, I must
>agree. Of course, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked
>still seems to be a very low priority for this government, yet
>we stopped sending men to the moon long ago. If by waste of
>money and resources you mean that despite the high cost it
>failed to advance our understanding of manned space flight, or
>failed to produce any seriously useful information, I would
>disagree. Your second statement appears to contradict your
>first, unless you mean that I should ignore your first.

Heck, no, Kyle.

You have me wrong. By shameful waste I refer to the lost
opportunity to return to the Moon. The momentum was lost. I hung
on every mission back then, and was profoundly disappointed when
the Moon was abandoned. As a matter of fact I held with "baa
humbug" when the "money better spent on social housing programs"
and "handing out money to those who chose not to work"
arguments were trotted out, Scrooge that I am.

The prosperity that the space race brought to the western
cultures is incalculable.

I wanted more, not an end.

Hope this eases you mind.

Don Ledger

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 02:18:13 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 06:44:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 16:37:35 -0700
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:12:33 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>>Those who are interested must use their judgement to assess how
>>>accurate they think Arnold's report might have been.

>>The fact is John, there would have been no one else that Arnold
>>could have had as a passenger in his Callair that day, who could
>>have been better qualified to say what Arnold encountered.
>>Arnold was in his element and was the expert witness. Who else
>>would you suggest?

>It shouldn't be forgotten that there was a second witness to
the "Arnold" sighting, namely the prospector, Fred Johnson of
Portland. He viewed one of the UFOs through his prospector's
telescope for quite a few seconds, and got a closer view than
Arnold. After he wrote his letter to the Air Force about it, he
was interviewed by the FBI, who in their letter described him as
"a very reliable individual."

Ah yes Jim,

I have the documents somewhere as a matter of fact. But the
point I was making-or at least endeavoring to do so, and
probably very poorly at that, was that this was from Arnold's
point of view and within his frame of references. He was
observing these as a pilot with whatever experience and
knowledge that could bring to the table. I believe that this is
why that case remains solid to this day. Arnold eliminated much
of the chaff right from the git go.

At any rate what John Harney refers to as Sacred UFO Mysteries
or "classic UFO cases" is neither here nor there. It's an
attempt, only, to lessen the validity of a case that hasn't yet
been solved. If you can't debunk it, ridicule it. Add to the
giggle factor. And incidentally, pelicans were never a reasonable
explanation to be considered - proffered by a rank amateur
to begin with.

But you bring up a good point, now that you mention it Jim.
Ain't it strange that a pilot reports these objects and then it
is independently verified by a witness on the ground. Two
witnesses, each of whom had no knowledge of the other's presence
or report.

Don Ledger

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 08:27:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Sigh, John,

>>That is a whole other argument - albeit a dubious one; Arnold's
>>was not a single-witness sighting - from the one you were
>>advancing. In the original one, we were to believe that the
>>sighting was potentially explainable even by the most far-
>>fetched hypotheses (using the word very loosely here; we're
>>really talking frantic wing-flapping, in this instance in the
>>most literal sense).

>There were other reports of UFOs in the same general area for
>that day, but there is no good reason to believe that they were
>the same things that were seen by Arnold.

Fred M. Johnson independently saw the same objects, from all
available evidence. The Air Force found his testimony credible
and deemed his sighting genuine and unexplained.

>You only say hypotheses are far fetched if they would help to
>solve the mystery. As I have said, the validity or otherwise of
>the various hypotheses depends to a great extent on how accurate
>Arnold's recollections of his sighting were.

Interesting how time validated the accuracy of the Arnold
sighting, which seemed so exotic and out of the ordinary at the
time. A comparable sighting today would be barely noted, except
perhaps by a researcher specializing in pilot reports.

>>Now, however, you're shifting ground and acting more like the
>>guy who goes on with his life without heeding Claim X, thus (by
>>Marcello Truzzi's formulation) the guy with nothing to prove.
>>But of course until I challenged you, you were making claims
>>about the case - as you did as well in the Magonia review of my
>>Strange Skies book, where you chided me for failing to accept
>>assorted pelicanist versions of sightings, prominently
>>including Arnold's.

>I don't expect you or anyone else to accept any particular
>explanations, it's just that I think it is irrational to dismiss
>them without serious consideration just because they don't
>appeal to you.

This is, of course, an argument that partakes of silliness,

self-serving, and irrelevance in equal measure. It is not that efforts to assign prosaic explanations are unacceptable (for God's sake, John, re-read - or maybe read for the first time - my book Strange Skies, which you reviewed in Magonia 85, where prosaic explanations, but good and convincing ones this time, are applied to some other famous Arnold-era sightings). This is a particularly tiresome pelicanist rhetoric technique, and I would urge you to abandon it forthwith except that without it you'd be forced into silence, and none of us wants that.

What is objectionable, as I'm sure every reader of this thread grasps, is the pelicanists' insistence on allegedly prosaic explanations - though it's debatable whether supersonic pelicans comprise a prosaic explanation - when they manifestly aren't functional. The pelicanist obsession with Arnold, one infers, has to do with the "implicit assumption ... that if this seminal report falls to mundane accounting, all that follows is similarly susceptible," as I've written on my chapter on Arnold in Strange Skies. In this sense Arnold's now-rather-ordinary sighting represents a significant threat to the fragile theoretical framework of pelicanism.

In order not to bore readers with the inevitable response to the above, let me make the obvious clear enough even to the John Harneys of the world: A convincing, well-argued, serious counterinterpretation of Arnold's sighting is not only acceptable but welcome. That is not the issue. The issue is the desperate clinging to absurd or otherwise unworkable hypotheses, for no other purpose than to render the sighting unanomalous, by UFOphobes. This approach is no more serious than that of the credophiles who demand that every sighting be of a major anomaly, even when good evidence (or even common sense) suggests otherwise. The fundamental frivolity of John Harney's position is discussed at the end of this posting.

>>It is also a bizarre claim to be made by a Magonian. You have >>spent years making negative claims about UFO reports and >>witnesses. Your sudden retreat into agnosticism-bordering-on->>indifference is, shall we say, surprising. Or maybe not, since >>convenience and shifting ground play such a notable role in >>pelicanist polemic.

>I have not changed my views at all; I have always adopted a >logical and consistent approach to the subject, though I must >admit that in the early years I was sometimes a little too >credulous.

"Logical"? "Consistent"? How about "orthodoxy-affirming at any cost"? About that, anyway, you have been consistent. "Credulous" I take to mean what other people would judge mere open-mindedness, a posture of which no one will hold you guilty anymore. So you can relax, John. Nobody thinks your head holds any heretical thoughts.

>>>What is being claimed - by some people - in this case is that >>>Arnold actually saw some aircraft traveling at supersonic speed >>>at a time when no such craft existed anywhere on Earth. I think >>>most people would regard that as an extraordinary claim.

>>Huh? UFO reports are certainly interesting, but they were made >>before Arnold's sighting, and millions have been made since. Far >>from being extraordinary, they are not even that unusual >>anymore. "Extraordinary" is simply an adjective you're using so >>that you can, I take it, dismiss the report because poor Ken >>Arnold was unable to produce wreckage, machinery, or bodies.

>I have already explained that Arnold's report was extraordinary >because he estimated that the objects were travelling at >supersonic speeds. As you will probably agree that they were not >meteors, then such a sighting can reasonably be described as >extraordinary. It's really quite simple and logical, so I don't >know why you are making it seem so difficult.

Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary. They are quite ordinary in human experience and comprise a significant number of the totality of UFO reports. What's so difficult about conceding that rather obvious point?

>>Certain theories (such as Klass's superplasma, Meade Layne's >>etheric entities, Easton's supersonic pelicans) may arguably be

>>termed extraordinary, but UFO sightings themselves hardly fit
>>that definition. Whatever UFOs may or may not be, they are an
>>ordinary enough phenomenon of general human experience.

>The sightings are generally not extraordinary, but the claims
>made about them by many ufologists certainly are.

Not only by ufologists, but by pelicanists and other extremists.
Somehow, though, the latter psychosocial response to the
phenomenon manages not to attract the attention or interest of
self-described psychosociologists. Strange, that. Of course it
is always painful to have to subject one's own favored beliefs
to skeptical scrutiny.

>>Ah, the sudden, convenient conversion to agnosticism, where one
>>idea (as long as it does not involve a genuine anomaly) is as
>>good as another.

>What is a "genuine anomaly"? Could it be just a report for which
>there is insufficient or inaccurate information, or which has
>not been properly investigated? Please note that I have never
>stated, or implied, that one idea "is as good as another". You
>are making it up again.

Nope. As Allen Hynek has said, UFOs by definition must be cases
that are unsolved only after proper investigation. That
describes many sightings in the UFO literature and in official
files. Unlike you, apparently, I've read them. I used many of
these primary documents in compiling the case studies in my
encyclopedia. Any knowledgeable student, from which category I
seem to excluding you, can name any number off the top of his or
her head. I remember with particular pleasure, by the way,
pulling bulky files out of the CUFOS archives. The most
compelling unexplained cases were investigated not once but
several times by different researchers, sometimes both civilian
and official. The information they compiled was most impressive,
and the only desparating lunging I observed was by Grudge and
Blue Book officers who had not objection to premature
conclusions based on insufficient information as long as they
favored prosaic explanations. In that way they were good
pelicanists.

I must say it is depressing, though I admit hardly surprising,
to find that pelicanists even in 2004 are reduced to the
hoariest and most dim-witted of cliches: that UFOs exist only
because people haven't investigated them or uncovered the proper
information. Does being a pelicanist mean you don't have to
heed demonstrable contrary facts and evidence anymore? But then,
since UFOs don't exist, why bother with inconvenient detail?

>This phrase "true anomaly" might sell books and is no doubt
>useful on the UFO lecture circuit, but it doesn't actually mean
>anything.

Yet another dreary cliché: "sell books." As we all know, UFO
books sell like hot cakes, at least in the lurid imaginations of
pelicanists if not in prosaic market reality. In the same way,
"true anomaly" on the cover of a book guarantees multiple
printings and fat royalty checks. Great argument, John.

>Of course I don't believe that you think all UFO reports are
>"true anomalies" (whatever they might be), but I do get the
>impression that you consider certain "classic" cases to belong
>to the canon of Sacred UFO Mysteries, which must not be doubted
>or subjected to critical examination. I haven't found any cases
>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information
>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very
>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists
>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the
>evidence is compelling.

Ah, the many miles the pelicanist will fly not to have to
advance a rational argument. Now we learn that I regard "certain
'classic' cases [as belonging] to the canon of Sacred UFO
Mysteries, which must not be doubted or subjected to critical
examination." Except, of course, for the "classic" cases I have
subjected to critical examination, such as Mantell, Gorman,
Kinross, Alex Hamilton, and others, and have found wanting. Note
also the dreary, lazy hint that UFOs are "sacred" and thus an
object of religious veneration to those who hold a different
view of them from the pelicanist's. Not only is this a stupid

argument, it's such a hackneyed one that one wonders if John Harney is secretly shriveling in embarrassment.

John informs us, in all due ponderous, that he "hasn't found any cases which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information is insufficient or unreliable." Lack of sufficient, reliable information is not a problem in well-investigated, well-documented cases, but lack of rational argumentation in pelicanist discourse, where insufficient or unreliable information (not to mention freewheeling speculation) seems always at the core (why let evidence get in the way of guesswork?), is. As we see demonstrated yet again.

Besides the dreary cliché - that reports remain unsolved because UFOs don't exist and therefore more information, never mind the mass of same that already exists, would bring the pesky heresy to ground - John has nothing but a tautology to offer us, to wit:

Why are there unsolved UFO reports? Because there is insufficient or unreliable information. How do we know the information is insufficient or unreliable? Because there are unsolved UFO reports.

Why am I not a pelicanist? Let me count the reasons....

Jerry Clark

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Re: Humanoid Sighting Leaves Chilean Witnesses

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 13:02:18 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 08:28:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Humanoid Sighting Leaves Chilean Witnesses

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 08:02:59 -0400
>Subject: Humanoid Sighting Leaves Chilean Witnesses Speechless

>Source: INFOBAE.COM
>Date: Monday, August 30, 2004

>Incredible Humanoid Sighting Leaves Witnesses Speechless

><http://www.infobae.com/notas/nota.php?Idx=136324&IdxSeccion=100>

>Mysterious creatures were seen by numerous witnesses in an area
>near the city of Coquimbo, Chile. According to their reports,
>they resemble small humans that float through the air without
>making a sound.

We have got to get the U.N. to send a care package of digital
cameras to the people of S. America.

Especially with 'zoom' features.

These amazing sightings of humanoids and chupacabras and
'kangaroo dinosaurs' are just too much to bear without photos or
videos.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Moon Questions - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 13:04:00 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 08:36:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Balaskas

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500
>Subject: Moon Questions

<snip>

>Something has been nagging me, and I wondered if this might not
>be a suitable place to seek an answer. Perhaps better suited for
>an astronomy list, but as I am not a subscriber to one.

>The moon always has the same side facing earth. The moon is
>often theorized to be a part of the Earth which broke off by
>some prehistoric cosmic event.

<snip>

Greetings Kyle!

Below is an excerpt of an e-mail I sent to Jeffrey Wilson (of crop circle fame) and others in June of last year about his father's books. For reasons that are too many to mention here, the case that our Moon is indeed an artificial structure in orbit about the Earth has not been ruled out. If that August full Moon that we saw on TV in the night sky during the closing ceremonies of the Olympics in Athens (where couples gather at the Acropolis every year to spend a special moment together under its romantic bright light) is indeed a massive UFO, which by definition it is, it will never again have the same poetic mystique!

Of the many popular magazine articles and books written about our "spaceship" Moon, I consider Don Wilson's two books 'Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon', (Dell, 1975) and 'Secrets of Our Spaceship Moon', (Dell, 1979) to be the among best researched and the ones which provide the most compelling evidence that Earth's natural satellite is a giant ET craft.

It is said the the best way to hide something is to place it out in the open. If we really want to see a solution to this UFO mystery in our lifetime, we must return to the Moon.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 12:11:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 09:54:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:22:14 -0300
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 12:32:21 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

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>>If the comet or meteor was vaporized in the explosion, by
>>definition the evidence of the comet or meteor is now "thin air"
>>thin air, which would presumably have dissipated by now. I don't
>>think there's much hope of "proving" that it was a comet or
>>meteor. While it may be comforting for some to have a non-ET
>>related explanation, that comfort should not be taken as proof
>>of its validity, any more than taking comfort in God's eternal
>>love should constitute proof of its validity. I must allow
>>though that either may very well be valid. In my reality,
>>neither of those give me much comfort, so I look elsewhere.
>>Before I read any scientific information about Tunguska, I
>>thought that it must have been something anomalous. An
>>anachronistic nuke, a meandering "mini-black hole", a
>>malfunctioning Martian craft, etc.

>>The new twist is that ET was saving us.

><anip>

>Well as for that, Kyle, I doubt it. If they were around, they
>probably looked on with interest, like us watching a lion pull
>down an antelope on National Geographic.

>>At present, I find no compelling argument for one theory over
>>another. A comet or meteor is a possibility, nothing more. Not
>>even necessarily the most likely...just a possibility. My comfort
>>level however resides somewhat "left" of center on this one.

>Well that's my point. Don't forget who posited the "mini black
>hole" theory, while completely ignoring the affect such an
>unproved phenomenon would have on everything in the near
>vicinity. Anyway, I'm not sure that the mini black hole is given
>credence of late. Am I wrong about that?

>As for the comet/asteroid or mixed version, where's the trace
>material. Usually comets are dirty. Also, how does one apply the
>low angle of impact with "the usual" round impact craters. See
>my reply to Stan's on this thread re the Tunguska explosion
>pattern seen from the air. It's not round.

Hi Don,

We quite agree. My comments about the "mini black hole", etc reflected my initial thoughts, based on my desire to find a more esoteric cause. None of the proposed theories seems to stand above the rest at this point. The "mini black hole" idea seems as unlikely as the 'ET savior" idea.

Particularly with the "ET was saving us" comment, I found more humor than comfort. I was noting that it was simply the "new twist" on the older notion that the object itself was an ET craft. That is a little more heady a notion than I'm ready to accept. Of course, if the "cube" found is determined by honest scientific analysis to be something akin to an ET "projectile", I would have to alter my thoughts on it. *S*

I have no quarrel with your points. We seem to be coming from the same place.

I sincerely hope whatever object(s) found there proves to help solve the mystery, but it is likely to simply add fuel to the debate. I'm ok with that, too!

Best Regards,

Kyle

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:02:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>Kyle, Don, et al

>I think it is somewhat of a disservice to those who worked hard
>to accomplish what they did with the limited resources and
>political infighting that dogged the race for space for decades.
>The LEM was created to provide a broader look at the moon and
>allow them the ability to go a bit further in their exploration.
>I'm not sure the grass was any greener when they got further
>from the lander, but how would we know if we didn't try?

>There's also a lot of current medical and manufacturing
>technology that was a direct result of NASA's research (and that
>of contractors), and whose to say how those developments might
>have come about without our race into space. We can complain
>about the resources that might have gone to feed the poor, but
>how many people would be sicker today without the medical
>advances, and advances in exotic materials, that derived from
>Space research.

Hi Steve,

I appreciate your comments!

I agree that the LEM was a marvel of scientific will, and its longevity and reliability is not in question. I remember the LEM being used as a lifeboat during Apollo 13. It is completely mind-boggling that we lost not one astronaut in space. Utterly amazing.

You may have meant to say, "the [rover] was created to provide the ability to go further". With this I disagree. We sent numerous missions to the moon, and they didn't all land in the same place. The rover was a gimmick...a proof of concept. There is not a single story from the era which attests to a scientific advance made as a result of the rover. It was a pie in the face of our enemy. I don't deny the validity of the missions at all. I only wish we'd established something more there than a bunch of piles of trash and several old cars. I think that is a shame.

I was only 11 when the first rover was deployed. That was Apollo 15. I wondered why they sent a manned vehicle when an unmanned vehicle would be cheaper, able to "go further", and when several could be sent for the cargo space and the price of the rovers.

If you wanted to "go further", this would have been the more logical approach. But of course, the Russians had already sent unmanned rovers to the moon, so that would not be sufficient for us. We had to "poke the eye", and send an "SUV"...not out of scientific necessity, but out of political expediency. I bemoan only the opportunity lost. It certainly would have fed those scientists hungry for more data and less grandstanding.

I completely agree with your points on the benefits. If my comments seemed a disservice, that was not my intent. We seem to have a lot more trouble putting people in space and bringing them safely home today. Those nerdy cats of Mercury/Gemini/Apollo had it going on. Gene Krantz, Chris Craft, etc are among my first heroes, and they lived and worked less than 25 miles from me. NASA was an annual field trip in school. I still get goose bumps watching "The Right Stuff" and "From the Earth to the Moon", and "Apollo 13". I'm definitely proud of the accomplishments, and fully aware of the benefits, of space exploration. No quarrel there.

But here we are today, still asking questions about the moon, and seemingly uninterested in taking advantage of this well established "space station" which could yield helpful data on a range of subjects. My question remains...Why?

As an affirmative aside...can you imagine those M/G/A guys being on the watch during the final Columbia mission? I feel quite strongly that they might well have saved those astronauts. They knew that there was more unknown than known. And they firmly believed that no detail should be brushed aside when the lives of those aboard are at stake. Back then, "failure is not an option", was the overriding credo. Amazing times, indeed.

Apparently the benefits realized... and those yet to be gleaned... are better appreciated by you and I than by those currently in charge of such things. The moon is old news, is the message I'm getting. I just don't agree.

All your points are well-taken!

Best Regards,

Kyle

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CHENEY'S PLANE BUZZED
BY A UFO?

"Air Force Two, the military plane carrying Vice President Dick Cheney, was forced to make an evasive maneuver to avoid another aircraft in the skies above Bridgeport, Connecticut (population 139,529) earlier this month, federal officials said yesterday," Thursday, August 26, 2004.

"As Cheney headed to Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y. on (Saturday) August 7 (2004), a collision-avoidance system in the cockpit of the Gulfstream jet designated as Air Force Two sounded an alarm and convinced the pilot to climb to avoid another plane, officials said."

"The two planes came within 0.44 miles horizontally and 700 feet (210 meters) vertically, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which immediately pulled the radar and voice tapes for the New York TRACON in Westbury and has since issued a report to the (U.S.) Air Force."

"The FAA said the incident is not technically classified as a non-military collision or a mistake on the part of the controller or pilot. But pilots say that's extremely unusual for the collision-avoidance system--a computerized device mandated on all commercial passenger planes--to sound the alarm to command an evasive maneuver."

"'It's a white-knuckle event,' said one veteran airline pilot who said he had never seen the warning system call for an evasive maneuver. It's likely that Cheney and the other passengers would have felt the G-forces of the sudden climb, and there have been cases of flight attendants being injured when aircraft are forced to make evasive maneuvers."

"Cheney's press office declined to comment."

"Air traffic controllers at the New York TRACON in Westbury pointed out that the controller in charge of Air Force Two was a superior who had been called in on overtime, and said the incident shows that FAA has left the facility understaffed. The TRACON, whose controllers guide aircraft to and from New York (City) area airports, is authorized for 270 fully-trained controllers but has only 207. That number is expected to dwindle as controllers retire in the next few years when the FAA

steps up the pace of hiring."

"The supervisors called in to work as radar operators are required to work aircraft only eight hours a month to keep current, said Dean Iacopelli, the local chapter president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association."

"They only dabble in it,' he said, 'There is a real staffing crisis here.'"

"But the FAA reported staffing wasn't an issue. 'We use overtime to meet staffing needs, particularly in the summer so controllers can take vacation,' said Arlene Salac, an FAA spokeswoman in New York, adding that the FAA has launched a study of staffing needs of air traffic control centers around the country and plans to issue a report to Congress in December (2004)."

"The supervisor who was controlling the traffic did not make a mistake, Salac said. Because the two aircraft were not in a tightly-controlled section of airspace, no separation standards applied; instead pilots and controllers are instructed to watch out for each other."

"The aircraft that Cheney's plane was trying to avoid was an unidentified plane that was not talking to the air traffic control center." (My emphasis--J.T.)

(Editor's Comment: Hold it right there! An unidentified aircraft, refusing to respond to ATC calls, gets within 700 feet of the vice president's plane and then gets clean away. Whatever happened to the U.S. Air Force jet interceptors that routinely escort Air Force One and Two on such flights!? To say nothing of the dozens of Department of Homeland Security helicopters on patrol in the New York City area!? Nobody responded to this emergency!? What's really going on here?)

"The Air Force Two pilot and the controller had the traffic in sight at all times,' Salac said."

"The (Gulfstream) plane carrying Cheney and some family members to a fund-raiser in Harrison, N.Y. was headed west towards the airport and descending from 11,000 to 6,000 feet (3,300 to 1,800 meters) as the second aircraft was heading east at about 7,300 feet (2,200 meters). Iacopelli said a controller sitting next to the supervisor, who was in charge of Air Force Two, first pointed out the other airplane when Air Force Two reached 8,500 feet (2,550 meters), yelling, 'Traffic for Air Force Two!'"

"The FAA says that when Air Force Two reached 7,400 feet (2,230 meters), the superior cautioned the pilot aboard Air Force Two about the other plane, and the pilot responded that he was aware of it."

"But, at 11:19 a.m., the collision-avoidance system in the cockpit of Air Force Two sounded an alarm and commanded the pilot to make an evasive maneuver and climb to avoid the other plane. The computerized system sounds the alarm only when it recognizes the other aircraft is close enough to be a danger. The pilot of Air Force Two gradually climbed to 8,000 feet (2,400 meters) to avoid the other airplane."

"The FAA doesn't generally investigate such instances, but because the plane was carrying the vice president, the agency put together a report to send to the Air Force."

(Editor's Comment: Uh-huh. And they couldn't use the other "airplane's" transponder number to identify the aircraft and its pilot, and forward this information to the Secret Service and FBI?)

"Controllers specifically pay attention to Air Force One and Air Force Two, which are designated on their radar screens as planes carrying the president and the vice president." (See the newspaper Newsday of Long Island, N.Y. for August 27, 2004, "Cheney's plane had a close call over Conn. skies." Many thanks to Nancy Ruhl for this newspaper article.)

THREE UFOs SPOTTED SOUTHWEST OF CHICAGO

On Saturday, August 21, 2004, at 10:30 p.m., eyewitness T.J. was in Tinley Park, Illinois (population 48, 401), a suburb southwest of Chicago, when he sighted something unusual in the sky.

"We noticed possibly all three of the UFOs on August

21st," he reported, "They were flying from southwest to northeast, bearing flashing red lights. I recorded the event on a digital camcorder. This event lasted for about 15 minutes; then they vanished. Another came into view five minutes later, moving in from the same direction, then becoming stationary, before vanishing once again."
(Email Form Report)

MYSTERIOUS "RING OF LIGHTS" SEEN IN SOUTHERN IRELAND

On Monday, August 23, 2004, at 2:45 a.m., in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, the male eyewitness reported, "On the Dublin side of the town, I was walking to my hotel when I looked up and could see a 'ring of lights' above me. I stopped, and they stopped. And when I moved again, the lights moved with me and started to get brighter, moving clockwise."

"It stayed above me for seven or eight minutes. And, as I turned towards the hotel where I was staying, they all just went out. The UFOs appeared in the south and were moving north. A ring of lights, moving clockwise. Height? I don't know. Speed was whatever I was walking."
(Email Form Report)

(Editor's Comment: Last week was a peak week for UFOs on the Emerald Isle. Check out the next report.)

UFO APPEARS OVER A SMALL TOWN IN ULSTER

On Tuesday, August 24, 2004, eyewitness Milton Clarke reported, "I was out for a walk" in the Fardross Forest near Fivemiletown, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, when he saw a UFO approach from the northeast.

"I was out for a walk, and I was watching as the object appeared," Milton reported, "It appeared to be a large space ship of some kind. It was blue, diamond in shape, with a reddish light glowing around the edge of the craft. It was spinning around as it hovered for ten minutes, with what looked like red search lights moving around on the ground. I hid in the trees and watched it fly away at a very high speed. It hovered about 10 meters (33 feet) above the ground. It came in slow and took off like a jet."
(Email Form Report)

TWO NIGHT SAUCERS SEEN IN WILTSHIRE, UK

On Saturday, August 14, 2004, at 10 p.m., eyewitness Janet Currass reported, four adults were driving on motorway A30 between Donhead and Fovant, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, UK when "we all witnessed the same sighting."

"The UFOs came from the south, then flew parallel to the A30. Two fluorescent green discs appeared in the sky at a height of about 50 meters (165 feet) and a distance of about 500 meters (1,650 feet) to the south. They appeared to have a glowing halo and were darting and diving very quickly along a course parallel to the road on which we were driving at a speed of 40 miles per hour."

"Within a minute, they were joined by two more objects, identical in nature, all of which were behaving in a similar manner. They were in view for around six minutes or so, darting around but keeping pace and eventually accelerated away and peeled off to the south and over a ridge."
(Email Form Report)

UFOs SIGHTED OVER NEUKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA

On Thursday, August 19, 2004, eyewitness S.I. and a friend were outdoors in Neukirchen, a town in the Neider Osterreich region of Austria when they spied something unusual in the evening sky.

"A friend of mine and I looked at the brilliant, beautiful night sky, and then we spotted something very strange in the northeast. It was low above the horizon, and it looked like a couple of stars at first glance. And

for one second, I could see hundreds of strange, artificial-looking lights on the object, and these lights seemed to have a distinct pattern. This 'star cluster' stayed there (hovering) for 30 minutes at minimum."

"I do have to say that in the last few days, there has been persistent chemtrail activity. I spotted black/silver spheres lurking in the chemtrails in the high-resolution digital camera photos I took."

"One would think that there is something going on here, and the activity seems to occur more and more. Because the UFO enigma is not 'a Hollywood joke' in people's minds in this country." (Email Form Report)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SHOWS UP TWICE IN NEW ZEALAND

On Friday, August 27, and again on Saturday, August 28, 2004, eyewitness Anthony Milas spotted an unusual UFO over Waiheke Island, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Auckland, New Zealand.

"I videotaped it this time (Saturday, August 28, 2004) and had a good look at it through binoculars at the same time," Anthony reported, "The sighting lasted 10 minutes in total, but I didn't record all of it. And I didn't digitise all I needed--it's quite boring footage, just a line which gets further away and turns into a dot eventually."

"As the (cylindrical) object changes course, it seems to stretch in size. It looks a little like the warp effect in Star Trek."

"Now, what the video doesn't reveal (as I was at maximum zoom--A.M.) is the darker shape which I believe is the actual object. What we see in the videotape is the kind of fiery aura around it, like flames trailing off of it. I was looking through binoculars at the same time, and I could clearly see the darker cigar-shape that was surrounded by flame."

"Obviously, for it appeared on two consecutive nights at the same time, and indeed made an obvious course change, it's not a natural phenomenon. If it were not for the (cigar) shape, which I could see through the binoculars, I would think it was a plane with contrails very far away that happens to be moving at the same rate as the sun to continually light up the contrails from my vantage point. But this seems rather convoluted for an explanation and doesn't account for the cigar shape."

"The size of the cigar shape through the binoculars (about half the length of the glowing part--A.M.) would suggest it's far too big to be a plane." (Many thanks to John Hayes for this news story.)

(Two of the four images provided are available with the online version of this bulletin at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v09/rnd0935.shtml> -
John @ UFOINFO)

CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN CANADA AND POLAND

Two crop circle formations were found in Matsqui, British Columbia, Canada early in August, according to Canadian cerealogist Paul Anderson.

"Two more formations were found, one with a circle and two attached crescents and the other resembling an Egyptian ankh symbol. Seen by a local resident" in Matsqui "while skydiving, during the takeoff of the plane in early August (2004)."

The find was "not too far from last year's (2003) two crop circles at Abbotsford, B.C. An investigation is in progress by Canadian Crop Circle Research Network--British Columbia."

In Poland, "a crop pictogram made from three elements in wheat was found in Kaczewo village, near Radziejow in Kujawsko-Pomorska province. The biggest crop circle was 7.4 meters (24 feet) in diameter."

"The agroformation appears to be authentic," said Polish cerealogist Stan Barski, who photographed the crop circles last week." (Many thanks to cerealogists Paul Anderson and Robert K. Lesniakiewicz for these news

stories.)

MOTHMAN CURSE STRIKES AGAIN

It looks as if the "Curse of The Mothman Prophecies" has struck again. Last week the wife of the 2002 film's director, Mark Pellington, died following a brief illness.

A statistically-significant number of people associated with the making of the paranormal film, which starred Richard Gere, Debra Messing and Laura Linney, have died under a variety of circumstances since its release two years ago.

"Mark Pellington has exited the director's chair for WB's upcoming Harrison Ford starrer The Wrong Element."

Pellington, "who came aboard the pic in early July (2004), bowed out due to the death of his wife last week after a brief illness."

"WB has yet to find a replacement for Pellington, though the studio is actively pursuing a substitute to keep the pic's intended early fall shoot date."

"I am unfortunately stepping down from the job of directing the film The Wrong Element, due to the recent tragic loss of my beloved wife Jennifer," Pellington said Monday, August 23, 2004, "in a statement to Variety. 'It is a difficult time, and having suffered the loss of my life partner and mother to my child, I would not be able to commit the time and energy and focus at this point needed to truly successfully helm the film.'"

"Pellington directed Arlington Road and The Mothman Prophecies. He is not attached to any other projects." (See the newspaper Variety for August 24, 2004, "Ford finds himself directionless." Many thanks to Loren Coleman for this newspaper article.)

KRYPTON DISCOVERED?

"European astronomers may have discovered the first rocky planet--one like Earth but 14 times heavier--orbiting a nearby star."

"Astronomers have since 1995 detected about 120 planets, all until now thought to be gas giants (like Jupiter and Saturn--J.T.), orbiting nearby sun-like stars."

"European Southern Observatory astronomers reported Wednesday, August 25, 2004, "that the new planet circles the star Mu Arae about 50 light-years away (or about 295 trillion miles, for one light-year equals 5.9 trillion miles--J.T.)."

"The planet weighs almost as much as the planet Uranus" in our solar system "but circles much closer to its star, completing one orbit every nine-and-a-half days and enduring surface temperatures of 1,160 degrees."

"It was detected by measuring gravitational wobbles that planets trigger in stars. Many astrophysicists believe that life as we know it is more likely to have sprung up on a rocky planet than a gas planet."

The newly-discovered planet in the Mu Arae system is a virtual twin of the fictional planet Krypton, the homeworld of the movie and comic book hero Superman.

Indeed, in his book Superman: The Ultimate Guide to the Man of Steel, author Scott Beatty wrote, "Orbiting a red dwarf star some fifty light-years distant from Earth, the planet Krypton was once very much like our world. In fact, Krypton's inhabitants were indistinguishable from humans, though far more advanced." (see page 10 of Beatty's book--J.T.)

In 1938, two teenagers from Cleveland, Ohio--Jerry Siegel and Joseph Shuster--concocted the idea of Krypton. Astronomers of the time ridiculed the notion, claiming that the idea of a rocky planet much larger than Earth was "preposterous."

Theory confirmed. Go collect your Nobel Prize, fellas. (See USA Today for August 26, 2004, "Earth-like planet detected at nearby star.")

(Editor's Comment: If "Krypton" has been discovered, can you-know-who be far behind? Awwwww, you guessed!)

ANOTHER EXTRASOLAR

PLANET FOUND

"A tiny telescope has detected the silhouette of a massive planet orbiting a nearby star, astronomers say."

"The Trans-Atlantic Exoplanet Survey (TrES) telescope network reports a four-inch (10-centimeter) scope turned up a Jupiter-sized planet, called TrES-1, orbiting a star 500 light-years away (or 2.6 quadrillion miles; remember, one light-year equals about 5.9 trillion miles--J.T.)."

"Developed by researchers at Caltech, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Lowell Observatory and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, TrES uses off-the-shelf camera equipment to measure the dip in starlight detectable when a planet passes in front of its star, the 'transit' method."

"TrES-1 orbits close to its star, circling once every three days. Astronomers have detected more than 120 planets in the past decade, but only a handful of 'transit' planets like TrES-1." (See USA Today for August 25, 2004, "Distant planet found orbiting its star," page 12B.)

From the UFO Files...

4000 B.C.: IRAQ'S MYSTERIOUS
PYRAMIDS

As I write this, American troops and armor are closing in on the Old City section of Najaf, located 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Baghdad, in their battle against the Shiite Muslim militia of the renegade imam Moqtaba al-Sadr.

By some strange twist of fate, Americans now find themselves fighting for control of the most occult real estate in Iraq. For the holy city of Najaf is located right in the middle of Iraq's pyramid belt.

Eight kilometers (5 miles) north of Najaf is the village of Birs Nimrud, built on the site of the ruins of the ancient Sumerian city of Borsippa. Just outside the village is a colossal pyramid, known in Iraq as a ziqqurat. The village was named "Nimrud" after Nimrod, the Babylonian king who built the Tower of Babel. (See Genesis 10: 8-12--J.T.) Arabic tradition claims that the ziqqurat is all that remains of the original Tower of Babel.

"In 1852 Oppert carried out excavations, and in 1902 Koldeway unearthed, on the north side of the ziqqurat, the remains of the E-Zida, the Temple of Nabu, (Sumerian) god of the scribes, whose emblem was a stylet or bird, and who was held in great veneration among the Babylonians and the Assyrians."

"His cult was linked with that of Marduk (or Merodach, chief god of Babylon--J.T.), and the god of Borsippa even visited in person (during) the festivals of the new year." Ancient astronaut buffs, please take note.

"The E-Zida was a temple as big as that of Marduk. It was constructed from unbaked bricks and was built to the same design. It occupies a rectangle 302 feet (90 meters) by 331 feet (100 meters); its four corners correspond to the points of the compass, and it contains on the northeast side, that of the main entrance, a great rectangular courtyard 92 feet (27 meters) by 134 feet (40 meters) leading on the southwest (side) to the sanctuary, which is preceded by two pronaoses."

"The ziqqurat, about 150 feet (45 meters) high, stood some 50 yards (45 meters) to the southwest of the temple; it measured around the base 148 feet (45 meters) by 200 feet (60 meters). Its present appearance is that of a steep hill crowned by a great section of wall containing a tower built of baked bricks."

But there is one curious anomaly about the E-Zida ziqqurat. "On the southwest of the platform are great dark blocks of partially vitrified bricks, the result of some violent conflagration."

The damage suggests that the ziqqurat was hit by either some alien weapon or a weapon of the Drona Parva before the dawn of recorded history. Vitrification of brick requires temperatures of thousands of degrees Celsius.

(Editor's Note: The Drona Parva is a book of the ancient

Indian Mahabharata, which describes energy weapons of fantastic power. They make the hydrogen bomb look like an M-80 Fourth of July firecracker.)

Fourteen kilometers (9 miles) south of Najaf is Naifar. Today a sleepy village in a plain crisscrossed by canals, it was once the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Nippur. Nobody knows just how old Nippur really is. It's mentioned in the Sumerian King List as one of the cities that existed in Sumer before "the Great Flood of Ut-napishtim." (Better known as the Deluge of Noah's Ark to readers of the Bible--J.T.)

"The ancient city of Nippur was an important religious capital from the end of the Fourth Millennium B.C. It possessed a famous sanctuary consecrated to the god Enlil, who was considered the chief deity of the Sumerian pantheon. The prosperity of Nippur declined with the coming of the first Babylonian dynasty at the beginning of the Second Millennium. The cult of its patron deity no longer received the same enthusiasm from the pilgrims, who transferred their devotion to the Babylonian gods of whom Marduk was the chief. For all that, the temple of Enlil was no less supported" by the empire "up to the time of the later Babylonian period (Seventh Century B.C.)...It was probably only in the Tenth Century (A.D.), in the Muslim period, that Nippur was abandoned."

"The western part of the great tell (mound--J.T.) marking the site of the ancient city has been identified as the residential and commercial quarter. The eastern part contains the sacred quarter and is dominated by the remains of the ziggurat, which amounts of no more than a mass of unbaked bricks dominating the whole area of the ruins. The tower was dedicated to the god Enlil and was (later) covered by a palace built during the Parthian period. The temple of Enlil was situated below and to the east of the ziggurat and goes back, in its latest state, to the second Babylonian period."

"In the perimeter wall" of the Temple of Enlil, "two foundation deposits left by Ur-Nammu, the first king of the third Ur dynasty, have been discovered; they testify that he built the E-Kur, meaning probably the perimeter of this sacred area."

"To the west of the ziggurat the American expedition also discovered the remains of a temple of the third Ur dynasty, part of which at any rate was dedicated to Inanna (Sumerian "Queen of Heaven"--J.T.), as several bricks stamped with the name of the goddess by Shulgi, king of Ur, prove."

"Beneath the two towers flanking the entrance two formation deposits were found containing a bronze figurine of Shulgi."

So, from about 4,000 B.C. to 700 B.C., Nippur functioned as THE holy city of Sumeria, later Babylonia, much as Najaf does in today's Iraq. But if it was "the Vatican" of the priests of Enlil, Nippur was also the stomping ground of the Black Circle, an association of sorcerers of whom the most notorious was Gimil-ishbi.

In 1927, before he wrote his Kull of Atlantis stories, Texas author Robert E. Howard (1906-1936) did a number of "past life reminiscence" tales. None saw print during his lifetime, but one, "The House of Arabu," (Arabu was the Sumerian netherworld--J.T.), finally saw publication in 1951.

Here is a description of Nippur from REH's story:

"Pyrras swore under his breath. They were passing the great temple of Enlil, towering up three hundred feet in the changeless blue sky."

"The towers stand against the sky like part of it," he swore, raking back a damp lock from his forehead."

"Naram-ninub pointed to the great zikkurat of Enlil, brooding over all like the brutish dream of a mad god."

"See ye the seven tiers; the lower black, the next of red enamel, the third blue, the fourth orange; the fifth yellow, while the sixth is faced with silver, and the seventh with pure gold which flames in the sunlight? Each stage in the temple symbolizes a deity; the sun, the moon and the five planets Enlil and his tribe have set in the skies for their emblems. But Enlil is greater than all, and Nippur is his favored city."

"Greater than Anu?" muttered Pyrras, remembering a flaming shrine and a dying priest who gasped an awful threat."

"Which is the greatest leg of a tripod?' parried Naram-ninub."

A series of paranormal attacks convinces Pyrras, the mercenary warrior from northern Europe, that he was indeed cursed by the priest of Anu. So he goes in search of the sorcerer Gimil-ishbi, whom his mistress, Amytis, tells him "dwells in the mound of Enzu, to the west of the city." (Editor's Note: That would be somewhere around Souk al-Afej, seven kilometers or 4 miles west of the Nippur ruins.)

"Whether the cavern was hollowed by man or by Nature, none ever knew. At least its walls, floor and ceiling were symmetrical and composed of blocks of greenish stone, found nowhere else in that level land."

The sorcerer in the cave proved to be no less formidable.

"Gimil-ishbi was very old. There was no leaven of Semitic blood in his withered veins. His bald head was round as a vulture's skull, and from it his great nose jutted like the beak of a vulture. His eyes were oblique, a rarity even in a pure-blooded Shumirian, and they were bright and black as beads. Whereas Pyrrhas's eyes were all depth, blue deeps and changing clouds and shadows, Gimil-ishbi's eyes were as opaque as jet, and they never changed. His mouth was a gash whose smile was more terrible than its snarl."

"He was clad in a simple black tunic, and his feet, in their cloth sandals, seemed strangely deformed. Pyrrhas felt a curious twitching between his shoulder-blades as he glanced at those feet, and he drew his eyes away, and back to the sinister face."

Feeling in an expansive mood, Gimil-ishbi welcomes the warrior to his abode and lets slip a little of his origin.

"You are far from the cradle of your race,' said Gimil-ishbi, 'You are the first golden-haired rover to tread the plains of Shumir.'"

"I have wandered in many lands,' muttered the Argive, 'but may the vultures pluck my bones if I ever saw a race so devil-ridden as this, or a land ruled and harried by so many gods and demons.'"

"His gaze was fixed in fascination on Gimil-ishbi's hands; they were long and narrow, white and strong, the hands of youth. Their contrast to the priest's appearance of great age otherwise was rather disquieting."

"To each city its gods and their priests,' answered Gimil-ishbi, 'and all fools. Of what account are gods whom the fortunes of men lift or lower? Behind all gods of men, behind the primal trinity of Ea, Anu and Enlil, lurk the elder gods, unchanged by the wars and ambitions of men. Men deny what they do not see. The priests of Eridu (another Sumerian city--J.T.) which is sacred to Ea and light, are no blinder than them of Nippur, which is consecrated to Enlil, whom they deem the lord of Darkness. But he is only the god of the darkness of which men dream, not the real Darkness that lurks behind all dreams, and veils the real and awful deities. I glimpsed this truth when I was a priest of Enlil, wherefore they cast me forth. Ha! They would stare if they knew how many of their worshippers creep forth to me by night as you have crept."

Eventually Pyrrhas gets the charm he needs to ward off his paranormal enemies. More of REH's story I will not reveal, except to note that wizard and warrior do not exactly part on the best of terms.

At any rate, there was a strong black magickal tradition in that region when Najaf was still an empty desert. (See the books *The Middle East*, Hachette World Guides, Paris, 1966, pages 746 to 749; *Middle East on a Shoestring*, 2nd edition, Lonely Planet Publications, Hawthorne, Vic., Australia, 1997, page 309; and *The Avon Fantasy Reader*, Avon Books, 1969, pages 13, 14, 17, 20, 21 and 22.)

Next Week: Strange Doings in Kufa

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then!

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Re: Moon Questions - King

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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 11:52:12 -0400
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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>>Oh, and The Rubaiyat was written by Omar Khayyam

>That was delightfully abstruse!

>"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on," Mr. King.
>"All your piety nor wit cannot call back a single line to
>alter, nor all your tears wash a word of it."

Alfred,

You are very fond of that line. Very odd you don't seem to know how to spell the author's name. Takes away from the credibility in my opinion.

Luckily you need neither piety nor wit to call back that single line, and your tears are likewise not required. Just a little "backspace, retype, and save" will do the trick. :)

So Alfie-baby, I leave you to your Odes, and your ever-moving finger. At best, what I accumulated from your site was an overwhelming sense of boredom. Unfortunately, neither my piety nor my wit can change that. But heck, it's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

Goodbye and Best Wishes,

Kyle

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Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
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>From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:03:23 -0400
>Subject: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

>When reading through Blue Book case files one often runs
>across statements much like the following:

>"Venus appears low on the horizon at this time of year and is
>unusually bright; it is possible for it to appear to change
>color and perform erratic maneuvers when seen through thin
>clouds or ground haze."

>It would be interesting to observe video of Venus under such
>conditions to better understand and appreciate how astronomical
>phenomena under unusual conditions can lead to their
>misidentification. This would be true for other unusual
>phenomena such as sun dogs, moon dogs, and relatively slow
>moving bollides as well.

>Venus being the most predictable of these phenomena I assume it
>would be the easiest to capture on tape during the sort of
>conditions that would give rise to misidentification as a UFO.

>If any such video is available a link would be most welcome.

Hello William:

Yes! Such videos should be easily made, but I don't know where
to find them.

I'm bothered by the statement " Venus appears low on the horizon
at this time of year and is unusually bright.. "

Venus' position and brightness depend on the relative positions
of Earth, Venus and the Sun, all in relation to one another.

While easily predicted with simple astronomical programs, "this
time of year" gives the false impression it depends on the
Earthly calendar alone .. as if Venus were a fixed star.

It would be interesting to know who originally came up with that
jewel. One might then look at his other arguments.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Harrison

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 14:01:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 11:56:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Harrison

>From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 06:23:26 +1000
>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

<snip>

>Link to the photo you requested, Robert posted a link to
>the recent Victorian sighting which are also interesting.

><http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/Tewantin.html>

Thanks again.

Larry

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High School Student's UFO Video

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 18:34:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 12:02:25 -0400
Subject: High School Student's UFO Video

Hey! Here's something unusual! No, not that someone took a picture of a UFO but that before the news published the story they actually got it analyzed!

Why if this kind of professionalism keeps up they're gonna put the rest of the newspapers out of business.

Greg

Source: The Southeast Missourian - Cape Girardeau, Missouri

[http://www.semissourian.com/story.html\\$rec=145099](http://www.semissourian.com/story.html$rec=145099)

High school student's video - UFO over Jackson?

By Tony Rehagen ~ Southeast Missourian
trehagen.nul

At about 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 11, Zach Stanfield was taking his dog outside of his Jackson home when he spotted something strange in the clouds of the evening sky. He quickly ran inside to grab his binoculars, which revealed a more detailed view of a - well, he didn't know what. He ran back into the house, grabbed his DVC handheld video camera and filmed away.

"I really don't know what it is," says Zach, talking on the phone to his cousin, Audrey Stanfield, while taping.

"It's black." Pause. "Round, it's round," he says.

"What is it?" he asks.

What the video captured was about five minutes of a 35-minute episode in which a dark shape hovers in a tight holding pattern of small circles above Stanfield's yard. Slowly the subject makes its way east across the evening sky before disappearing into the dark clouds of oncoming night.

On the tape, as the object makes its revolutions, the shadowy shape shifts from a round dot to a thin rounded bar, resembling a penny as it rolls on its edge in circles on a surface. But this coin-shaped object was rolling on an invisible plane in the air a good distance above Zach Stanfield's head.

"Sure it's not a plastic bag or something?" asks Audrey, now standing beside cameraman, watching the object hover.

"Why would there be a plastic bag up in the clouds?" shoots back Zach. "You wouldn't be able to see it that high up."

"What else could it be?" Audrey asks.

Can't gauge size, distance

Larry Davis isn't sure, either. Davis has spent the last 12 years looking at objects in the sky as Cape Girardeau Regional

Airport's chief air traffic controller. Viewing the videotape, he could only guess.

"It could be one of those mylar discs," he said, referring to the popular flying toys that are essentially disc-shaped balloons made of metallic plastic and often filled with helium.

The problem is, Davis said, that the video just shows the shape in a vast sky, so it's impossible to gauge the distance and size of the object. Mylar discs are usually about 30 inches in diameter.

Difficult to explain is how something as light as a mylar disc - which weighs little more than an ounce - could hover in the same area and avoid being blown about. However, Davis said it is possible that the metallic plastic could conduct enough heat from the sun's rays to create convection heating that would produce the effect. Davis also said thunderstorms can create an updraft that could catch such an object and keep it in one area.

But for all the possibilities, he isn't sure of anything.

No digital alteration

Jim Dufek and Fred Jones of Southeast Missouri State University's communications department aren't sure what the disc was either, but they are sure that the tape is legitimate.

"Whatever it is, it's real," Jones said, watching the tape in the university's video room.

"There's nothing digital on it," Dufek said. "I don't see any pixel breakup around the subject. There's no superimposing."

One effect Dufek said would not be hard to doctor is the flare of light that abruptly appears on the underside of the shape toward the end of the tape. The light quickly flickers and fades as the shape continues its holding pattern. But Dufek said it doesn't appear doctored on this tape.

Zach Stanfield, a member of the Notre Dame Regional High School Audio/Visual Club, said he thinks the flare might be the reflection of the sun as it sets in the west. That would suggest a metallic element to the object, like that of Davis' mylar disc.

But all of this is speculation, and right now he isn't exactly sure what it means or what he's going to do with his amateur movie. He said he'll probably just wait and gauge local reaction. All he knows for sure is that he, Audrey, his neighbor, Judy Hoffman, and Hoffman's mother-in-law, Carmen Hoffman, saw an unidentified flying object in the sky over Jackson.

"Do you think it's a saucer?" Audrey asks on the tape as the sky darkens. "Like a flying saucer?"

"If it's that high up, it's got to be big up close," Zach replies.

"It's perfectly round," Audrey says. "Uh, Zach, that's weird."

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'Gobsmacked' UFO Skeptic Turned Believer

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 18:48:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 12:11:35 -0400
Subject: 'Gobsmacked' UFO Skeptic Turned Believer

<http://www.miltonkeynestoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=415&ArticleID=847401>

This story is a double riot for me. First of all it has the expression "Gobsmacked" in it. I first heard that one from good ol' Alfred Lehmborg over at Jeff Rense's forum where I moderate. I had to call back home to the hill folk to find out what 'Gobsmacked' meant. They had to dig up one of the old folks who still remembered!

"Well I'll be gobsmacked iffin' you ain't heard of bein' 'gobsmacked'!" was one reply.

Never-the-less - AP Stylebook forgive me - this story is about a skeptic - spelled sceptic in the article - who ran into his own encounter.

Best,

Greg

["Gobsmacked" - As in struck dumb/dumbstruck - Northern English expression. As in Python's "Shut yer festering gob, you tit!" Gob = mouth. 'Sceptic' is English spelling as is the newspaper above - as in English came before 'Murikan' --ebk]

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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 19:26:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 12:13:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 18:34:15 +0100
>Subject: Hungarian UFO Photo?

>As this List has been on the subject of UFO Photos of late, i.e.
>Brunswick etc, I found this picture on Phillip Matle's website:
><http://www.beyondroswell.com/Mantle/Hufon.htm>

>If you have already seen this picture then forgive me, but as
>Phillip quotes HUFON on his page:

>"HUFON researchers were left with the conclusion that this is a
>genuine UFO photograph, and that a real, flat, disc-shaped
>object, several meters in diameter can be seen in the photo, the
>surface of which appears to reflect the autumn sunshine."

>Your thoughts on this picture are sought.

My 2 cents...

The photo was underexposed... leaving the subject in almost total darkness except for the tip of the nose and the sides of the legs.

To enhance this kind of image, you should lighten it, not darken it as the inset is done. This would provide an approximation of what the photographer saw, and would lessen any artifacts that an increase in contrast would produce.

When brightened sufficiently to see the subject's face, as the photographer would have seen it, the object takes on the shape of an oblong main portion with a blur up and to it's left. It appears more than anything else like a bird flying up and to the right in the photo, its near wing appearing as an arc up and to the left. The large white "gleam" fades into the bright background, but would correspond with the tail of such a bird catching the sunlight as it arose into the sky.

If you open the image in an editing app and set it to 300dpi, you can see the object in much better detail. On lightening the image, these additional details become immediately apparent. Since brightening reduces contrast, it is much less prone to erroneous artifacts, especially when the original image was so underexposed.

Finally, to say that the object was not moving because it is not blurred is not an accurate statement. Any decent camera can be set to a sufficient shutter speed that it stops the action. A runner in the Olympics can be photographed in full stride, and yet adorn the cover of Sports Illustrated in stark detail and crisp resolution. He certainly didn't stop for the photo.

I have uploaded a brief analysis of this image to:

<http://decaykk.com/UFO>

Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

I am a novice at this, but the images are there for you to see.
Anyone can duplicate what I have done.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 02:17:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:26:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 16:37:35 -0700
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>It shouldn't be forgotten that there was a second witness to
>the "Arnold" sighting, namely the prospector, Fred Johnson of
>Portland. He viewed one of the UFOs through his prospector's
>telescope for quite a few seconds, and got a closer view than
>Arnold. After he wrote his letter to the Air Force about it, he
>was interviewed by the FBI, who in their letter described him as
>"a very reliable individual."

Ah yes Jim,

I have the documents somewhere as a matter of fact. But the point I was making-or at least endeavoring to do so, and probably very poorly at that, was that this was from Arnold's point of view and within his frame of references. He was observing these as a pilot with whatever experience and knowledge that could bring to the table. I believe that this is why that case remains solid to this day. Arnold eliminated much of the chaff right from the git go.

At any rate what John refers to as Sacred UFO Mysteries or "classic UFO cases" is neither here nor there. It's an attempt, only, to lessen the validity of a case that hasn't yet been solved. If you can't debunk it, ridicule it. Add to the giggle factor. And incidentally, pelicans were never a reasonable explanation to be considered. it was proffered by a rank amateur to begin with.

But you bring up a good point, now that you've mention it Jim. Ain't it strange that a pilot reports these objects and then it is independently verified by a witness on the ground. Two witnesses, each of whom had no knowledge of the other's presence or report.

Don Ledger

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 09:46:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:29:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>I haven't found any cases
>>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information
>>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very >
>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists
>>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the
>>evidence is compelling.

>The above is truly an extraordinary claim and frankly nonsense.
>The professionals at Battelle Memorial Institute who prepared
>"Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (Copy available, but beware,
>it is loaded with data) found that they had to label 689 of the
>3201 cases (21.5%) they examined as UNKNOWN completely separate
>and distinct from the 298 (9.3%) which they listed as
>INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

>Furthermore they did a quality evaluation of all the cases and
>found that the better the quality of the case the MORE likely to
>be listed as UNKNOWN. They must have had tough criteria because
>only 9.6% were listed as EXCELLENT, yet 35.1% of them were
>UNKNOWNs while only 18.3% of the 525 POOR cases and 15.6% of the
>1298 Doubtful cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. A further 26.6% of
>the 1070 Good cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. The better the
>quality the more likely to be UNKNOWNs.

>Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are
>no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable,
>and that the problem was poor quality.

>I suppose one solution as to how you could make such an
>extraordinary claim, backed by no data, is that you have only
>looked at a few poor cases and have rushed to judgement by
>extrapolation to a grandiose claim.

The standard, boilerplate assertion (without supportive evidence) that there are no truly anomalous UFOs, only insufficient data to find a mundane explanation, is part of the skeptibunker credo. At NICAP we had rigorous criteria for screening and investigating reports. We routinely ran checks for satellites, fireball meteors, advertising aircraft, balloons, strobe lights...and also considered the 'strangeness' of the individual case and the abilities and character of the witnesses.

We could explain quite a few cases, many were borderline and not very impressive, and then there were (and are) the truly anomalous reports (the "unknowns") that are richly deserving of

far more scientific attention. These cases show strong patterns of appearance and performance. Note the heavy emphasis on investigation. Many self-styled ufologists are clownishly short on investigation and long on pseudoscience, but that does not mean that there are no TRUFOS.

- Dick

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UFO Review Issue 4

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 12:40:00 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:30:49 -0400
Subject: UFO Review Issue 4

I am pleased to announce the September issue of UFO Review is available at:

<http://www.uforeview.net>

Top left hand button on the site. As usual, a free PDF download.

In our most schizophrenic edition yet, we have two major interviews. The first is with Will Hart, alternative historian and author of "The Genesis Race" who discusses his latest ideas about Man's origins and his dismantling of Darwin's Theory of Evolution, as well as his next book. The other interview is with The Devil.

Not the actual Devil you understand but his representative on Earth, Andy Roberts, well known sceptic and message board & List combatant. This is an extremely rare and very open and honest interview with Andy who not only discusses his professional but also his private life as well. As to be expected, this is a hard hitting and rather direct dialogue and will offend many. Not for the faint hearted. Bit of a scoop this, I say modestly. Get to know and understand the man you want to strangle!

Also, we look at the Jason Leigh Cleburn case again, Noah's Ark and psychosis within abductions, plus cartoons, book reviews, and general irreverent satire. Amazing value for the incredible price of... errr... nothing!

Stuart Miller

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Stanton Friedman Uploaded!

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 09:10:08 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:33:25 -0400
Subject: Stanton Friedman Uploaded!

I just received this. It refers to an interview I did yesterday.

Stan

From: Nancy Lorenz <nancy.nul>
To: <BeyondtheOrdinarydotNet.nul>
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2004 3:42 AM
Subject: Stanton Friedman uploaded!

Hi Everybody,

A new interview has been uploaded with Stanton Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and Researcher Extraordinaire!

You may listen at your convenience at:

<http://www.beyondtheordinary.net/stantonfriedman.shtml>

August 31st, 2004 - Program Topic:

Renaming S.E.T.I from "Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence" to "Silly Effort to Investigate" (a group he also refers to as cultist) Stanton explains his way of interpreting the "facts" that provides us with a very straightforward means of determining any logic in these matters. He has never seen a UFO, but then he has never seen a nuclear particle in all his years of researching them either, but that doesn't mean they don't exist!

It is time the US Air Force quit lying to the public, press, and members of Congress about UFOs.

See other recent uploads at:

<http://www.beyondtheordinary.net/audio2004.shtml>

Enjoy & Thanks for Listening!

-- Nancy

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Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 08:27:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:35:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 13:04:00 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>Greetings Kyle!

>Below is an excerpt of an e-mail I sent to Jeffrey Wilson (of
>crop circle fame) and others in June of last year about his
>father's books. For reasons that are too many to mention here,
>the case that our Moon is indeed an artificial structure in orbit
>about the Earth has not been ruled out. If that August full Moon
>that we saw on TV in the night sky during the closing ceremonies
>of the Olympics in Athens (where couples gather at the Acropolis
>every year to spend a special moment together under its romantic
>bright light) is indeed a massive UFO, which by definition it
>is, it will never again have the same poetic mystique!

>---

>Of the many popular magazine articles and books written about
>our "spaceship" Moon, I consider Don Wilson's two books 'Our
>Mysterious Spaceship Moon', (Dell, 1975) and 'Secrets of Our
>Spaceship Moon', (Dell, 1979) to be the among best researched
>and the ones which provide the most compelling evidence that
>Earth's natural satellite is a giant ET craft.

>It is said the the best way to hide something is to place it out
>in the open. If we really want to see a solution to this UFO
>mystery in our lifetime, we must return to the Moon.

Nick,

Thanks for the reading suggestions. While I admit that the
stated thesis is a bit of a stretch for me, I will check out the
books you mentioned. It would offer a possible explanation for
our apparent disinterest in going back there. At the very least
there is a lot that we still don't know about our nearest
neighbor.

Thanks again!

Kyle

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Re: Zen & Sagan & The Art Of Scientific

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 07:38:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:38:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Zen & Sagan & The Art Of Scientific

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 13:34:08 EDT
>Subject: Zen & Sagan & The Art Of Scientific Foot-Shooting

><http://www.hsuyun.org/Dharma/zbohy/Literature/essays/mzs/foot-shooting.html>

>Okay, this is the funniest darned look at mainstream science
>I've ever read outside of 'MAD Magazine'.

>Some of our favorites are mentioned like Sagan, Kaku, Asimov.

I grew up watching "Cosmos" on PBS and have always been an admirer of Sagan.

I've also admired many of Asimov's writings, in particular his book 1979 "Extraterrestrial Civilizations" and the 1964 book "Planets for Man" coauthored with Stephen H. Dole.

I was, however, disappointed with comments he made in one of his articles regarding Stanton Friedman and others who accept the ETH. Something to the effect that these people have abandoned reason and joined a cult. Perhaps its association with the early contactee movement influenced Asimov's perceptions of the ETH.

I admire Kaku for "Hyperspace" and "Visions" especially, as well as the fact that he has never made dismissive comments about UFO witnesses or the hypothetical possibility of ET visitation. However, I am not convinced by his arguments against the use of nuclear power in space.

There are not very many options available to us given our current technological limitations, and space exploration is worth taking substantial risks given that our species' long-term survival depends on expanding human presence into the galaxy.

Regarding the current article, I'm not quite sure where the author is coming from. Is she saying that scientists should be more politically correct and keep their opinions about religion to themselves? That's hardly a reasonable position. I always liked Sagan's style of poking fun at the shortcomings of religious and New Age thinking. Anyone who considers it offensive is being rather thin-skinned, in my view.

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Re: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 35 - Trainor

From: John Hayes <John.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 16:39:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 22:41:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 35 - Trainor

> UFO ROUNDUP
>Volume 9, Number 35
>September 1, 2004
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>E-mail: Masinaigan.nul
>Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

<snip>

>CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SHOWS
>UP TWICE IN NEW ZEALAND

> On Friday, August 27, and again on Saturday, August
>28, 2004, eyewitness Anthony Milas spotted an unusual UFO
>over Waiheke Island, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of
>Auckland, New Zealand.

Seems like Anthony was seeing aeroplanes.

Brian Vike (HBCC UFO Research) received the following message
from Anthony just after I sent the bulletin out yesterday:

Well some bad news... I've since observed the object every night
following and on two occasions seen a second one following.
After careful study through binoculars I've concluded these are
actually just planes with contrails that stay illuminated due to
travelling toward the setting sun - I suspect the dark "object"
I saw in the middle was actually just the space between the two
contrails from each jet. There is probably an evening flight to
Australia (or sometimes two) and that's what I'm seeing
travelling north-west. I did see one kind of "pulse" briefly
one night but I thought that could be accounted for by
turbulence hitting the plane.

If you have an FTP site somewhere that can handle a 32MB file
I'm happy to upload the first timelapse file there anyway - but
really I think these are just aeroplanes! :-)) It would make
sense with them appearing at exactly the same time and same
trajectory each night as well. Thanks for the interest and
sorry to waste your time!

[END]

E-Mail Reports to: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan.nul>
or use the Sighting Report Form at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/submit/sightings.shtml>

Website comments: John Hayes <webmaster.nul>

UFOINFO: <http://www.ufoinfo.com>

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Missouri 'UFO' Toy Balloon

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 11:42:51 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 08:49:34 -0400
Subject: Missouri 'UFO' Toy Balloon

<http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/local/9553779.htm?1c>

Bible school game is culprit in UFO mystery

Associated Press

JACKSON, Mo. - A UFO that was the talk of this southeast Missouri town turned out to be nothing more than a vacation Bible school game gone awry.

Just after 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, 16-year-old Zach Stanfield was videotaping a shadowy, disc-shaped object hovering in the sky above his home in this town about 100 miles south of St. Louis. Just down the road outside Calvary United Pentecostal Church, Edward Moore was getting a dirty look from his wife, Cherie, as the two watched a mylar disc float into the atmosphere.

It turns out that Stanfield and the Moores were looking at the same thing.

Cherie Moore had bought a pair of the \$9 mylar discs for the children attending the church's vacation Bible school to play with. But one had sprung a leak, and Edward Moore was having trouble getting the other one to fly.

"It just wasn't discing right," he said. "So I got the bright idea of airing it up with some helium."

Too much helium, it turned out, and the disc soared away.

On Tuesday, the Southeast Missourian newspaper in Cape Girardeau ran a front page photo of the disc, taken from Stanfield's video, with a story about an unidentified flying object hovering over Jackson.

"We were joking about it, saying that someone was going to see it and turn it in as a UFO," Cherie Moore said. "When I saw the paper this morning, I about died."

Chief air traffic controller Larry Davis of the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport had originally posed the possibility of the object being a mylar disc. He said too much helium would indeed have given the disc the strange hovering effect seen in the tape, especially on a day with mild winds.

Information from: Southeast Missourian

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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 10:48:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 08:50:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - Shell

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 19:26:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

>To enhance this kind of image, you should lighten it, not darken
>it as the inset is done. This would provide an approximation of
>what the photographer saw, and would lessen any artifacts that
>an increase in contrast would produce.

Not necessarily. The person was in a shadow or a more darkened area, while the "object" was apparently out in the bright hazy sunlight. The camera probably automatically adjusted to the hazy sunlight (common for an automatic camera), but the photographer didn't compensate with a fill flash. So the "proper" exposure is that which caught the object, so it needs no further adjustment in contrast or brightness.

An interesting view of it can be created by extrapolating to a higher resolution. For example, here's the object using a 300 dpi resolution, instead of the 72 dpi resolution of the photo on the net.

<http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/hungufo.jpg>

The interesting thing in this extrapolation is that the top of the UFO appears to be somewhat concave, not shaped like a bottle cap, and that there's a kind of partial ridge along the upper left edge.

Well, as digital cameras get less expensive, maybe one day in the future we'll have photos with images as clear as people used to get with a Brownie Hawkeye.

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Re: Microbiologist Death Question - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 12:04:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 08:52:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Microbiologist Death Question - Boone

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick.redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 07:09:11 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Microbiologist Death Question

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:44:05 EDT
>>Subject: Who's Bumping Off The Microbiologists?

>>This story about the ongoing accident prone microbiologists
>>is getting scarier by the day.

>>Does it have anything at all to do with Ufology? Were any of
>>them connected?

>In answer to the question about further research on those
>microbiologist deaths of a couple of years ago, there is a book
>coming out on that, later this year or early next by a guy
>named Dan Tanner.

>I met Tanner earlier this year and his book was at proof page
>then and I got to read some of it.

>No UFO material, but it's a huge book and there are 2 chapters
>on the Marconi "Star Wars" scientist deaths in the UK in the
>1980s as well.

>Tanner told me the provisional title is "Bio-Death: State
>Sanctioned Murder?"

>Nick Redfern

Wow Nick! That's great news! Thanks for the heads up on this new
book! Thank goodness somebody round these parts is doing
something about it. Mayhaps this'll open our eyes as to what's
really going on.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 11:12:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 08:55:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 15:59:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:08:42 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>>That was delightfully abstruse!

>>"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on," Mr. King.
>>"All your piety nor wit cannot call back a single line to
>>alter, nor all your tears wash a word of it."

>You are very fond of that line. Very odd you don't seem to know
>how to spell the author's name. Takes away from the credibility
>in my opinion.

Right - when you've nothing to add, criticize the spelling,
that way you can mask creative paucity with a perceivable, but
bogus, acuity.

>Luckily you need neither piety nor wit to call back that single
>line, and your tears are likewise not required. Just a little
>"backspace, retype, and save" will do the trick. :)

It's sure looks easy when ~you~ do it, Sir.

>So Alfie-baby, I leave you to your Odes, and your ever-moving finger.

Alfie-baby... Lovely. You make me feel all warm inside. You
hitting on me?

>At best, what I accumulated from your site was an
>overwhelming sense of boredom. Unfortunately, neither my piety
>nor my wit can change that. But heck, it's just my opinion. I
>could be wrong.

Could be... and thanks for the feedback. I should think, though,
that you'd be bored if an ideological fertilizer bomb went off
in your intellectual grain silo. Looking forward to more of your
contributions to the list, Mr. King. The moving finger will
write for all your clever little attempts at cheap insult and
errant backspacing. Tata!

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

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Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:17:10 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 08:57:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 12:11:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:22:14 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

<snip>

>I have no quarrel with your points. We seem to be coming from
>the same place.

>I sincerely hope whatever object(s) found there proves to help
>solve the mystery, but it is likely to simply add fuel to the
>debate. I'm ok with that, too!

I suspect there is some third option not thought of that might present itself in the future, perhaps when we know more about comets, their makeup and their flight characteristics as they are breaking up in the atmosphere. Since they tend to be dirty, fissured, and porous lumps of ice, there is the possibility that during entry and subsequent to that they squirrel around as fissures open up and possible pockets of gas explode moving that body around in less than the usual straight-line plummet to Earth.

That's the easy part. Now the explosion and then the lack of any real trace evidence of such an event other than the marking of the event by collateral damage and the shape/pattern of the explosion's result have to be explained rather than guessed at on both sides. The pictures I've seen of the blast's butterfly pattern suggest a more lateral flightpath than the more usual perpendicular straight-down descent. I believe that Soviet scientist that did the tests suggest a descent angle more in the vicinity of 45 degrees.

My reasons for wanting to know about what happened at Tunguska are selfish. This was a frightening release of explosive power that could have devastated a major city, then or even now. Knowing at least what actually happened would go a long way to preparing for a future event.

It has probably happened at other times in Earth's history and perhaps could happen again.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Filers Files #37 - 2004

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:07:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 09:13:15 -0400
Subject: Filers Files #37 - 2004

Filers Files #37 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
Vice President of Skywatch International
September 1, 2004
Webmaster: Chuck Warren

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 as reported each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis that UFOs are flying in our skies. Flying Triangle Evidence, Saturn's - Unidentified Lights, Mars - Welcome Sign on Burn's Crater, Life Came From Space, New York - Four Objects Fly in a Circle, Pennsylvania - UFO Effects TV, South Carolina - Teardrop and Hovering Triangle, Ohio - VHS Video of UFO, Michigan - Flying Triangle, Wisconsin - Seven White Saucers, Indiana - Teardrop, Illinois - Flying Triangles, Nevada - Half Moon UFOs, New Mexico - Metallic Orange Lights, California - Erratic Flying Objects, Washington - Flying Triangle, Canada - Discs, Mexico - Six spheres, England - Oval UFO, Philippines - Red UFOs, and Google Turns Author Over To Critic - Chilling Effect.

Flying Triangle Evidence

The Space Shuttle is no longer flying due to the apparent complexity of the craft and errors in management that have lead to the crash of two shuttles. Conversely, we have received over one hundred UFO reports each week for the last ten years, and can conclude that a very sophisticated and reliable technology is flying in our skies and in space. Many scientists claim UFOs do not exist, yet they have never examined the data, examined the radar tapes, nor even talked to the eye witnesses. Some of the greatest and most intelligent people on Earth have been eye witnesses to UFO technology that is far beyond anything known to exist in our technology. A new exciting world is available to those who will examine this evidence. Common among hundreds of reports are Flying Triangles that hover or fly at extremely low altitude at 100 to 200 feet above highways and buildings. These craft operate well below the minimum flight rules for the safe operation of aircraft and are of ten reported by police for over twenty years. They also create a road safety hazard. They are described as having rounded wing tips with bright intense lights on each corner, usually with a large red light in the center. They make little or no sounds. They hover and then depart at high speeds. Today, in a terrorist environment these craft could also present a terrorist threat and should be reported to Homeland Security and NORAD.

Saturn - Cassini Satellite Sees Lights

R. David Anderson writes, I have been comparing Saturn Cassini Images # 00007211 and Cassini Image # 00007442 that JPL received on July 22, 2004. This bright object has moved thousands of miles in a short time. There are many other interesting images sent back to JPL from Cassini near Saturn. You can change the image number(s) yourself... in order to see other images of this object above and near Saturn.

"Of course NASA will come up with another explanation for these pictures like dust specks, cosmic rays, flaw in optics, and the like. They may have a more difficult time explaining this one because the object will be in one frame and then not even be in the next frame, and moves radically in the next frame all the way to the bottom". A large fast moving lighted object in space would appear to have its own propulsion system. See the following web site for numerous JPL images showing movement.

<http://www.thecomingoftan.com/illuminated~object/illuminated~object.html>

Two More Planets Found

US astronomers say they have found two more Neptune-sized planets orbiting stars beyond our Solar System. Dr Geoff Marcy, of the University of California states, "I expect we'll find dozens of planets between 10 and 20 Earth masses in the next few years and we are poised to find true Earth-sized worlds!" This is a breakthrough in finding smaller planets in the search for life in space. The new planets are only 15 times more massive than the Earth down from Jupiter-class, that are 318 times more massive than the Earth. One of the new planets is in the first four-planet system ever discovered Well over a hundred planets have now been located outside the solar system and there may be hundreds of Earth's just waiting to be found relatively close to us.

Life Came From Space

Astrobiologists are examining what could be evidence of extraterrestrial microfossils inside a meteorite that fell to France 140 years ago. The Orgueil meteorite, a type of space rock known as a carbonaceous chondrite, has long sparked questions about potential traces of life from space. NASA astrobiologist Richard Hoover shared his research team's preliminary findings that samples showed what appeared to be fossilized traces of cyanobacteria within the soft rock. Biologists have come to believe that life might have gotten its start in Earth's oceans in the form of cyanobacteria =97 but to find such traces in a rock that apparently spent millions of years in space rather than in water came as a surprise. Any scientist's first thought would be that the biological structures were the result of earthly contamination, but Hoover said the structures' composition argues strongly against that. "The organic matter contains isotopes that absolutely could not be from terrestrial contamination," he said.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3217961>

Mars - Welcome Sign on Burns's Crater

The Mars Rover moved up to Burn's Crater and found a Martian Welcome Sign. Can anyone read Martian? It is my opinion these are not natural erosion marks. On the top right of the crater there appears to be TPYIX IIV

East Coast - High Altitude Anomaly

MUFON's Kim Shaffer reports, "At 8:35 PM, a strange high altitude anomaly was seen over most of the Rast coast on August 31, 2004, including by persons in Tennessee. Preliminarily, reports have been received by Peter Davenport and myself from most Eastern states..

The anomaly was spotted by this witness at about the same time which indicates that it was at an extreme altitude and probably in space. Most descriptions of the object were generally the same, a white concentric body with four wing like structures and a flashing strobe white light affixed to the end.

MUFON Tennessee analysis indicates this was a classified military cargo using the last Atlas 2 rocket ever to fly successfully delivering a U.S. reconnaissance satellite into space and ending a chapter in rocket history. The flight also marked the last time a rocket would liftoff from pad 36A at Cape Canaveral. However, a rocket with a strobe light and a launch over the US seems questionable? Thanks to Kim Shaffer MUFON TN Director <http://www.mufontennessee.org/>

New York - Four Objects Fly in a Circle

STATEN ISLAND - The witness was traveling south on Hylan Boulevard on August 24, 2004, at 10 PM, when he sighted four white objects which took on an appearance of the light of advertising lights on this hazy evening. They were traveling southeast about 40 mph and were playing a game like ring around the ros-E9. They would come together in the center, touch, and then go back out again. They continued to travel separately, in a circle and then come together and touch, and then go back out. They did this ten or twelve times. He states, "I followed them for as long as I could, about a mile or so until the end of the road where it is pretty deserted. The lights continued until I lost sight of them. I got the impression a couple other cars were also watching what I saw.

Pennsylvania - UFO Effects TV

POTTSTOWN - It was about 2:30 AM, on August 10, 2004, and the non cable TV channels kept getting very fuzzy. The witness noticed a strange flying object with different colors. He states, "When I ran to my window, I saw three yellow lights in a row with the middle one a little bit lower than the other two." The object was making the TV go haywire with loud static, and a humming noise. The object was going straight up, not on a slant like airplanes. I called all the airports in my area and there were no airplanes flying at that time. When the UFO was over my house my TV's went crazy then as soon as it was gone they came back to normal operation. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

South Carolina - Teardrop and Hovering Triangle

GREENVILLE - At 11:15 PM, the witness was heading east on I-185 on August 23, 2004, when he saw four white lights, about 1.5 the brightness of Venus in a line that was a distance of about 1.5 the diameter of a full moon. A fifth light was in back of the four lights. About half way between the single light, and the middle of the four lights there was one red light slightly brighter than the white ones. He exited onto I-85 south and turned around and went back to try and find a place where he could stop his car. The object was moving very slowly south parallel to I-85 about 65 degrees up. From this angle there were two white lights, the same distance apart as the farthest of the line of four and there was a red light, about 1/4 the diameter of the moon above the middle of the white lights. I watched it for about a minute and looked back and it was gone. It is possible that it flew into a cloud. He turned around again but it had disappeared. www.hbccufo.com

TEGA CAY - It was 5:45 PM, on August 23, 2004, when I noticed what looked to be a black teardrop shaped object flying low over the tree line. It was a cloudy afternoon and the object was moving sideways in a straight and unaltered path. It had no wings, no lights, and was not shaped as such. At first, he thought it was a large balloon, that was not very large. It was not moving with the slight breeze, because it was moving so straight. It seemed to move quickly, but not nearly as fast as an airplane, such as a bush plane. I am not sure what it was, since I am not experienced in this type of situation. but it was quite unusual. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Ohio - VHS Video of UFO

FOSTORIA - A low flying UFO was captured on video about 300 yards from the camera by George Ritter near his home. George Ritter can reproduce his video in his backyard laboratory on a regular basis. I encourage universities to examine this fantastic technology. Researchers are flying in from Sweden and Germany, but few in the US seem interested. I drove to Ohio and visited with George and watched him video tape. We did not see the craft, but high speed UFOs were on the video. There were also comparatively slow moving insects and birds. Low level UFO located behind farm on August 27, 2004. Thanks to George Ritter

Michigan - Flying Triangle

ANN ARBOR - On Thursday, August 19, 2004 at around 10 PM, the observer was driving home on the M-14 Expressway when he noticed a large bright object just over the trees up ahead. As he got closer, he saw three large circles with a flashing orange circle in the middle of a triangular pattern. He states, "I was the

only car on the westbound side of the expressway so I slowed way down to around 15 mph to observe an object flying at 200 feet in altitude and just past the Gotfredson exit about fifty yards off the expressway. As I got closer and was more directly under it, I noticed that the intense lights were attached to the structure of a triangular shaped object that was slightly darker than the night sky. It probably wasn't more than 30 feet deep. The lights did not throw any reflection up to the structure and had no reflective properties at all. Even the ground below was not lit up by any light. With as bright as these lights were and how close it was to the ground, I couldn't understand why nothing was lit up?

This flying triangle was large about the size of a 747 or so. The ends of the triangle were blunted, they were not sharp. The object made no noise as it hovered over crop fields and woods. The craft was staying stock-still. I watched the object for two more minutes and it never moved. The only motion was the orange light blinking in the middle of the three other lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Wisconsin - Seven White Saucers in Formation

OSHKOSH - The observer reports he actually viewed a live news broadcast on the local NBC news affiliate, WTMJ4 here in Milwaukee on August 20, 2004 of a breaking story of an accident on I41 at the 4:30 report outside of Oshkosh and they had live footage from a helicopter. The clock was 4:58 then turned 4:59 PM. "I was watching the footage and noticed seven silver/white on the top and dark on the bottom, saucer shaped objects fly in a 'V' formation across the bottom of the screen. I have Tevo so I pressed record, because what I saw shocked me. My husband and I later viewed the recording and were totally amazed and a little freaked out. These objects were absolutely NOT birds or anything else like that. At one point it almost looks as if one of them got too close to another and sort of "bounces" off of the other, and at times you can see the formation "adjusting". You can plainly see that they are in between the helicopter and traffic that was backed up from the accident on the ground. You can also tell that they are traveling over at least 75 mph, because they are going faster than the traffic on the highway below. I'm totally amazed and confused, and think you will be too.

((NUFORC Note: We spoke with this witness, and she sounded sober-minded to us. We have requested still images from the tape. PD)) Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Indiana - Teardrop

NEW HAVEN - The witness spotted what I thought at first was an aircraft with its landing lights on approaching from the northeast on August 24, 2004. It was going really fast and when he glanced up as it passed behind him, he drove up a short distance and turned east when he saw the craft again. It was going away from me flying in a straight line and that's when I saw what lead me to believe it was UFO. It had two sets of what looked like three windows on the back with a flashing red light located where a plane's tailfin would be located. I lost it below the horizon after it got past the treeline. I realized that this object did not make a sound. My friend convinced me to report this sighting. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Illinois - Flying Triangles

LAKE IN THE HILLS - A network Computer Engineer for twenty years and his chemist wife witnessed a triangular shaped object moving across the sky on August 20, 2004, from 10:25 to 10:27 PM. At first glance it looked like three lights heading south. Then the flying triangle flew right over their heads at a low altitude and its length was longer than three large commercial aircraft. The witness looked at the flying triangle (this object) through Tasco mini binoculars. The object had three lights with one located on each corner. The object tilted toward the west and then leveled off. The witness grew up in Elk Grove Village with a commercial flight path over the top of my parents' home since I was two years old. The witness states, "This was something that I have never seen before and my wife agrees that this was the strangest object we have ever seen." The object only stayed in sight for three minutes and completely vanished right in

front of us in the partly cloudy sky." www.hbccufo.com

CHICAGO - A mother and daughter telephoned NUFORC, to report that they had witnessed a very peculiar event from their 22nd-floor apartment in downtown Chicago on August 20, 2004. Both witnesses reported that they witnessed one, or more, bright lights, that =93looked like fireworks, but with no tail,=94 moving toward their building. Suddenly, the lights reportedly stopped, and turned into some type of unlighted ship, hovering motionless in the night sky. The first ship appeared to =93split=94 into two seemingly similar-looking craft. Neither of the witnesses thought she had ever seen a UFO before. NUFORC found these witnesses to be quite sincere. `Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Illinois - Veteran Teacher Remembers UFO Visit

Len Wells, Courier and Press correspondent writes: Mount Erie native Norman Massie dies at 91. He had taught school in Wayne County for 37 years and once served as principal. While the folks in Southern Illinois will remember Coach Massie for his many years in education, perhaps the world will remember him for what he witnessed 81 years ago - when he was just 10 years old. It was a warm day in June 1923 when he saw what he was convinced until his last days was a spaceship. In a 1998 interview with Norman, he told me, "I opened the gate to let the horses into the pasture. I looked back down the field and there was an object with lights all around it," Massie said. "I kept walking closer to the object until I got about 50 feet away. I stood there and watched the five men who were on board."

I've heard Norman tell this story many times, and it was always the same - never embellished from one time to the next. "The machine was metallic and stood on three legs. The top was a dome with holes in it. The best way I could describe the top was it looked like melted glass," Massie said. "I got close enough that I could hear them talk. One guy sat in a chair and the others called him the commander. Four others made trips back and forth in the ship. I didn't know what was going on until the end. Then, one of the crew members told the commander that the repairs had been made." Massie said the whole experience lasted about five minutes. In a matter of minutes, he said, it came to a hovering position; the tripod legs telescoped up into the belly of the thing, went straight up about 200 feet and whizzed off to the west like a bullet.

Norman's mom and dad tried to convince him that he really hadn't seen anything - that he had made the whole thing up. Then, in 1990, he got up the nerve and told his son who served as a colonel in the Air Force about the incident. "He told me there was nothing wrong with me. He said the Air Force files are full of pictures of UFOs. He accepted my story as the truth." Norman Massie was never afraid that people might think he was a crazy old man for what he had seen. "In my own mind and my own heart, it existed and I saw it with my own two eyes." Norman is gone now. He leaves his wife, four children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a remarkable story from his childhood. His story has traveled around the globe, and is still shared by those who remain convinced we've received visitors from other planets.

http://www.courierpress.com/ecp/news/article/0,1626,ECP_734_3128914,00.html

New Mexico - Metallic Orange Lights

SILVER CITY - On August 21, 2004, two brothers witnessed two brilliant orange metallic lights flying side-by-side over the Silver City Mountains at 9 PM, for thirty minutes. We are at an altitude of 6,000 feet and the lights were higher and just to the west of the mountains. Looking through binoculars the lights were solid with no other lights in or around them. The two lights behaved like the Phoenix lights, fading in and out for some thirty minutes and appeared in three locations. The lights did not behave like flares and there were also aircraft in the vicinity. Stars and a half moon were also visible. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

AZTEC =97 Debra Mayeux/The Daily Times writes, As research continues into the infamous, yet unproven Aztec UFO crash of 1948, a Canadian film company has released the first full-length documentary about the event. The Aztec Public Library, sponsor

of the annual Aztec UFO Symposium, recently received a copy and plans to premiere it at 7 p.m. Thursday at Aztec City Hall. =93This video elevates the story to a national level of discussion,=94 said Leanne Hathcock, librarian and founder of the symposium. It was her research, along with the help of North Carolina resident Scott Ramsey, that led to a renaissance of interest in the purported crash in March 1948 in Hart Canyon north of Aztec. Ramsey has completed countless hours of research and successfully declassified material pertinent to the incident. =93We=92re working very hard in trying to identify two law enforcement officers at the scene, and at the same time trying to be respectful to the families,=94 Ramsey said. New Mexico and UFOs have become synonymous since the surging popularity of the Roswell crash in July 1947, but Aztec is coming into its own, according to Hathcock and Ramsey. =93I think the documentary puts Aztec in a positive light,=94 Ramsey said. The film begins with a view of San Juan County=92s high desert landscape and film producer Paul Kimball telling the story of Aztec.

It was a quiet evening north of the county seat, when an oil well fire broke out on a mesa above Hart Canyon. The fire led people to something much more interesting =97 a crashed UFO containing charred bodies, Kimball tells in the story Ramsey continually attempts to verify. Snip http://www.daily-times.com/artman/publish/article_13519.shtml

Nevada - UFOs Pass Jets

FALLON - The witness lives on the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Indian Reservation about 4 miles north of the runway of the Naval Air Station Fallon. This is where they do the Top Gun training made famous by the Tom Cruise movie of the same name. We are 65 miles east of Reno. The witness was trying to get pictures of jets flying east over his house when he saw two UFOs flying west at 11:50 AM, on August 25, 2004.

The witness states, "I heard them and ran outside, but I just missed them in the zoom lens, when I looked up directly overhead I saw two round saucer-like objects that actually looked like the 'logo' from Japan Airlines and I know this sounds crazy but it looked like a Star Trek Klingon Vessel with a see through ring around it." There was actually a white "glow" around them. One of them was doing loops around the other. I called for my wife to come out and she saw them flying circles around each other as they faded from view. I've seen standard military jets all my life and these were not those! Thanks to DK N.U.F.O.G. <http://users.oasisol.com/nufog/>

California - Erratic Flying Objects

RIDGECREST - At 9:05 PM, the observer saw a satellite moving in a southeasterly direction on August 9, 2004. The object made a "S" turn and a loop before disappearing into the horizon. The object was white in color, flying extremely high and moving fast. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

LOS ANGELES - My wife and I were driving south on Highway 5 on August 9, 2004, at five minutes to midnight between Stockton and Bakersfield. At 23:55 pm, I noticed a white light that I assumed was an airplane climbing at a steep 45 angle as during take off. The craft then changed direction and dove toward the ground at a 45 degree angle, stopping five feet from the ground and hovering. The craft was about 200 feet away from us across the north bound lanes. The craft was shaped like a Stingray with three white lights on the top. My wife first saw the maneuvers and the stingray shape with three white lights. Two were at the outside flippers and one light was at the nose in front. My wife heard a jet engine making acceleration and deceleration noises, but I did not hear them. The craft was the size of a normal passenger car. Other cars in the north bound lanes got a better view. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Washington - Flying Triangle

SOAP LAKE (SUN LAKES STATE PARK) Highly credible individuals reported: I did not believe in UFO's until this event. The object was a large triangle. We could not see the craft, only the lights. There was a bright white light on each corner of the craft. It had to be one unit as the lights stayed in the same formation as it moved from north and then south across the night sky. I lost sight of it after about 5 minutes as it appeared to

move into space. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
www.hbccufo.com

Mexico - Six UFOs

TAPACHULA - Six luminous spheres flew over the Mexicanos Pemex Petroleum Storage Facilities on August 29, 2004. The Disaster Prevention Officer, Juan Carlos Zu=Fliga Rodr=EDguez said, "Six large spheres having the shape of a circular plate, the size of a commercial airliner, performed flight maneuvers over the distribution terminal at an altitude no greater than 1000 meters flying at abnormal speeds and direction changes." A variety of photographs were taken and showed at least six luminous spheres flying over the area. This data was presented to researcher Jaime Maussan, who immediately commenced verification of the images. He stated. "The tests yielded positive results regarding a central object made of unidentified material, and which appeared to be covered by some sort of radiation very similar to that of the spheres." UFOs are frequently seen around the oil facilities and points adjacent to the Izapa archaeological region, close to where the "Tree of Life, Creation of the Universe" stele is located. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the translation (c) 2004

Canada - Disc

NIAGARA (ST CATHARINES) - I want to report a UFO sighting in the Niagara Falls region on Monday August 30, 2004, around 11PM, I was on the piers in Port Dalhousie fishing when I noticed a white and purple rectangular shaped craft over St. Catharines. I first noticed the UFO when it appeared to be over Lake Street heading east at extremely fast speeds. It went from the Lake street area to south of Port Weller in 4 to 5 seconds at a descending angle stopping at maybe 800 to 1000 feet. It then performed unbelievable movements up , down and right and left eventually descending south and appeared to land in the region close to the Niagara Airport. Although, there was an air show last weekend, this was nothing close. Thanks to Jim Hickman Executive Director Skywatch International Inc.

VANCOUVER ISLAND - Phil George writes, "The photograph was taken a couple of weeks ago in the Sooke area of Vancouver Island using my Nikon Coolpix 5700." I saw nothing in the sky when I took it, and saw it later when I uploaded the photographs to my laptop. It is not in any other photographs. My wife and kids did not see anything either. It was the middle of the day. It is not a bird, even at this quality of image this camera can pick out a seagull at 400 feet! I shot around 700 pictures no other photo displays anything like this. Thanks to Phil George

England - Oval UFO

MANCHESTER - The observer was sitting in the garden and heard a loud airplane noise on August 7, 2004, at 3:30 PM, but was unable to see anything at first, then he noticed a silver, oval shaped aircraft overhead. The oval was going at quite a speed, realizing it couldn't possibly be an aero plane. The object carried on flying, then suddenly stopped, hovered for a few seconds, then, darted very fast to the left and hovered for a while. It then went right and went back to where it had started and then just vanished. It was an extremely clear day with not a cloud in the sky, so the whole incident was very clear to see. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Philippines - Red UFOs

LAS PINAS CITY - Two unusual reddish-metallic-glares were observed flying east across partly cloudy skies. Another two, followed by three more - appearing from above the western horizon. This unusual sighting could not be mere airplanes, according to 11 year old Nica Canarias, since two of those were seen heading close to the surface of the moon. Nica, the eldest of the three Canarias=92 siblings who were among the early witnesses, immediately commanded her younger brother, Bien Canarias to summon 9-year old Adrian Israel, a close neighbor whom the kids knew well as a UFO experimenter, whose father Antonio (Tony), incidentally had taken a video footage of UFOs in Las Pi=Flas from an earlier encounter dating - September 3, 2000. As the elder Jose was pointing to the object his father Tony took his video camera and taped them. Tony was joined by other neighbors who observed the objects moving erratically,

jerking, floating and jumping in different directions between 7:30 till 8:15 PM, Tony was taking video footages of 5 UFOs as each passed by over the horizon at time intervals of approximately 8 minutes per object, following one after the other. This news is being featured over TV PATROL (August 30, 2004) Thanks to Tony Israel, 4 Mabelo St., Pamplona, Las Pi=Flas City.

Google Turns Author Over To Critic - Chilling Effect

Author Robert Trundle writes, "Google declares how fair it is and how much it eschews censorship. For example, an image of Robert Trundle=92s book UFOs: Politics, God & Science is posted at Images. The Image site tells Robert that if a copyright owner wants an image removed to follow the simple instructions by sending a detailed letter. The letter is sent because it seems unfair that the image refers to a website that ridicules his book and other book images are not shown that refer to websites where it is not ridiculed . Then, Google displays the other images of the book where it is not ridiculed. And then it takes the images off except for the original image and sends the author an email that states the original image cannot be removed. This seems like a form of censorship so the author challenges that claim. Bingo, not only does the original image alone remain but his letter gets posted on the website with the alarmist headline Author Asks Google To Remove Link to Critic - Chilling Effects ... Not only does the word =93Link=94 conflate the terms =93image=94 and =93website=94 =97 misleading the reader to suppose that the author is a mean spirited scoundrel who wants to suppress his open-minded critics when in fact he was not requesting that his critic=92s website be deleted but only the image when other images were censored.

In addition, the website gives the false impression that the anonymity of its victim is protected, on the outside chance there may be facts about which it is unaware, by blocking out the author=92s name on the letter sent to Google. But the author=92s name, of course, is exposed under the headline. And in reply to the author=92s further complaint that Google=92s removal instructions make no mention of turning the author=92s letter over to Chilling Effects, Google replies how fair it is by asserting falsely that it does refer to that website: Whoops, to a =93third party.=94 The moral of the story is that a UFO debunker who links a silliness of religious belief to a belief in UFOs, in a UFO magazine no less, gets publicity while the author unfairly gets censored in a major news media organization. Come to think of it, this is really no news. Thanks to Robert Trundle Ph.D.

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CCCRN News: Formation Report #10 - Calgary, Alberta

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 11:49:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 09:15:08 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #10 - Calgary, Alberta

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

September 1, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

FORMATION REPORT #10 - CALGARY, ALBERTA

Unusual oval ring in pasture grass, found August 26.
Approximately 14.5 metres (48 feet) by 12 metres (36 feet). In
Nose Hill Park, a large nature park of natural grasses and
terrain, the formation is on one of the highest points of Nose
Hill itself. Grass is flattened in various directions in the
narrow approximately 0.3 metre (1 foot) wide ring, including
straight across the width, with the ring itself well-defined.
Ring surrounds a large white rock roughly in the centre which
appears to be part of the natural landscape, not just placed
there. Initial ground photos and survey diagram are posted on
the web site. Investigation in progress by CCCRN Alberta. This
is the tenth reported formation for 2004.

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documenting the crop circle phenomenon and other possibly
related phenomena in Canada since 1995, creating a liason
between researchers, farmers, the public, media
and scientists

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Re: 'Gobsmacked' UFO Skeptic Turned Believer - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 14:09:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 09:21:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Gobsmacked' UFO Skeptic Turned Believer - King

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 18:48:40 EDT
>Subject: 'Gobsmacked' UFO Skeptic Turned Believer

><http://www.miltonkeynestoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=3D415&ArticleID=3D847401>

>This story is a double riot for me. First of all it has the
>expression "Gobsmacked" in it. I first heard that one from good
>ol' Alfred Lehmborg over at Jeff Rense's forum where I moderate.
>I had to call back home to the hill folk to find out what
>'Gobsmacked' meant. They had to dig up one of the old folks who
>still remembered!

>"Well I'll be gobsmacked iff'n' you ain't heard of bein'
>'gobsmacked'!" was one reply.

>Never-the-less - AP Stylebook forgive me - this story is about a
>skeptic - spelled sceptic in the article - who ran into his own
>encounter.

>["Gobsmacked" - As in struck dumb/dumbstruck - Northern English
> expression. As in Python's "Shut yer festering gob, you tit!"
> Gob =3D mouth. 'Sceptic' is English spelling as is the newspaper
> above - as in English came before 'Murikan' --ebk]

Errol,

Several of my friends from the UK used a term I thought was
"Godsmacked". When I went looking for it, I discovered gobsmacked.
A wonderful word, and so descriptive. I'm still troubled however
by the phantom "i" you guys put in a cool word like alumin[i]um.
:)

Greg,

The article you cite is most notable for its final paragraph:

[Begin Quote]

After analyzing the image, he said: "It could have been any
number of things -- a very powerful meteorite which may have
seemed close but was miles away, a form of lightning, or a
reflection on his windscreen.

"It's very difficult to say exactly what it is, but it's
certainly not a UFO.

"There are plenty of natural explanations."

[End Quote]

Dr. Ulrich Kolb is an "astronomy expert". Is that the same as an
astronomer? At any rate, for him to make statements like, "It
could have been any number of things" and "It's very difficult to
say exactly what it is", it seems rather rash to then state...
"but it's certainly not a UFO".

While I am neither an astronomer nor an astronomy expert, I fully expect that when a scientist (or expert) feels compelled to say that he has no idea what he is seeing (unidentified), he would be foolish to add that it is "certainly not a UFO". In fact, everything he said up to that point was asserting his uncertainty.

Appears to be an example of what is referred to here as a pelicanist?

And are astronomers in the UK referred to as astronomy experts, or is this guy (Kolb) just in possession of a lot of books about the planets to go along with his over-zealous s[c]epticism, or was the writer just sloppy in his description?

Doesn't appear to be enough data to form much of an hypothesis, certainly not one of such a contradictory nature. I wonder what the formerly sceptical sightee thought of Mr. Kolb's assessment?

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 15:18:06 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 09:29:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Balaskas

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 13:59:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

>>From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:03:23 -0400
>>Subject: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

>>When reading through Blue Book case files one often runs
>>across statements much like the following:

>>"Venus appears low on the horizon at this time of year and is
>>unusually bright; it is possible for it to appear to change
>>color and perform erratic maneuvers when seen through thin
>>clouds or ground haze."

Hi William and Larry!

For four years I observed and measured the astronomical seeing conditions from the Red Sea coastal Asir Mountains and the desert interior of Saudi Arabia for their proposed national observatory project. It is not true that thin clouds or ground haze is responsible for Venus' erratic maneuvers and changes in colour (and also the changes in its brightness or twinkling) when it appears low on the horizon. It is the temperature gradients, or more accurately, the changing densities of the air masses that Venus is observed through that produces these effects. Sometimes this effect is very pronounced that Venus (or other bright object in the night sky) could easily be mistaken for a distant moving aircraft or a UFO.

>>It would be interesting to observe video of Venus under such
>>conditions to better understand and appreciate how astronomical
>>phenomena under unusual conditions can lead to their
>>misidentification. This would be true for other unusual
>>phenomena such as sun dogs, moon dogs, and relatively slow
>>moving bolidas as well.

>>Venus being the most predictable of these phenomena I assume it
>>would be the easiest to capture on tape during the sort of
>>conditions that would give rise to misidentification as a UFO.

>>If any such video is available a link would be most welcome.

>Yes! Such videos should be easily made, but I don't know where
>to find them.

Such videos of Venus low on the horizon may be hard to find, but similar videos of other astronomical objects as well as distant aircraft and tall structures are much more common. Some of these videos which seem to show orbs of light zigzagging back and forth along the horizon across Lake Ontario which I have seen in person and on the Internet were often aircraft landing or taking off from one of the New York state airports just below the horizon.

A few years ago while looking across Lake Ontario towards

Toronto from the Niagara peninsula I saw what seemed to be a long bridge low along the horizon that seemed to span the entire lake. When I looked through my binoculars I was shocked to see two identical images of the downtown Toronto skyline. One image was inverted and hanging directly over the city with the tops of the buildings of both images nearly touching. This is the same phenomenon when a road that ends at the horizon seems to be broken or wet and oncoming distant cars seem to be inverted (a mirage seen only under ideal conditions).

>I'm bothered by the statement " Venus appears low on the horizon
>at this time of year and is unusually bright.. "

>Venus' position and brightness depend on the relative positions
>of Earth, Venus and the Sun, all in relation to one another.
> While easily predicted with simple astronomical programs, "this
>time of year" gives the false impression it depends on the
>Earthly calendar alone .. as if Venus were a fixed star.

>It would be interesting to know who originally came up with that
>jewel. One might then look at his other arguments.

A couple of times a years Venus will be far away from the Sun in the sky - occasions when it is also at its brightest (the third brightest celestial object in the sky after the Sun and Moon). When seen under the dark night skies on these occasions, as opposed to the majority of times when planet Venus is much fainter and seen in the brighter dawn or dusk skies very close to the Sun, it is an very impressive sight and infrequent observers of the sky can easily mistaken it as a UFO.

What many of us are not aware of is that, like the Moon, Venus and the much brighter planets and stars are also visible in the clear blue daytime sky when the Sun is also present. One just needs to know where to look. I suspect that a few of the daylight UFOs caught on video as seen in Brian Vike's hbccufo web site by witnesses trying out their new zillion power zoom cameras are indeed real extraterrestrial objects - planets and bright stars!

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 20:52:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 09:50:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>I haven't found any cases
>>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information
>>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very
>>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists
>>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the
>>evidence is compelling.

>The above is truly an extraordinary claim and frankly nonsense.
>The professionals at Battelle Memorial Institute who prepared
>"Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (Copy available, but beware,
>it is loaded with data) found that they had to label 689 of the
>3201 cases (21.5%) they examined as UNKNOWN completely separate
>and distinct from the 298 (9.3%) which they listed as
>INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

<snip>

>Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are
>no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable,
>and that the problem was poor quality.

>I suppose one solution as to how you could make such an
>extraordinary claim, backed by no data, is that you have only
>looked at a few poor cases and have rushed to judgement by
>extrapolation to a grandiose claim.

The problem here is not with the statistics but with how they
are interpreted. It should be noted that the conclusions reached
by the compilers of Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 do
not agree with Stan's interpretation, as they were obviously not
very impressed with the results of their studies. The last three
paragraphs of their Conclusions are:

"It is emphasized that there was a complete lack of any valid
evidence consisting of physical matter in any case of a reported
unidentified aerial object.

"Thus, the probability that any of the UNKNOWNS considered in
this study are "flying saucers" is concluded to be extremely
small, since the most complete and reliable reports from the
present data, when isolated and studied, conclusively failed to
reveal even a rough model, and since the data as a whole failed
to reveal any marked patterns or trends.

"Therefore, on the basis of this evaluation of the information,
it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports
of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent
observations of technological developments outside the range of
present-day scientific knowledge."

John Harney

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Re: NIDS FT Report - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 16:00:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:13:45 -0400
Subject: Re: NIDS FT Report - Boone

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:15:24 -0700
>Subject: NIDS FT Report

>I don't know if anybody mentioned this earlier, but Colm
>Kelleher has put out a a darned good study on so-called Flying
>Triangles.

>It shows some very nice maps and text, and even mentions my
>work. Naturally, I find that more interesting than some other
>threads.

>http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8_25trireport.php

That's some awesome map work there and thanks for the link
Larry.

Having seen these aircraft on several occasions and up close at
that and having reported so publicly all I can say is I found my
answers from a good friend of high standing who was there on one
occasion.

So in regard to the flying triangles/boomerangs/crescents I'll
not comment on them anymore. LLSS :)

Best,

Greg

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From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:24:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>I have not changed my views at all; I have always adopted a
>>logical and consistent approach to the subject, though I must
>>admit that in the early years I was sometimes a little too
>>credulous.

>"Logical"? "Consistent"? How about "orthodoxy-affirming at any
>cost"? About that, anyway, you have been consistent. "Credulous"
>I take to mean what other people would judge mere open-
>mindedness, a posture of which no one will hold you guilty
>anymore. So you can relax, John. Nobody thinks your head holds
>any heretical thoughts.

I have already said that I do not have any fixed ideas as to
what Arnold did or did not see; I merely said that I thought the
various theories should be seriously debated, and not just
rejected out of hand if they seemed likely to lead to a mundane
conclusion.

>>I have already explained that Arnold's report was extraordinary
>>because he estimated that the objects were travelling at
>>supersonic speeds. As you will probably agree that they were not
>>meteors, then such a sighting can reasonably be described as
>>extraordinary. It's really quite simple and logical, so I don't
>>know why you are making it seem so difficult.

>Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do
>not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary.
>They are quite ordinary in human experience and comprise a
>significant number of the totality of UFO reports. What's so
>difficult about conceding that rather obvious point?

I don't agree. For example, we have the Chiles-Whitted bolide
described as being "structured" - having windows, etc. This sort
of misperception is not uncommon.

>>The sightings are generally not extraordinary, but the claims
>>made about them by many ufologists certainly are.

>Not only by ufologists, but by pelicanists and other extremists.
>Somehow, though, the latter psychosocial response to the
>phenomenon manages not to attract the attention or interest of
>self-described psychosociologists. Strange, that. Of course it
>is always painful to have to subject one's own favored beliefs
>to skeptical scrutiny.

What are these "extraordinary claims" made by "pelicanists and
other extremists"? Do you mean when they dare to suggest that

some of your favourite UFO stories are hoaxes or misperceptions, or that the accounts given by witnesses perhaps may not have been entirely accurate?

>I must say it is depressing, though I admit hardly surprising,
>to find that pelicanists even in 2004 are reduced to the
>hoariest and most dim-witted of cliches: that UFOs exist only
>because people haven't investigated them or uncovered the proper
>information. Does being a pelicanist mean you don't have to
>heed demonstrable contrary facts and evidence anymore? But then,
>since UFOs don't exist, why bother with inconvenient detail?

To say something is a UFO is merely to say that it remains unexplained, or that explanations offered are considered unsatisfactory. However, you seem to imply that there is something which unknown reports have in common so that one day some new class of object or phenomenon will be revealed and acknowledged by scientists, and everyone else, this being what we now call a UFO. I don't happen to share that view.

>Yet another dreary cliché: "sell books." As we all know, UFO
>books sell like hot cakes, at least in the lurid imaginations of
>pelicanists if not in prosaic market reality. In the same way,
>"true anomaly" on the cover of a book guarantees multiple
>printings and fat royalty checks. Great argument, John.

The spurious air of mystery which most UFO authors try to generate by going on about "true anomalies", etc. may not sell many copies, but it is apparently needed to persuade publishers to accept their books.

>John informs us, in all due ponderous, that he "hasn't found any
>cases which seem inexplicable, except those for which the
>information is insufficient or unreliable." Lack of sufficient,
>reliable information is not a problem in well-investigated,
>well-documented cases, but lack of rational argumentation in
>pelicanist discourse, where insufficient or unreliable
>information (not to mention freewheeling speculation) seems
>always at the core (why let evidence get in the way of
>guesswork?), is. As we see demonstrated yet again.

Lack of reliable information is a problem, and many reports are not properly investigated, usually because of lack of sufficient funds and resources. If you want an example of unreliable information and sloppy investigation you have only to read about the initial investigations of the Trindade case - the questions not asked, the implausible details not queried, or just ignored, and so on.

>Besides the dreary cliché - that reports remain unsolved
>because UFOs don't exist and therefore more information, never
>mind the mass of same that already exists, would bring the pesky
>heresy to ground - John has nothing but a tautology to offer
>us, to wit:

>Why are there unsolved UFO reports? Because there is
>insufficient or unreliable information. How do we know the
>information is insufficient or unreliable? Because there are
>unsolved UFO reports.

This might sound silly, but it is the result of UFO believers not having a testable hypothesis, that is a theory that most unsolved UFO reports have something in common, which could be identified by using the right investigative methods or statistical techniques.

John Harney

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UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Hits Las Vegas Nov

From: Ryan S. Wood <majesticdocuments.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 15:04:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:28:48 -0400
Subject: UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Hits Las Vegas Nov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ufo Crash Retrieval Conference Hits Las Vegas November 12-14

BROOMFIELD, CO - September 1, 2004 -- Father and Son team of Ryan S. Wood and Dr. Robert M. Wood proudly announce the 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference, the world's only public event dedicated exclusively to compelling evidence of crash retrievals. The conference takes place Friday evening, November 12 through Sunday afternoon, November 14 at the Sunset Station Hotel and Casino in Henderson, Nevada, just outside Las Vegas. Details are available on www.ufoconference.com

Last year's first-ever Crash Retrieval Conference was a huge success, with 15 speakers, over 200 people in attendance, a sold-out banquet and a live broadcast of Coast to Coast AM from the hotel. This year's event promises to be even better.

The exceptional speaker lineup includes Stephen Bassett, Grant Cameron, Paul Davids, Linda Moulton Howe, Don Ledger, Jim Marrs, Dr. David Pace, Nick Redfern, Peter Robbins, Dr. Bob Wood and Ryan S. Wood, plus three short presentations by surprise guests.

Friday evening kicks off with a meet-the-speakers open bar event and panel discussion. Lectures run all day Saturday and Sunday, with a gala banquet and keynote address Saturday evening. Lecture abstracts follow:

Stephen Bassett: Truth Retrieval: Message to the President Elect

Eleven days after the 2004 presidential election, Stephen Bassett will declare in his banquet keynote address that the politics of disclosure, exo-politics and the requirements of real intelligence reform directly challenge the hidden core of an evolving governmental dysfunction that threatens the nation. Crash retrievals began in the 1940's; cover-up followed. Six decades later, it is time for truth retrieval; and as of November 2, 2004, that becomes the job of the President Elect. Who will demand this of the elected administration? What has to be done? What is at stake?

Grant Cameron: The Presidents and the Hard Evidence (in 2 parts)

U.S. presidents knew about UFO crash retrievals right from the start and took steps to cover up the evidence. Grant Cameron will discuss the revelations of Wilbert Smith, head of Canada's Project Magnet; and intelligence officer Arthur Lundahl, who reportedly communicated with a captured alien in 1959 and is intimately associated with the recently disclosed Majestic documents. Grant will also discuss the role of presidents in the post Blue Book era, including Nixon's connection to sensational UFO film footage shot at Holloman Air Force Base.

Paul Davids: The Road to Roswell -- A Primer of Undisputed Facts and Factual Disputes

How does one navigate the morass of competing versions of "The Truth" in books, documentaries and government reports that are

designed to cut off inquiry into the Roswell Incident and declare "CASE CLOSED"? How does one choose sides between "authorities" who are at odds with one another and even at each other's throats? Paul Davids will describe the minefield that every truth-seeker must traverse on the Road to Roswell, laying out the facts and factual disputes in order to show why this case stands for many as "Ground Zero" in the Great UFO Debate.

Linda Moulton Howe: UFO Crash Retrievals and America=C2=B9s Policy of Denial in the Interest of National Security

For 25 years as a TV producer and investigative reporter, Linda Howe has sought to determine what the U.S. government learned about entities and technologies from UFO crash retrievals that provoked an American policy of misinformation and denial since at least 1947, even as the government and corporations were back-engineering the very technologies they deny exist. Linda will discuss microbiologist Dan Burisch, Ph.D., who in 2002 came forward to whistle-blow about his work for Majestic-12 concerning an "extraterrestrial biological entity" at Area 51 S-4/5, Nellis AFB, that allegedly was retrieved from the Kingman, Arizona UFO crash in May 1953.

Don Ledger: The Shag Harbour Incident

On October 4, 1967, multiple witnesses reported the crash of an object into the waters near Shag Harbour on the southern tip of Nova Scotia. There followed rescue attempts by the RCMP and local fishermen, and subsequent attempts by the Canadian navy to find the object on the bottom over a 4-day period, all covered extensively in the daily news. But a stranger part of the saga came to light only years later. The object apparently traveled some 23 miles under water to the mouth of Shelburne Harbour and settled offshore near a top-secret base at Government Point. Don Ledger will share information received from Army, Navy and Air Force personnel present at the time who say that military divers observed and photographed not one but two objects resting in some 80 feet of water, one object evidently lending aid to the other.

Jim Marrs: Aurora, Texas UFO Crash

Investigative journalist and author Jim Marrs explores the events of April 19, 1897, when a slow moving =E2=80=9Cspace ship=E2=80=9D crashed into a windmill and burst into pieces. Examination of the debris supposedly revealed the body of a small alien as well as material sketched with a type of hieroglyphic. The town folk gave the poor creature a proper burial in the local cemetery. Jim will provide startling new evidence for this early UFO case.

Dr. David Pace: Inside the USSR Majestic 12 Program

Dr. Pace will discuss his experiences with the Soviet UFO hierarchy, scientific and medical as well as governmental, including the USSR's analog to Majestic 12. The talk will encompass Soviet/Russian UFO crash retrievals and perspective on reverse science and engineering, along with Dr. Pace's firsthand knowledge of the Soviet version of Area 51 and his unique insights into US-USSR coordination and communications around UFO events and technology. A true first for Ufology.

Nick Redfern: UFO Crashes: An Illustrated History

The author of 3 best-selling books on UFOs, Nick Redfern will present an accounting of the many and varied crash retrieval cases reported throughout the world during the past century. Besides such well-known cases as Roswell and Kecksburg, Nick will cover seldom-discussed UFO incidents from China, the former Soviet Union, Africa, South America, Germany, Australia and the United States, in order to provide a firm appreciation for what is arguably the most compelling aspect of the UFO mystery.

Peter Robbins: The Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident

Twenty-four years after the fact, England's Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident (AKA the Rendlesham Forest Incident) still stands as the United Kingdom's seminal UFO event. While no serious allegations of a crash were involved, the British Ministry of Defence and U.S. Air Force went to great lengths to downplay the mysterious events. Peter Robbins, co-author with Larry Warren of the 1997 British bestseller Left At East Gate,

will present a detailed account of the original incident, then review key updates in the case, including the release of hundreds of pages of government documents, memos and other evidence.

Dr. Bob Wood: Correlating Leonard Stringfield's Crash/Retrieval Reports

Leonard H. Stringfield was known for his meticulous interviews and his strict word of honor about protecting witness identity. His records of crash retrievals are extensively detailed in 8 published documents (the 1977 book "Situation Red-The UFO Siege", and UFO Crash/Retrieval Status Reports 1-7, ending in 1994). What is missing is a clear summary of what one can conclude from this large database; and this is what Dr. Wood will offer in his talk. Multiple reports apparently cover the same C/R event, and numerous subtle corroborating statements by unrelated witnesses lend credence to many cases. Dr. Wood will address the bottom line questions, "How many crash retrievals actually occurred, and what are the implications for today?"

Ryan S. Wood: Murder and MJ-12: Convenient Deaths in Support of UFO Secrecy

At first glance, one might not think that murder would be practiced in the name of UFO secrecy. But the data suggests otherwise. Ryan Wood will present a catalog of notable and questionable deaths, including details of how each person died and the probability against chance. Some potential targets were famous - Oppenheimer, Einstein, possibly even JFK -- while others were lesser known though no less significant, such as virologist Robert Green and John Murphy, the Kecksburg UFO crash reporter.

See:

http://www.ufoconference.com/ufo_conference_registration.php

for conference registration and further information. Make hotel reservations early to ensure the special conference rate of \$89 per night: call the Sunset Station Hotel, 888-786-7389.

This conference promises to be a breakthrough event, providing fresh and eye-opening insights into the UFO enigma. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

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SETI Signal From 1,000 Light Years Away

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 20:31:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:35:16 -0400
Subject: SETI Signal From 1,000 Light Years Away

I figure by the time this gets posted, if it gets posted, the news about the latest SETI.nul discovery will be big news and numerous posts will be arriving.

http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=14594417%26method=full%26siteid=89488%26headline=space%26name_page.html

Space Call From ET

Sep 2 2004

ALIEN messages may have been found in a bizarre radio signal.

Astronomers have recorded three incidences of the space signal - totalling one minute.

They think it is from an ET after ruling out known interference or objects as the source.

The signal, called SHGbo2+14a, comes between Pisces and Aries, where there is no obvious planetary system for 1000 light years.

It was found by the Search For Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence team, who run search programs as screensavers on millions of home computers.

California University researcher Eric Korpela believes the 'message' is real.

He said: 'I can't think of any way to fake it.'

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Secrecy News -- 09/01/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:38:08 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/01/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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A TALE OF TWO INTERROGATION MANUALS

Some of the abuses that were committed against prisoners detained by U.S. forces in Iraq may have derived from conflicting guidance and from improper reliance on an outdated interrogation manual, the Washington Post reported this week.

The manual that was supposed to be in effect was U.S. Army Field Manual 34-52 of 28 September 1992. A copy of this document is now available here in a very large 14.5 MB PDF file (thanks to S):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm34-52.pdf>

But instead, Army officials issued guidance based on an earlier and in some ways more permissive edition of the same manual, dated 8 May 1987, the Post reported. That edition is available from GlobalSecurity.org here:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/policy/army/fm/fm34-52/>

For the context, see "Documents Helped Sow Abuse, Army Report Finds" by R. Jeffrey Smith, Washington Post, August 30:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A45319-2004Aug29.html>

By classifying certain portions of its investigation, the Defense Department may have improperly shielded some high-level officials from scrutiny, Human Rights First charged in a news release this week. See:

http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/media/2004_alerts/0831.htm

CRUISE MISSILE DEFENSE (CRS)

The status of Defense Department efforts to develop defenses against cruise missiles is addressed in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

"Congress directed DOD to undertake BMD [ballistic missile defense] and CMD [cruise missile defense] efforts in a mutually supportive fashion," the CRS notes.

But "Some argue that Pentagon efforts on CMD have taken a back seat to BMD efforts," the report says understatedly.

See "Cruise Missile Defense," updated August 27, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21921.pdf>

EMP AND MICROWAVE WEAPONS (CRS)

The military threat posed by microwave weapons is often presented without a careful examination of its plausibility, feasibility and likelihood.

A recent commission report to Congress may have encouraged such credulousness, and it is reflected in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

The CRS relies in part on a highly speculative article on non-nuclear microwave weapons by one Carlo Kopp which, observes George Smith of GlobalSecurity.org, is open to question.

"There is absolutely no evidence that such a weapon works or that it even can be built the way the [Kopp] piece implies that it can," Dr. Smith said. "No such e-bomb has ever been demonstrated in over eleven years, which is when this article was first published."

See "High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP) and High Power Microwave (HPM) Devices: Threat Assessments," Congressional Research Service, August 20, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL32544.pdf>

MORE CRS PRODUCTS

Direct public access to Congressional Research Service reports is not permitted by the current congressional leadership. But the following reports are newly available nevertheless.

"9/11 Commission Recommendations: Joint Committee on Atomic Energy -- A Model for Congressional Oversight?" August 20, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32538.pdf>

"The Multi-State Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange (MATRIX) Pilot Project," August 18, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32536.pdf>

"Aviation Security-Related Findings and Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission," August 24, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32541.pdf>

"Emergency Communications: The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and All-Hazard Warnings," August 13, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32527.pdf>

"9/11 Commission Recommendations: A Civil Liberties Oversight Board," August 9, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21906.pdf>

"The Information Quality Act: OMB's Guidance and Initial Implementation," August 19, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RL32532.pdf>

OPEN ACCESS TO GOVT HEALTH RESEARCH URGED

In an open letter to Congress last week, two dozen Nobel laureates called for free, online public access to the results of government-funded research in health and medicine.

"There is widespread acknowledgement that the current model for scientific publishing is failing us," the Nobelists wrote. "An increase in the volume of research output, rising prices and static library budgets mean that libraries are struggling to purchase subscriptions to all the scientific journals needed."

"As scientists and taxpayers too, we ... object to barriers that hinder, delay or block the spread of scientific knowledge supported by federal tax dollars -- including our own works."

See their August 26 letter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/08/nobel082604.pdf>

A new coalition of scientists, researchers, and others such as the Association of Research Libraries has formed to advance the cause of open access to government-funded research. For more information, see:

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

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:41:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:39:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 09:46:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are
>>no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable,
>>and that the problem was poor quality.

>The standard, boilerplate assertion (without supportive
>evidence) that there are no truly anomalous UFOs, only
>insufficient data to find a mundane explanation, is part of the
>skeptibunker credo. At NICAP we had rigorous criteria for
>screening and investigating reports. We routinely ran checks for
>satellites, fireball meteors, advertising aircraft, balloons,
>strobe lights...and also considered the `strangeness' of the
>individual case and the abilities and character of the
>witnesses.

>We could explain quite a few cases, many were borderline and not
>very impressive, and then there were (and are) the truly
>anomalous reports (the "unknowns") that are richly deserving of
>far more scientific attention. These cases show strong patterns
>of appearance and performance. Note the heavy emphasis on
>investigation. Many self-styled ufologists are clownishly short
>on investigation and long on pseudoscience, but that does not
>mean that there are no TRUFOS.

NICAP's files are now housed with CUFOS in Chicago. I am
intimately familiar with them because I drew on them extensively
while I was researching The UFO Encyclopedia. Let me put it this
way:

Dick is exactly right. NICAP did it right. As Jim McDonald had
occasion to observe, NICAP's investigations were typically a
considerable improvement on the Air Force's. I didn't really
appreciate or understand that until I saw the research files
with my own four eyes and studied them myself. That experience
was a real eye-opener, in the entirely positive sense. NICAP's
investigations and the resulting research reports set the gold
standard.

Jerry Clark

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Julian Hennessey Invisible Asset

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 6:14:20 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:51:11 -0400
Subject: Julian Hennessey Invisible Asset

I have written a detailed biography of the ufological accomplishments of Julian Hennessey, an undervalued character from ufological history.

He made a major contribution to ufology, mainly in the UK, but he also made significant contributions across the Atlantic.

The article can be read at:

http://www.ufology.org.uk/article_read.asp?id=174

Regards,

Joe

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Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:28:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:57:09 -0400
Subject: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:49:45 -0500
From: Damien Broderick <thespike.nul>
To: "'ExI chat list'" <extropy-chat.nul>
Subj: FWD [extropy-chat] zero point fields, Bernard Haisch and, gulp, more

Here's something kinda zany and hairballish but hot damn this is Bernard Haisch, not some total dumbo:

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

...the fact of the matter is, there does exist a vast amount of high quality, albeit enigmatic, data. UFO sightings are not limited to farmers in backward rural areas. There are astronomers and pilots and NASA engineers - and others who have been around the block a few times when it comes to observing natural phenomena - who have witnessed events for which there is no plausible conventional explanation.

Recently astrophysicist Ken Olum at Tufts University argued

<http://www.arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0303070>
(gr-qc/0303070)

that anthropic reasoning applied to inflation theory predicts that we should find ourselves part of a large, galaxy-sized civilization, implying that the "We are alone" solution to

<http://www.ufoskeptic.org/contact.html>

Fermi's paradox is inconsistent with our best current theory of cosmology. Beatriz Gato-Rivera, a physicist at the Instituto de Matematicas y Fisica in Madrid, followed up on this

<http://www.arxiv.org/abs/physics/0308078> (physics/0308078)

with the hypothesis that Olum is correct, but that by design we would be kept unaware of a greatly advanced surrounding civilization. She also argues that modern superstring and M-brane theory further aggravate Fermi's "missing alien" problem.

There is another aspect to the UFO phenomenon that involves politics and secrecy rather than observational evidence. I do not currently have a ticket to any SCI program, but over the years I have gotten to know individuals who for one reason or another would be aware of the existence of relevant black programs. From such sources, certain possibilities have made it through my credibility filter and now reside - like Schroedinger's cat - in kind of an unresolved mental superposition of quantum states having both the eigenvalues "true" and "false" and no operator around to collapse the wave function. My credibility filter is a function of several parameters such as my own knowledge of physical laws, state of technology and history of its origin, some personal experience with government agencies and security classification systems, but mostly the filter is tuned to the questions: Which people have I learned over the years to be trustworthy, sensible and

knowledgeable? How would they be in a position to know the things they do? Why and to what extent would they tell me anything, even based on long-time friendship? Do they have anything to gain by telling stories or making claims? What consistency and convergence is there among various people's claimed information?

I see myself a bit like the kid standing next to the kid looking through the hole in the big tall fence at the baseball game. This means that the closest I am getting to inside information will be a recounting of what is going on in there. I myself am definitely not an insider, but contacts I have acquired and/or befriended over a long period of time seem to be on the periphery of some kind of inside which appears to contain at least remarkable information, and apparently more than that. Let me be (somewhat) more specific. I now have three completely independent examples of individuals whom I trust reporting to me that individuals they trust have admitted to handling alien materials in "our" possession in the course of secret official duties. (The special access level in the one case for which I know it is R, a not widely known SCI level whose existence was finally verified for me by someone who himself had a very high access level, though short of that one, as being "reserved for someone at the very top." I do not know, however, whether it is specifically reserved or designated for this topic.) And in yet two more cases, I am similarly one (trustworthy) step removed from a former head of a federal government agency who was involved with a special access program reporting decades-long extraterrestrial reverse engineering efforts and a head of state of a G8 country who also said he had been officially briefed on that program. Now the Air Force Project Blue Book of the 1950s and 1960s did have both a public and a classified side. I suspect that after the public half of Blue Book closed up shop following the Condon Report, its classified half may have continued, existing today as a black special access program (see below).

Could such things possibly be true? While I am intrigued by what I have learned over the years, I can't be absolutely certain.

and so on.

Damien Broderick

Terry W. Colvin

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Possible SETI Success?

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:47:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 10:59:48 -0400
Subject: Possible SETI Success?

Source: The Scotsman

<http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=1028302004>

09-02-04

Amateur radio operators are usually excited by the faint buzz of a distant shortwave station, but a group of scientists believe they have received a message from extra-terrestrials.

Astronomers think that a signal picked up by a radio telescope last year shows the highest probability yet that ET's family may have returned his call.

In February 2003, scientists involved in the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (SETI) pointed the huge radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, at about 200 sections of the sky.

Unexplained radio signals had been detected twice by the same telescope in these areas and scientists were trying to confirm the findings.

It may sound fanciful, but a report in the journal NewScientist reveals how the team has now finished analysing the data, and all the signals seem to have disappeared - except for one which has got stronger. Detected on three separate occasions, the signal is "an enigma", say researchers.

So far, explanations have included conjecture that it could be generated by a previously unknown astronomical phenomenon, or may even be something far more pedestrian, such as an artefact on the telescope itself interfering with measurements.

But the astronomy team says that it also happens to be the best candidate yet for a contact by intelligent aliens in the six-year history of the SETI.nul project, which uses programmes running as screen-savers on millions of personal computers worldwide to sift through signals picked up by the Arecibo telescope.

Rest at: <http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=1028302004>

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'Ley Lines'/Military Bases?

From: **Patrick O'Boyle** <patrick.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:01:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:02:21 -0400
Subject: 'Ley Lines'/Military Bases?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hi

I work for a television production company in Manchester (UK) that is currently looking for an expert in Ley lines preferably based in the UK can you help? (We are particularly interested in theories regarding the close proximity of military bases to Ley Lines and the implications of this proximity.)

Thanks for your time

Regards

Patrick O Boyle

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SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 07:49:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:04:53 -0400
Subject: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

Source: New Scientist.Com

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99996341>

09-01-04

Mysterious signals from 1000 light years away

In February 2003, astronomers involved in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) pointed the massive radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, at around 200 sections of the sky.

The same telescope had previously detected unexplained radio signals at least twice from each of these regions, and the astronomers were trying to reconfirm the findings. The team has now finished analysing the data, and all the signals seem to have disappeared. Except one, which has got stronger.

This radio signal, now seen on three separate occasions, is an enigma. It could be generated by a previously unknown astronomical phenomenon. Or it could be something much more mundane, maybe an artefact of the telescope itself.

But it also happens to be the best candidate yet for a contact by intelligent aliens in the nearly six-year history of the SETI.nul project, which uses programs running as screensavers on millions of personal computers worldwide to sift through signals picked up by the Arecibo telescope.

Absorb and emit

"It's the most interesting signal from SETI.nul," says Dan Werthimer, a radio astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and the chief scientist for [SETI.nul](#) "We're not jumping up and down, but we are continuing to observe it."

Named SHGb02+14a, the signal has a frequency of about 1420 megahertz. This happens to be one of the main frequencies at which hydrogen, the most common element in the universe, readily absorbs and emits energy.

Some astronomers have argued that extraterrestrials trying to advertise their presence would be likely to transmit at this frequency, and SETI researchers conventionally scan this part of the radio spectrum.

SHGb02+14a seems to be coming from a point between the constellations Pisces and Aries, where there is no obvious star or planetary system within 1000 light years. And the transmission is very weak.

"We are looking for something that screams out 'artificial'," says UCB researcher Eric Korpela, who completed the analysis of the signal in April. "This just doesn't do that, but it could be because it is distant."

Unknown signature

The telescope has only observed the signal for about a minute in total, which is not long enough for astronomers to analyse it thoroughly. But, Korpela thinks it unlikely SHGb02+14a is the result of any obvious radio interference or noise, and it does not bear the signature of any known astronomical object.

That does not mean that only aliens could have produced it. "It may be a natural phenomenon of a previously undreamed-of kind like I stumbled over," says Jocelyn Bell Burnell of the University of Bath, UK.

It was Bell Burnell who in 1967 noticed a pulsed radio signal which the research team at the time thought was from extraterrestrials but which turned out to be the first ever sighting of a pulsar.

There are other oddities. For instance, the signal's frequency is drifting by between eight to 37 hertz per second. "The signal is moving rapidly in frequency and you would expect that to happen if you are looking at a transmitter on a planet that's rotating very rapidly and where the civilisation is not correcting the transmission for the motion of the planet," Korpela says.

This does not, however, convince Paul Horowitz, a Harvard University astronomer who looks for alien signals using optical telescopes. He points out that the SETI.nul software corrects for any drift in frequency.

Fishy and puzzling

The fact that the signal continues to drift after this correction is "fishy", he says. "If [the aliens] are so smart, they'll adjust their signal for their planet's motion."

The relatively rapid drift of the signal is also puzzling for other reasons. A planet would have to be rotating nearly 40 times faster than Earth to have produced the observed drift; a transmitter on Earth would produce a signal with a drift of about 1.5 hertz per second.

What is more, if telescopes are observing a signal that is drifting in frequency, then each time they look for it they should most likely encounter it at a slightly different frequency. But in the case of SHGb02+14a, every observation has first been made at 1420 megahertz, before it starts drifting. "It just boggles my mind," Korpela says.

The signal could be an artefact that, for some reason, always appears to be coming from the same point in the sky. The Arecibo telescope has a fixed dish reflector and scans the skies by changing the position of its receiver relative to the dish.

When the receiver reaches a certain position, it might just be able to reflect waves from the ground onto the dish and then back to itself, making it seem as if the signal was coming from space.

"Perhaps there is an object on the ground near the telescope emitting at about this frequency," Korpela says. This could be confirmed by using a different telescope to listen for SHGb02+14a.

Possible fraud

There is also the possibility of fraud by someone hacking the SETI.nul software to make it return evidence for an extraterrestrial transmission. However, SHGb02+14a was seen on two different occasions by different SETI.nul users, and those calculations were confirmed by others.

Then the signal was seen a third time by the SETI.nul researchers. The unusual characteristics of the signal also make it unlikely that someone is playing a prank, Korpela says. "As I can't think of any way to make a signal like this, I can't think of any way to fake it."

David Anderson, director of SETI.nul, remains sceptical but curious about the signal. "It's unlikely to be real but we will definitely be re-observing it." Bell Burnell agrees that it is

worth persisting with. "If they can see it four, five or six times it really begins to get exciting," she says.

It is already exciting for IT engineers Oliver Voelker of Logpoint in Nuremberg, Germany and Nate Collins of Farin and Associates in Madison, Wisconsin, who found the signal.

Collins wonders how his bosses will react to company computers finding aliens. "I might have to explain a little further about just how much I was using [the computers]," he says.

Eugenie Samuel Reich

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Re: UFO Review Issue 4 - Jones

From: Sean Jones <Sean.CoolNess.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:57:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:07:59 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Review Issue 4 - Jones

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 12:40:00 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: UFO Review Issue 4

>I am pleased to announce the September issue of UFO Review is
>available at:

><http://www.uforeview.net>

><snip>The other interview is with The Devil.

>Not the actual Devil you understand but his representative on
>Earth, Andy Roberts, well known sceptic and message board & List
>combatant. This is an extremely rare and very open and honest
>interview with Andy who not only discusses his professional but
>also his private life as well. As to be expected, this is a hard
>hitting and rather direct dialogue and will offend many. Not for
>the faint hearted. Bit of a scoop this, I say modestly. Get to
>know and understand the man you want to strangle!

It's been a while since I posted here last, my personal life has
been somewhat hectic the past few years.

Many thanks for the post Stuart, and for your e-zine.

I read with particular interest the interview with Andy Roberts.

Andy and I have had our run-ins in the past, and I still respect
his hard work. It is rare that we agree on anything, but I do
agree that far too few 'researchers' never leave their armchair!

I give full respect to his research, and hard work, as not
enough others put in even a quarter of the work that he does/has
& etc.

I still disagree with him on the ETH, but agree with his logic!
<g>

It's nice to know that the blunt northerner can still pack
punches <g>

Regards

Sean Jones

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Astronomers Deny ET Signal Report

From: Chris Whitlock <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:10:53 -0400
Subject: Astronomers Deny ET Signal Report

I can see this forming the basis of many conspiracy theories.

Chris Whitlock
www.ufology.org.uk

Source: BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3621608.stm>

09-02-04

Astronomers deny ET signal report

By Dr David Whitehouse
BBC News Online science editor

The giant Arecibo telescope is used to scan the skies
Astronomers have moved swiftly to quell speculation they may
have received a deep-space radio signal from ET.

It was reported on the internet that the signal had been found
using the Seti.nul screensaver that uses computer downtime to
analyse sky data from telescopes.

But researchers connected with the project told BBC News Online
on Thursday that no contact with extraterrestrials had been
made.

"It's all hype and noise," said its chief scientist, Dr Dan
Wertheimer. "We have nothing that is unusual. It's all out of
proportion."

And Dr Paul Horowitz, of Harvard University, who specialises in
hunting for possible alien contacts added: "It's not much of
anything at all. We're not investigating it further."

Not a signal

For six years, the Seti.nul project has used a downloadable
screensaver on millions of computers around the world to sift
through data for anything unusual.

The data has been collected by radio telescopes scanning the sky
for any unusual signals from space.

At the moment, we have no candidates that we are particularly
excited about

Dr Dan Wertheimer

It is believed that any extraterrestrial intelligence might want
to send radio messages across the cosmos to make contact with
other intelligences.

Over the years, Seti.nul has detected many hundreds of thousands of spurious signals and has used statistical techniques to identify them as interference.

About 150 signals survived the process and were subjected to further scrutiny but none passed the final test to be classed as a potential signal from ET.

Large numbers

The "signal" that kicked off furious media excitement on Thursday is called SHGb02+14a and was first detected by computers running Seti.nul software in Germany and the US.

It has a frequency of 1420 megahertz - one of the principal frequencies of the most abundant element hydrogen.

Speaking to BBC News Online from the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico, where he is preparing an observing run to follow up Seti.nul analysis, Dr Wertheimer said: "It's all hype. We don't have anything we are excited about.

"At the moment, we have no candidates that we are particularly excited about and the new 'signal' is not a priority."

He continued: "With Seti.nul having analysed some 50 trillion frequency bands, it is not surprising that a signal like this occurs purely due to chance."

Dr Horowitz, who looks for alien signals using optical telescopes, told BBC News Online that it was "not new and definitely not a signal".

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Chilean Eyewitness Describes Encounter With

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:06:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:13:21 -0400
Subject: Chilean Eyewitness Describes Encounter With

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 2, 2004

Source: Diario la Regi=F3n de Coquimbo
Date: September 1, 2004

Chile: Eyewitness Describes Encounter With Strange Creature

** Eduardo Vega told Diario La Region of the experience he underwent with his brother in the month of July**

LA SERENA -- In its Wednesday, September 1 edition, Diario La Region de Coquimbo published an interview with Eduardo Vega, one of the witnesses to the mysterious apparition of a creature with non-human characteristics in the El Panul de Coquimbo (4th Region of Chile). Part of this interview is reproduced below.

- So, what were you fellows doing in that place?
- We own property and whenever we can we visit it to do some work. In this case, along with my brother Francisco, who is the shift supervisor at the Pelambres Mine (Electrical) we had gone out to receive ad install slabs on the property.
- And then what happened?
- It was around 10:00 a.m. when my brother Francisco, who was some 20 meters away from the three of us, shouted desperately: "Come, come!" ... I got scared and we ran over. He pointed toward a spot and that's when we saw this humanoid figure, which I can't describe otherwise.
- Don Eduardo, what did that figure look like?
- It stood some 80 cm tall. Shiny, red. Its head was large but we couldn't make out any eyes or mouth. The figure looked like a small person, a child perhaps wearing a diver's outfit, with its arms close to the trunk and its legs together.
- How could you estimate its height?
- I told you, I'm a master welder...
- Where was the figure? How far away from you?
- Some 20 meters from us and some 20 meters of the ground. My brother Francisco says he saw it walking and then it took off some 20 meters [into the air].
- How much time went by?
- Like I told you, some 12 to 15 minutes. Out of that time the figure was motionless some seven minutes. It didn't move at all.
- And you just looked at it...

- Of course, we didn't even move. Some words were exchanged among the gentlemen who were with us, who were just as surprised. They noticed that some sort of sparks or lights were coming out of the head this image or person or I-don't-know-what. I would say that the they were like the sparks that come out of certain exhaust pipes when they're very hot.

- How many figures were there?

Only one. It was only ever one.

- Do you know if someone [else] could have seen it?

- No. In fact, we even thought it might be the infamous Chupacabras, because there's a henhouse nearby. But no, nothing happened.

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Andy Roberts On American Ufology

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:34:52 -0400
Subject: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

In Stuart Miller's current UFO Review at:

<http://www.uforeview.net>

the always radiant Andy Roberts holds forth on life, love, chemical interdependence, plus his ongoing struggle with the enemies of his very cloistered and proprietary ufological paradigm. In the following he explicates forcefully, if not brilliantly, his unflattering assessment of American Ufology. The rest of the review, fore and aft of what has been quoted, contains other revelations of equivelent cant. Don Ledger as a "silly American" can be included on a list of things Mr. Roberts gets wrong.

"...In America the [ufological] situation is 'very' different because ufology as we know it in the UK doesn't exist.

Virtually all that 'does' exist are fantasists and believers of varying hues. Even the once admired ufologists such as Jerry Clarke [sic] have regressed several decades to believer-dom.

Sadly, this is all concerned with either personal profit for their books or their lecture tours or just because they are so bloody old, they think they deserve some respect. Fortunately it won't be too many years before these fossils will be dead and the subject will be free of their cloying influence. At least these people have actually, at some time in their history, done some ufological work and published their findings in books and magazines, which is to be respected. The long years of their fanatical hopes not being justified has, however, soured them into individuals who cannot bear scepticism -- no, can't even 'understand' sceptism - never mind UK Ufology...

But there are worse creatures in the US, creatures of limited intelligence and little knowledge, who believe that just because the Internet exists their opinions are in some way relevant. One of these humans - I am assuming he is human - bears the name Alfred Lehmborg, a strange little person who finds it necessary to attempt to mask his ignorance and stupidly by writing in the manner of a 17th century sailor and kowtowing to any big name American Ufologist. This guy has to be read to be believed and I seriously urge anyone stupid enough to be still reading [Miller's "UFO Review" presumably] to check his website out. When you've stopped laughing admit that I was right. I long ago worked out that American Ufology bears 'no' relation to the UK version of the subject and any sensible ufologist in the UK will confine their studies to what's happened here and not pollute their thinking with the waffle and hot air generated by American ufologists..."

Comments to follow... "Arrrrrrrrrr me hearties"! <g>

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A UFO Story Every Day?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 11:06:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:37:07 -0400
Subject: A UFO Story Every Day?

I, like many of you have wire service updates that alert me to stories of interest.

For the past six months there's a wire story a day about something regarding UFOs. Some are updates to prior articles but in the past 3 weeks it's like a new story every day! From witness sightings to politicians to scientists to just good ol' folk tales.

Is the press covering more or is there more to report?

Best,
Greg

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CNN Covers SETI Signal Story

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 11:04:35 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:37:59 -0400
Subject: CNN Covers SETI Signal Story

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/09/02/space.signals.reut/index.html>

It's a short one but it's featured under the CNN websites main page headlines.

I heard Seth Shostak on C2C last night and he seemed not too excited about the signal and if I recall stated that it was just an overblown situation.

I'll wait to see what the rest of you all say.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 16:12:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:39:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Miller

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:28:08 -0700
>Subject: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:49:45 -0500
>From: Damien Broderick <thespike.nul>
> To: "'ExI chat list'" <extropy-chat.nul>
>Subj: FWD [extropy-chat] zero point fields, Bernard Haisch and, gulp, more

>Here's something kinda zany and hairballish but hot damn this is
>Bernard Haisch, not some total dumbo:

Terry,

I have a lot of time for him. But then I would do because he does come over rather as a "believing skeptic". It does make a refreshing change.

While not wishing to cast any aspersions though, he isn't brave with it. I recently approached him about doing an interview for UFO Review. He politely declined stating that his web site basically said all he had to say. Such are the pressures of working in academia. Good man though and one to keep an eye on.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 11:41:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>I have already said that I do not have any fixed ideas as to
>what Arnold did or did not see; I merely said that I thought the
>various theories should be seriously debated, and not just
>rejected out of hand if they seemed likely to lead to a mundane
>conclusion.

Since even the loopiest theories haven't been "dismissed out of
hand" - Easton's supersonic pelicans were the subject of
extended analysis and discussion (more than they deserved, I
must say) on this very List - John is simply being disingenuous.
Again.

>>>I have already explained that Arnold's report was extraordinary
>>>because he estimated that the objects were travelling at
>>>supersonic speeds. As you will probably agree that they were not
>>>meteors, then such a sighting can reasonably be described as
>>>extraordinary. It's really quite simple and logical, so I don't
>>>know why you are making it seem so difficult.

>>Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do
>>not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary.
>>They are quite ordinary in human experience and comprise a
>>significant number of the totality of UFO reports. What's so
>>difficult about conceding that rather obvious point?

>I don't agree. For example, we have the Chiles-Whitted bolide
>described as being "structured" - having windows, etc. This sort
>of misperception is not uncommon.

Uh huh. Chiles-Whitted saw a "bolide" - apparently because
you have say it is so. The usual pelicanist approach: wishing will
take you wherever you need to go. Here John states a dubious
proposition as if it were an established fact, then goes on to declare a
claim as undeniably true based on what you have just invented. Good
going, John. We expect nothing less of you. If it were not a mixing of
metaphors, it would not be hard to imagine pelicanism as an exercise
in the eternal chasing of one's own tail.

For the more seriously inclined, I urge a reading of Chapter 4
of my book Strange Skies (Citadel, 2003) for an examination of
Chiles-Whitted's still puzzling sighting, plus similar ones from

the early UFO era. Unlike Harney, James McDonald (whose own massive investigative experience puts most of the rest of us to shame) actually interviewed Chiles and Whitted (separately), writing:

"Both pilots reiterated to me, quite recently, that each saw _square_ ports or windows along the side of the fuselage-shaped object from the rear of which a cherry-red wake emerged, extending back 50-100 feet aft of the object. To term this a 'meteor' is not even _qualitatively_ reasonable. One can reject the testimony, but reason forbids calling the object a meteor."

It was J. Allen Hynek, then with Ohio State University and early in his tenure as Air Force advisor, who conjured up the meteor hypothesis to start with. Even then, he acknowledged that it was "far-fetched." He added that only the "sheer improbability of the facts as stated" made it worthy of consideration.

In other words, since UFOs as real anomalies are inconceivable, any other "prosaic" explanation - even the most improbable - will have to do (virtually a definition of the pelicanist approach, by the way). Yet, strangely (or maybe not), just two or three postings ago John was indignantly denying that this was his approach. You've got to give it to the pelicanist: he'll fly wherever the occasion demands, even if the flight path is a bewildering one to any outside observer.

>>>The sightings are generally not extraordinary, but the claims >>>made about them by many ufologists certainly are.

>>Not only by ufologists, but by pelicanists and other extremists. >>Somehow, though, the latter psychosocial response to the >>phenomenon manages not to attract the attention or interest of >>self-described psychosociologists. Strange, that. Of course it >>is always painful to have to subject one's own favored beliefs >>to skeptical scrutiny.

>What are these "extraordinary claims" made by "pelicanists and >other extremists"? Do you mean when they dare to suggest that >some of your favourite UFO stories are hoaxes or misperceptions, >or that the accounts given by witnesses perhaps may not have >been entirely accurate?

This is too stupid and manifestly self-serving to merit a response, and in any event was dealt with in a previous posting or two (yes, I probably should have ignored it then, too; one ought not to be encouraging this sort of bubble-headed rhetoric). Unable to mount a cogent defense, Harney can only repeat himself tediously. I will leave it to readers to decide whether to laugh or cry at the amusing or sad (take your pick) reality that pelicanists have been reduced to discourse this coarse.

>>Yet another dreary cliché: "sell books." As we all know, UFO >>books sell like hot cakes, at least in the lurid imaginations of >>pelicanists if not in prosaic market reality. In the same way, >>"true anomaly" on the cover of a book guarantees multiple >>printings and fat royalty checks. Great argument, John.

>The spurious air of mystery which most UFO authors try to >generate by going on about "true anomalies", etc. may not sell >many copies, but it is apparently needed to persuade publishers >to accept their books.

Dreary, coarse, and witless. We are now reduced, once again, to the vile slander that UFO writers (presumably including the undersigned) aren't really sincere, that we only want to sell books (not very many of them, as Harney finally acknowledges, pretending all the while that his argument remains coherent in any sense) even if we ourselves don't believe what we're saying. Laugh or cry? I choose laughter.

>>Besides the dreary cliché - that reports remain unsolved >>because UFOs don't exist and therefore more information, never >>mind the mass of same that already exists, would bring the pesky >>heresy to ground - John has nothing but a tautology to offer >>us, to wit:

>>Why are there unsolved UFO reports? Because there is >>insufficient or unreliable information. How do we know the >>information is insufficient or unreliable? Because there are

>>unsolved UFO reports.

>This might sound silly, but it is the result of UFO believers
>not having a testable hypothesis, that is a theory that most
>unsolved UFO reports have something in common, which could be
>identified by using the right investigative methods or
>statistical techniques.

Harney hurls invective at "UFO believers" (note again the cheap rhetoric), then in the same breath concedes that his own beliefs are tautological - in other words, circular in reasoning and thus unfalsifiable.

Not missing a beat, he then, incredibly, goes on to accuse ufologists of "not having a testable hypothesis." Another symptom of the pelicanist disorder we've already seen on display: one set of standards for one's own side, another for the other. In any event, one testable hypothesis, of course, is that unknowns and knowns are fundamentally unlike, a hypothesis which to all appearances has been decided in the pro-anomaly direction, at least so far.

Beyond that, the canard that ufologists don't produce testable hypotheses was debunked a long time ago (in a paper by the sociologist of science Ron Westrum, whom I promise to quote next time if Harney persists). It is discouraging that pelicanist rhetoric, in this as in other regards, is never retired, however confused, infirm, and enfeebled.

As for the suggestion that there are no patterns in UFO data, which is what I suppose Harney means by his remark about whether "unsolved UFO reports have something in common," I would be speechless if I could not ask some obvious questions:

What is someone who so manifestly knows so little about this subject doing on this List? And, worse, making grand pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in other words? I ask, you decide.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Filers Files #37 - 2004 - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 12:40:06 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:22:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Filers Files #37 - 2004 - Ledger

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:07:09 -0400
>Subject: Filers Files #37 - 2004

>Filers Files #37 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
>Vice President of Skywatch International
>September 1, 2004
>Webmaster: Chuck Warren

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>VANCOUVER ISLAND - Phil George writes, "The photograph was
>taken a couple of weeks ago in the Sooke area of Vancouver
>Island using my Nikon Coolpix 5700." I saw nothing in the sky
>when I took it, and saw it later when I uploaded the photographs
>to my laptop. It is not in any other photographs. My wife and
>kids did not see anything either. It was the middle of the day.
>It is not a bird, even at this quality of image this camera can
>pick out a seagull at 400 feet! I shot around 700 pictures no
>other photo displays anything like this. Thanks to Phil George

The photo seen in Filer's Web issue with the text above, looks
like a floatplane to me. They are a dime a dozen in British
Columbia.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:50:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:24:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Clark

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
>Subject: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

Hi, Alfred,

>"...In America the [ufological] situation is 'very' different
>because ufology as we know it in the UK doesn't exist.
>Virtually all that 'does' exist are fantasists and believers of
>varying hues. Even the once admired ufologists such as Jerry
>Clarke [sic] have regressed several decades to believer-dom.

That poor Jerry Clarke guy. If Andy Roberts feels bad for him, he must be a sorry soul indeed. I'll pass on Roberts's condolences if I ever run into Clarke. I don't recall meeting him, but who knows? I may have somewhere, but it's escaped my memory. I've met lots of people in my long years in ufology, and it's hard to keep track of them all.

I would assume this Jerry Clarke is related to Andy's pal David Clarke; maybe Jerry Clarke is an American cousin. David Clarke, by the way, once wrote a generous review (in the venerable British journal Folklore) of my UFO Encyclopedia. Of course that may have been only because he was unduly influenced by his American cousin, who may actually be evil, not just pitiful. Perhaps it's just as well that - to the best I can recall, anyway - I have not met this Jerry Clarke. He could be one of those Satan worshippers, you know. After all, he is an American.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 13:13:27 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:29:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Ledger

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
>Subject: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

>In Stuart Miller's current UFO Review at:

><http://www.uforeview.net>

>the always radiant Andy Roberts holds forth on life, love,
>chemical interdependence, plus his ongoing struggle with the
>enemies of his very cloistered and proprietary ufological
>paradigm.

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>because ufology as we know it in the UK doesn't exist. Virtually
>all that 'does' exist are fantasists and believers of varying
>hues.

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Yes, to set the record straight, I am a "silly Canadian". You would think that an experienced researcher would be able to get something that visible correct. But Andy probably thinks the .ca at the end of my email address denotes California. Pretty much colors the rest of his investigative history doesn't it; the sneering unsupportive drivel he tries to pass off as serious investigation into the phenomenon, or as he and others call it "flying saucers" as if dishware had anything to do with it. Begin with denigration and sink down from there.

Maybe it wasn't a reflection off a cliff afterall.

Don Ledger

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 13:36:21 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:35:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>other words? I ask, you decide.

Jerry,

You ever get the feeling that there's a tag team debunker's
match going on in this List that originates in the UK? It's the
same dumb questions/hypothesis posited over and over.

Best,

Don Ledger
Just another "silly American"

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The Religion Of UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:41:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:41:52 -0400
Subject: The Religion Of UFOs

Source: The Bismarck Tribune - Bismarck, North Dakota

<http://www.bismarcktribune.com/articles/2004/09/03/news/life/lif01.txt>

09-03-04

The Religion Of UFOs
By Jeffrey Weiss
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Christopher Bader was one of those kids who loved tales of the improbable. He grew up to become his own improbable tale:

He's a sociology professor at the conservative and Baptist Baylor University, a Presbyterian who has a particular interest in people who say they are UFO abductees or victims of religion-linked ritual abuse. His study of the two groups was published in a recent issue of the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

"My students ask me all the time: 'Do you believe in UFOs? Do you believe in ritual abuse? Do you believe in Bigfoot?'" He said. "My answer is that I just don't care whether they're real or not."

Studying the sociology of religion is nothing like delving into theology, he said.

"We're not studying God. We're studying what people who believe in God and live on earth do," he said.

"God" and "religion" are defined broadly by sociologists of religion. Belief in UFO abductions and in ritual abuse both include a large dose of faith.

The scientific mainstream has not accepted any claims of alien abductions. And many who claim to have survived ritual abuse say they discovered the abuse through the recovery of long-repressed memories. The length of time between the alleged event and the recovery of the memory often makes it hard to investigate the claims.

So are there UFOs grabbing people? Are there Satanic cults abusing people? In many cases, people believe without the kinds of evidence that would convince outsiders - it's a matter of faith. And that means people who belong to support groups for UFO abductees or for survivors of ritual abuse can be studied as members of "new religious movements."

The only connection between the UFO folks and the ritual abuse folks is that the two groups gained attention in the 1980s, as Dr. Bader was starting his academic career.

Sociologists such as Bader study small groups like these because they believe this is a way to understand how successful faiths develop. After all, the largest religions all started with a few

people considered unusual by their neighbors.

"It really is no crazier than anything else," he said of the outside-the-mainstream stuff he studies. "I appreciate it as a belief, and a sincerely held belief."

Not that he expects belief in UFO abductions to morph into a major faith anytime soon. "Not in my lifetime," he said.

Most of his work involves less controversial belief systems - why churches and denominations succeed or fail in drawing members. But when Baylor hired him a couple of years ago, he told his new bosses that part of his studies could seem a bit, well, odd for a Baptist school.

"But when I talk about Satanism in class, I'm not recruiting," he said.

His paper, published in the peer-reviewed journal, is the fruit of years of tentative contacts with support groups for people who say they've been snatched by aliens or ritually abused. Members of these groups are suspicious of outsiders. Much of his paper details how he gained their trust - and eventually, some information about them.

Eventually, he was able to get 55 of the UFO folks and 51 ritual-abuse survivors to anonymously fill out forms about their ages, education and other demographic information.

That information fills a hole in the study of these groups, he said. Most academic attention has focused on the beliefs or on psychological effects on the believers. Bader's goal was to identify the kinds of people who subscribe to these beliefs.

What he came up with has its limits, he admits. The sample size is small, and there's no way to know for sure if they represent the average UFO abductee or ritual-abuse survivor. But the results are in line with research done on other small, new religious movements, he said.

Many academics who study such movements tend to consider members of these particular groups as rubes, he said. "They assume that these are some country bumpkins who believe that the UFOs are plucking them off their tractors. That's not what people who are interested in new ideas are like."

It turns out that the folk who filled out Bader's forms are a lot like most Americans who seek out unusual faith experiences: They're generally female, white, affluent and well-educated when compared with the general population.

Of the 51 UFO abductees, 32 were women, 48 said they were white and six identified as Native American (three chose both categories), 34 attended some college, and 29 were white-collar workers. Most said they found some positive aspects to their experience.

Of the 48 ritual-abuse survivors, all were white women, 44 had attended college, and of the 21 then employed, 18 were white-collar workers. This was an unhappy population, and most reported they had dozens of multiple personalities.

What they have in common, Bader said, is that they mostly follow the pattern found in other new religious movements.

"The theory tells us that it doesn't matter about the personality of the 'god' involved," he said. "The point is that a certain demographic is interested in things outside the mainstream."

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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:35:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 08:45:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 10:48:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 19:26:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

>>To enhance this kind of image, you should lighten it, not darken
>>it as the inset is done. This would provide an approximation of
>>what the photographer saw, and would lessen any artifacts that
>>an increase in contrast would produce.

>Not necessarily. The person was in a shadow or a more darkened
>area, while the "object" was apparently out in the bright hazy
>sunlight. The camera probably automatically adjusted to the hazy
>sunlight (common for an automatic camera), but the photographer
>didn't compensate with a fill flash. So the "proper" exposure is
>that which caught the object, so it needs no further adjustment
>in contrast or brightness.

>An interesting view of it can be created by extrapolating to a
>higher resolution. For example, here's the object using a 300
>dpi resolution, instead of the 72 dpi resolution of the photo on
>the net.

><http://www.cpu-net.com/host/shell/hungufo.jpg>

>The interesting thing in this extrapolation is that the top of
>the UFO appears to be somewhat concave, not shaped like a bottle
>cap, and that there's a kind of partial ridge along the upper
>left edge.

>Well, as digital cameras get less expensive, maybe one day in
>the future we'll have photos with images as clear as people used
>to get with a Brownie Hawkeye.

Tim,

I will note the following. The woman was the subject of the photo, as the photographer says he did not notice "anything unusual".

The woman's face is not visible, which obviously means the camera did not see what the photographer saw. Unless he was interested in a shot of the tip of her nose.

If that is true of the woman, it is also true of the object. A camera, no matter how sophisticated, can decide to perfectly expose one part of an image, and underexpose the rest.

The entire photo is grossly underexposed. This indicates a good reason why the photographer did not notice the object...it was not unusual, and it did not appear to him as the object appears in the photo. Just like the woman's face.

Without correcting to match more what the photographer saw, the image is of no value. It is even more incorrect to "enhance" it by increasing the "error" in the image, by darkening it further.

Other than that, the reason more people don't get good photos of many UFOs could be that when the image is truly reflective of what was seen, it is not something anyone would send to this list. A bird in the background just isn't very unusual...or unidentified.

I could be wrong...absolutely. But I did not open the image to prove it a bird. I simply looked at what was there when I shed a little light on it.

Actually I was pretty surprised that the two enhanced versions (theirs and mine) were of the same object at all. I was even more surprised that it appeared to be a bird. I was much more expecting to get a clearer, closer look at the "metallic object". I was pretty amazed.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 18:35:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 09:40:15 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 07:49:51 -0400
>Subject: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>The relatively rapid drift of the signal is also puzzling for
>other reasons. A planet would have to be rotating nearly 40
>times faster than Earth to have produced the observed drift; a
>transmitter on Earth would produce a signal with a drift of
>about 1.5 hertz per second.

If this is the case then it ought to be possible to do a bit of
calculating.

If the hypothetical "planet" is rotating 40 times faster than
the earth, then its period of rotation is presumably 24/40 hours
(that is, 36 minutes). If the starting frequency is always the
same, we can deduce that during each signal the transmitter is
at roughly the same point in its rotational cycle, which means
the intervals between each signal should be a multiple of 36
minutes.

It may also be that the transmitter itself (assuming that's what
it is) is not on a planet at all, but is an artificial satellite
spinning once every 36 minutes, rather like a lighthouse beam.
In which case the same consideration applies.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:54:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 09:43:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:17:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 12:11:29 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

<snip>

>My reasons for wanting to know about what happened at Tunguska
>are selfish. This was a frightening release of explosive power
>that could have devastated a major city, then or even now.
>Knowing at least what actually happened would go a long way to
>preparing for a future event.

>It has probably happened at other times in Earth's history and
>perhaps could happen again.

Don,

I agree. We can look to Toutatis for an example of an object with very eccentric motion. If it were to make an impact here, one would expect its very unusual motion to produce some interesting patterns as well. Toutatis is not a comet, however the analogy of "squirrely" motion applies.

Outgassing could also make for a tumbling, errant comet which could explain the "butterfly pattern".

But I'm not convinced that it was a comet. No one seems to be convinced that it was anything... yet. Well, except the Russians going there to "prove" its ET origins and its humanitarian purpose.

Like you said, the importance is not who gets credit for uncovering the truth. The importance is finding the truth.

And you are likely correct in saying that it has probably happened before... most likely at sea. Could cause a "great flood". Hmmm.

A Tunguskan reprise closer to populated areas could be another Hiroshima/Nagasaki in the making.

Whatever it is, we need to keep looking.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:57:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 09:46:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Lehmberg

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
>Subject: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

>In Stuart Miller's current UFO Review at:

><http://www.uforeview.net>

>the always radiant Andy Roberts holds forth on life, love,
>chemical interdependence, plus his ongoing struggle with the
>enemies of his very cloistered and proprietary ufological
>paradigm. In the following he explicates forcefully, if not
>brilliantly, his unflattering assessment of American Ufology.
>The rest of the review, fore and aft of what has been quoted,
>contains other revelations of equivelent cant. Don Ledger as a
>"silly American" can be included on a list of things Mr. Roberts
>gets wrong.

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>"...In America the [ufological] situation is 'very' different
>because ufology as we know it in the UK doesn't exist.

From the top it seems obvious that our Mr. Roberts is an ardent divider who won't even pretend to see the obvious usefulness of even a tenuous unity. One might surmise that unidentified flying objects must provoke the same kinds concern and interest in the whole of our western civilization, but not our Mr. Roberts. For him, the British version (a version seemingly invented out of whole cloth) connotes some kind of clear superiority that he doesn't qualify here or elsewhere... or ever... so it remains why he'd try to make a (merely proclaimed) case for it here. Perhaps his dodgy methods and corrupted ethics as the "BlueHare" provide verity to the argument that it is the 'division', in and of itself, that is his end.

>Virtually all that 'does' exist are fantasists and believers of
>varying hues.

I can't understand why a dissembler, hoaxer and self-admitted confabulator can proclaim that persons who feel that he is, himself, full of wild blueberry horse muffins... are themselves "fantasists and believers of varying hues," and still expect to be remotely believed or in any way taken seriously. The intellectual void that Mr. Roberts helps to create and maintain with his duplicitous (Bluehare-like) antics provokes these believers and fantasists as a reaction, I suspect, of persons sensing something beyond what Mr. Roberts would niggardly allow... Indeed, those persons who Mr. Roberts can bring himself to find agreement with worthy and significant... while those he won't agree with are dismissed as pastel whackos... It all seems a little too convenient for total rationality.

>Even the once admired ufologists such as Jerry
>Clarke [sic] have regressed several decades to believer-dom.

Jerry Clark contrasted with Andy Roberts is like a contrast between the war records of John Kerry and George W. Bush. The

former is forthright and carries shrapnel in his body and the latter is duplicitous and carries dental fillings. Jerry Clark has been erudite, constructive, and efficaciously productive, where Andy Roberts has clearly been the abject _opposite_ of those things. I suspect Mr. Roberts problems with Mr. Clark stem from professional jealousy and not Mr. Clark's lack of incisiveness. Indeed, my position is that Mr. Roberts has to scale a piss-ants stepladder to buff Jerry Clark's shoe-tops... but that might just be my _own_ bias. [g].

>Sadly, this is all concerned with either personal profit for
>their books or their lecture tours

This oft repeated and deleterious nonsense is the favorite rubric of the dissembling skeptibunker, who is the one making real money with their CSICOP books and CFI lecture tours.

>or just because they are so
>bloody old, they think they deserve some respect.

I wonder if there will be the hue and cry from the pelicanists with regard to this statement when compared with the statement I made about the "dead man walking" Philip Klass. I'd predict not. Goose and Gander gravy are distinctly different in _their_ conflicted cock-up of a constipated universe. Fact is... the person to whom Mr. Roberts likely refers is due a _monumental_ respect, and Mr. Roberts, not fit to hose off the unnamed's field toilet, shows rare good sense (if _not_ cowardice) not to mention him by name...

>Fortunately
>it won't be too many years before these fossils will be dead and
>the subject will be free of their cloying influence.

Just like bottom feeding corporate lawyers employing timewasting amendments and delays and appeals in hopes that the defendant finally dies before he can win his due. The only person really providing an example of the old saw regarding funerals as progenitors of social improvement is Mr. Roberts himself. It seems we'll be waiting a long time, too long perhaps, for Mr. Roberts' to slough the mortal coil.

>At least
>these people have actually, at some time in their history, done
>some ufological work and published their findings in books and
>magazines, which is to be respected.

...And when would our Mr. Roberts like to start?

>The long years of their
>fanatical hopes not being justified has, however, soured them
>into individuals who cannot bear scepticism -- no, can't even
>'understand' sceptism - never mind UK Ufology...

What pompous arrogance. What monumental distortion. What monstrous parochialism. What unbelievable, unsupportable, and unrealistic partisanism. I'd suggest it is Mr. Roberts who has himself soured, become the fanatic who can't 'bear' things, and who does not, really, understand the word skeptic. A skeptic, by definition, is not going to be a partisan. Mr. Roberts' is _all_ partisan. Moreover, Mr., Roberts pernicious pulings are why 'opinions' are so often compared with anal 'pores'.

>But there are worse creatures in the US, creatures of limited
>intelligence and little knowledge, who believe that just because
>the Internet exists their opinions are in some way relevant.

Now our Mr. Robert's swings his close set and beady gaze around to those of us who find him something _less_ than convincing.

>One
>of these humans - I am assuming he is human - bears the name

Demonize or dehumanize the opposition to invalidate it. Attack the man when you can't attack the message. Easy ridicule always trumps addressing the issues. Mr. Roberts is to be congratulated for proving my point, again, in his own words and by his own admission. Mr. Roberts would suggest that I am anything less than human? How much of that is remotely effective in, even, a high school debate? One must consider the source and move on.

>Alfred Lehmborg, a strange little person who finds it necessary
>to attempt to mask his ignorance and stupidly by writing in the
>manner of a 17th century sailor and kowtowing to any big name
>American Ufologist.

I can hardly apologize for having respect for the language beyond a 15 minute news cycle, have intelligence and knowledge 'enough' to see through him at any rate, or for writing in a formal style... as to kowtowing to big name American ufologists... Mr. Roberts should ask Richard Hall and Jerry Clark about my manner of kowtow. Evidence for a distinct lack of same can be found on the UpDates List. This is forgetting for a moment that I'd gladly sub for Stanton Friedman's towel-boy any time he asks... some men earn more than an ordinate amount of respect from me. Stanton Friedman is one of these. I won't apologize for this either.

>This guy has to be read to be believed and I
>seriously urge anyone stupid enough to be still reading
>[Miller's "UFO Review" presumably] to check his website out.
>When you've stopped laughing admit that I was right.

Please do. Through the laughter try to remember that the site was produced with sincerity, respect for the reader, and with some small artistic rationality. Comments and feedback welcome.

>I long ago
>worked out that American Ufology bears 'no' relation to the UK
>version of the subject and any sensible ufologist in the UK will
>confine their studies to what's happened here and not pollute
>their thinking with the waffle and hot air generated by American
>ufologists..."

I've just-this-minute concluded that I must be effective indeed! A whole paragraph! Jerry Clark got a sentence and Richard Hall only got an allusion! I am ~well~ served! LOL! I had no ~idea~ I was being so effective... I was prepared for line item criticism and was relieved that it was only base insult, piqued proclamation, and errant ad hominum... forgetting the free publicity for the AV site. LOL! It seems clear that I'm so far up Mr. Roberts nose he feels my knees on his top lip... he should prepare himself for my boot heels.

"Arrrrrrrr! ...me hearties!" [g].

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'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 09:54:08 -0400
Subject: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

Source: Space.Com

http://www.space.com/businessstechnology/flying_triangle_040902.html

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Silent Running: 'Black Triangle' Sightings on the Rise
By Leonard David
Senior Space Writer

They have become legendary in UFO circles. Huge, silent-running "Flying Triangles" have been seen by ground observers creeping through the sky low and slow near cities and quietly cruising over highways.

The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), has catalogued the Triangle sightings, sifting through and combining databases to take a hard look at the mystery craft. Based in Las Vegas, Nevada, NIDS is a privately funded science institute with a strong research focusing on aerial phenomena. The results of their study have just been released and lead to some unnerving, still puzzling conclusions.

The study points out: "The United States is currently experiencing a wave of Flying Triangle sightings that may have intensified in the 1990s, especially towards the latter part of the 1990s. The wave continues. The Flying Triangles are being openly deployed over and near population centers, including in the vicinity of major Interstate Highways."

Covert operations?

A key NIDS conclusion is that the actions of these triangular craft do not conform to previous patterns of covert deployment of unacknowledged aircraft. Furthermore, "neither the agenda nor the origin of the Flying Triangles are currently known."

The years 1990-2004 have seen an intense wave of Flying Triangle aircraft, the study observes. Sifting through reports by hundreds of eyewitnesses, the NIDS assessment states that the behavior of the vehicles "does not appear consistent with the covert deployment of an advanced DoD [U.S. Department of the Defense] aircraft."

Rather, it is consistent with (a) the routine and open deployment of an unacknowledged advanced DoD aircraft or (b) the routine and open deployment of an aircraft owned and operated by non-DoD personnel, suggests the NIDS study.

"The implications of the latter possibility are disturbing, especially during the post 9/11 era when the United States airspace is extremely heavily guarded and monitored," the NIDS study explains. "In support of option (a), there is much greater need for surveillance in the United States in the post 9/11 era and it is certainly conceivable that deployment of low altitude surveillance platforms is routine and open."

Open, even brazen

According to Colm Kelleher, NIDS Administrator, the newly completed quasi "meta-analysis" of Flying Triangles melds three major U.S. databases: NIDS, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and data collected by independent researcher, Larry Hatch, the creator and owner of one of the largest and most comprehensive UFO databases in the world.

Kelleher said, the analysis indicates that deployment of Flying Triangles is open, not covert, and involves low-flying, brightly lit aircraft routinely deployed over populated areas including cities and Interstate highways.

"However, I cannot say whether these are U.S. Air Force aircraft. We simply don't know," Kelleher told SPACE.com . "But it does not appear to be consistent with the covert patterns of deployment we saw with the F-117 and B-2 prior to their acknowledgement. This is open, even brazen," he stated.

Stealth aircraft

For example, a perfunctory look at the how past DoD stealth aircraft programs were kept from public eye - although eventually came to light - is different from the patterns for the Flying Triangles.

Prior to acknowledgement of the F-117 and B-2 aircraft, only rare night time sightings occurred in the sparsely populated sections of Nevada, California and a few other states. Flying at low altitude over populated areas was rarely reported for the F-117 or B-2.

"In contrast, the Flying Triangle deployment, especially during the 1990s, appears more consistent with the open and public operation of these aircraft," the study explains. The trend of open deployment of the Flying Triangles is not consistent with secret operation of an advanced DoD aircraft.

No attempt to hide

The database-driven study of the Flying Triangle shows the following patterns:

- Sightings take place near cities and on Interstate highways
- They are seen at low altitude in plain sight of eyewitnesses
- They fly at extremely low speed or hover in plain sight of eyewitnesses
- The vehicles sometime fly with easily noticeable bright lights
- either blinding white lights, or have "bright disco lights" that usually flash combinations of red, green or blue.

The NIDS study emphasizes that the flying of these vehicles may be more in harmony with an attempt to display or to be noticed. There appears to be little or no attempt to hide. That finding has led to a modification of an earlier NIDS hypothesis that the Triangles are covertly deployed DoD aircraft.

While it is too early to dismiss the previously published NIDS correlation between Triangle sightings and a subset of U.S. Air Force Bases, the apparent association with centers of population may point away from a covert program. "Rather, it is consistent with routine and open deployment of an advanced aircraft," the NIDS study concludes.

Clustered on both coasts

During the ensuing years (2000-2004), NIDS received hundreds of reports from people in the United States and Canada reporting large triangular aircraft, often silent and often flying at very low altitude and at low air speed. In many cases, the objects were brightly lit. NIDS files also include reports of Flying Triangles from remote areas.

In mid 2004, NIDS reviewed its database that contains the locations of the Triangle sightings in the United States. The sightings of Triangles appear primarily adjacent to population centers and along Interstate Highways, with sightings clustered on both coasts.

NIDS has amassed almost 400 separate sightings of triangular/boomerang/wedge-shaped objects. Many of these craft

are brightly lit, low flying, and traveling at unexpectedly low air speeds.

In earlier reports, NIDS outlined a tentative correlation between reported sightings of Triangles and the locations of Air Mobility Command and Air Force Materiel Command bases in the United States.

Like a Star Trek "uncloaking"

According to ground observers, the features of a Black Triangle are indeed impressive.

For example, the NIDS study includes the observation of a Port Washington Wisconsin person who encountered a large object that flew over her home at 500 feet altitude in October 1998. Her eyeing of the clear starry night was interrupted as the craft came into her field of view.

"Suddenly this monstrosity came out of the 'blue', just like a Star Trek 'uncloaking', no kidding - so quiet I couldn't believe it and so huge - no more than 500 feet or so up, and big enough to take up my field of sky vision," she reported.

Crude mathematics, the witness recounted, would make the vessel about 200 feet wide and 250 feet long.

Two camps

In wrapping up its look at the burgeoning number of Flying Triangle sightings in the United States, NIDS also took into account the work of writers and researchers delving into the topic both in the United States and abroad.

Those analyses fall into two camps: The Triangles are human-made, while the other says they are not.

"In 2004 it is extremely difficult to distinguish between these two possibilities since the former option overlaps heavily with legitimate national security concerns, while in the absence of much more physical evidence, the latter option is not testable," the NIDS assessment concludes.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 21:07:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 10:03:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>I have already said that I do not have any fixed ideas as to
>>what Arnold did or did not see; I merely said that I thought the
>>various theories should be seriously debated, and not just
>>rejected out of hand if they seemed likely to lead to a mundane
>>conclusion.

>Since even the loopiest theories haven't been "dismissed out of
>hand" - Easton's supersonic pelicans were the subject of
>extended analysis and discussion (more than they deserved, I
>must say) on this very List - John is simply being disingenuous.
>Again.

They were the subject of extended discussion but have since been
endless inane remarks by believers, such as your "supersonic
pelicans" in the above paragraph.

>>I don't agree. For example, we have the Chiles-Whitted bolide
>>described as being "structured" - having windows, etc. This sort
>>of misperception is not uncommon.

>Uh huh. Chiles-Whitted saw a "bolide" - apparently because
>you have say it is so. The usual pelicanist approach: wishing will
>take you wherever you need to go. Here John states a dubious
>proposition as if it were an established fact, then goes on to declare a
>claim as undeniably true based on what you have just invented.

Not an established fact, Jerry, just a rational hypothesis -
certainly better than the notion of an alien spacecraft with
rows of windows.

>For the more seriously inclined, I urge a reading of Chapter 4
>of my book Strange Skies (Citadel, 2003) for an examination of
>Chiles-Whitted's still puzzling sighting, plus similar ones from
>the early UFO era. Unlike Harney, James McDonald (whose own
>massive investigative experience puts most of the rest of us to
>shame) actually interviewed Chiles and Whitted (separately),
>writing:

>"Both pilots reiterated to me, quite recently, that each saw
>_square_ ports or windows along the side of the fuselage-shaped
>object from the rear of which a cherry-red wake emerged,
>extending back 50-100 feet aft of the object. To term this a
>'meteor' is not even _qualitatively_ reasonable. One can reject
>the testimony, but reason forbids calling the object a meteor."

As I said, such misperceptions are not uncommon, and McDonald
was not an expert in the vagaries of human perception.

>In other words, since UFOs as real anomalies are inconceivable,
>any other "prosaic" explanation - even the most improbable -
>will have to do (virtually a definition of the pelicanist
>approach, by the way). Yet, strangely (or maybe not), just two
>or three postings ago John was indignantly denying that this was
>his approach. You've got to give it to the pelicanist: he'll fly
>wherever the occasion demands, even if the flight path is a
>bewildering one to any outside observer.

Any prosaic explanation does not have to do; it's simply a
question of suggesting the most reasonable explanation, unless
someone can demonstrate that it must be wrong. Unlike many on
this List, I believe that common sense is quite useful in
ufology.

>>What are these "extraordinary claims" made by "pelicanists and
>>other extremists"? Do you mean when they dare to suggest that
>>some of your favourite UFO stories are hoaxes or misperceptions,
>>or that the accounts given by witnesses perhaps may not have
>>been entirely accurate?

>This is too stupid and manifestly self-serving to merit a
>response, and in any event was dealt with in a previous posting
>or two (yes, I probably should have ignored it then, too; one
>ought not to be encouraging this sort of bubble-headed
>rhetoric). Unable to mount a cogent defense, Harney can only
>repeat himself tediously. I will leave it to readers to decide
>whether to laugh or cry at the amusing or sad (take your pick)
>reality that pelicanists have been reduced to discourse this
>coarse.

Let's see - "stupid", "self serving", "bubble-headed", and from
Don Ledger, "dim bulb". I'm certainly getting quite a collection
of gratuitous insults, aren't I?

>>The spurious air of mystery which most UFO authors try to
>>generate by going on about "true anomalies", etc. may not sell
>>many copies, but it is apparently needed to persuade publishers
>>to accept their books.

>Dreary, coarse, and witless. We are now reduced, once again, to
>the vile slander that UFO writers (presumably including the
>undersigned) aren't really sincere, that we only want to sell
>books (not very many of them, as Harney finally acknowledges,
>pretending all the while that his argument remains coherent in
>any sense) even if we ourselves don't believe what we're saying.
>Laugh or cry? I choose laughter.

I'm sure you're very sincere, Jerry, and your motives for making
UFO reports sound - ever so slightly - mysterious are perfectly
honest. However, we all know, and it has recently been discussed
on this List, that for a number of ufologists, providing popular
entertainment takes precedence over serious research,
investigation or discussion.

>Harney hurls invective at "UFO believers" (note again the cheap
>rhetoric), then in the same breath concedes that his own beliefs
>are tautological - in other words, circular in reasoning and
>thus unfalsifiable.

Hardly as cheap as "bubble-headed", etc.

>Not missing a beat, he then, incredibly, goes on to accuse
>ufologists of "not having a testable hypothesis." Another
>symptom of the pelicanist disorder we've already seen on
>display: one set of standards for one's own side, another for
>the other. In any event, one testable hypothesis, of course, is
>that unknowns and knowns are fundamentally unlike, a hypothesis
>which to all appearances has been decided in the pro-anomaly
>direction, at least so far.

You need something more definite, that can be tested
statistically.

>Beyond that, the canard that ufologists don't produce testable
>hypotheses was debunked a long time ago (in a paper by the
>sociologist of science Ron Westrum, whom I promise to quote next
>time if Harney persists). It is discouraging that pelicanist
>rhetoric, in this as in other regards, is never retired, however
>confused, infirm, and enfeebled.

I'll try to steel myself against the ordeal of having Ron Westrum quoted at me.

>As for the suggestion that there are no patterns in UFO data,
>which is what I suppose Harney means by his remark about whether
>"unsolved UFO reports have something in common," I would be
>speechless if I could not ask some obvious questions:
>What is someone who so manifestly knows so little about this
>subject doing on this List? And, worse, making grand
>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>other words? I ask, you decide.

By "grand pronouncements" you presumably really mean "rational arguments"? And do you mean that you want all non-believers removed from this List? You certainly seem to have got rid of quite a few so far.

John Harney

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Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 20:28:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 10:05:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Hall

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 16:12:56 +0100
>Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:28:08 -0700
>>Subject: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

<snip>

>I have a lot of time for him. But then I would do because he
>does come over rather as a "believing skeptic". It does make a
>refreshing change.

>While not wishing to cast any aspersions though, he isn't brave
>with it. I recently approached him about doing an interview for
>UFO Review. He politely declined stating that his web site
>basically said all he had to say. Such are the pressures of
>working in academia. Good man though and one to keep an eye on.

Stuart,

Just to set the record straight, Bernie Haisch was on the panel
assembled by the SciFi Channel that gave a public presentation
at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., last year.

- Dick

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NIDS FT Study Hits The News

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 14:22:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 10:07:43 -0400
Subject: NIDS FT Study Hits The News

Hello Colm and List readers:

Colm's NIDS Flying Triangle study has made the news!

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5897539/>

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=96&ncid=753&e=10&u=/space/20040902/sc_space/silentrunningblacktrianglesightingsonther

(sorry about long URL..)

http://www.space.com/business/technology/flying_triangle_040902.html

All 3 articles are virtually identical. I was alerted when the hit counter on my site shot up. People were searching for my name (its in there somewhere) instead of the more usual "UFO sightings / maps / statistics .."

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:24:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 10:55:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do
>not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary.
>They are quite ordinary in human experience and comprise a
>significant number of the totality of UFO reports. What's so
>difficult about conceding that rather obvious point?

What sort of an argument is this, Jerry? Are you saying that there is nothing extraordinary about sightings of extraterrestrial vehicles, which is the only way they could be defined by your description: "fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft".

Or are you going to pull your tired old argument that there is some other meaning to the phrase "fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft" which somehow avoids the necessity of admitting that you do actually believe in the ETH?

Did someone say "disingenuous"?

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

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Scientists To Map The Universe

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 18:44:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 10:58:47 -0400
Subject: Scientists To Map The Universe

Source: Yahoo News

http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=3Dstory&u=3D/ap/20040902/ap_on_sc/puerto_ric=o_space_map_1

09-02-04

Scientists to Map Known Universe

By Frank Griffiths
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The radio telescope at Puerto Rico's Arecibo Observatory will begin mapping the known galaxy on Friday, scientists said.

The radio telescope, the world's most sensitive listening device that is powerful enough to hear planets forming several billion lights years away, received six more radio receivers to expand its range.

The \$1 million upgrade, nicknamed the ALFA project, was completed a few weeks ago and 12 scientists will begin using the telescope Friday to map the night sky for future generations, astronomer Dan Werthimer said.

Arecibo expects to find thousands of new pulsars, supernovas, black holes and planets.

The map, with its collection of detailed data about location, identity and properties of what is in space, will go far beyond anything currently in use, researchers say. No such map has been made until now because the telescope had a limited field of view.

"The new upgrade is like having seven Arecibo observatories at once," Werthimer said. "You can see seven different parts of the galaxy simultaneously. The mapping will be seven times faster."

The mapping could be completed in a few months if the observatory devoted all of its telescope hours to the ALFA project, said Sixto Gonzalez, observatory director. However, the process is likely to take at least two years to allow other astronomers to work on other projects like searching for extraterrestrial life, he said.

ALFA, which stands for the Arecibo L-Band Feed Array, discovered its first pulsar last month during a test run, Gonzalez said.

The 1,000-foot-wide parabolic receiver =E2=80=94 composed of 38,000 aluminum tiles =E2=80=94 allows researchers to listen to sounds in space instead of depending on optics, like the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope.

The information gathered will be compiled in a worldwide database scientists can access on the Internet, scientists say.

The observatory and its gargantuan dish were built in 1963 by

the Department of Defense. It is now run by Cornell University under the National Foundation of Science.

The telescope's 1974 discovery of a twin neutron stars won a pair of scientists the Nobel Prize in 1993 by proving Albert Einstein's theory of gravity waves. Other finds include ice on Mercury and the first known planets outside our solar system.

However, the dish is best known for its cameo appearances in such films as "Contact" and the James Bond adventure "Golden Eye," although the search for alien life takes up less than 1 percent of the telescope's time.

On the Net:

Arecibo Observatory: <http://www.naic.edu>

ALFA project: <http://alfa.naic.edu>

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Re: CNN Covers SETI Signal Story - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 19:12:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 11:00:52 -0400
Subject: Re: CNN Covers SETI Signal Story - King

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 11:04:35 EDT
>Subject: CNN Covers SETI Signal Story

><http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/09/02/space.signals.reut/index.html>

>It's a short one but it's featured under the CNN websites main
>page headlines.

>I heard Seth Shostak on C2C last night and he seemed not too
>excited about the signal and if I recall stated that it was just
>an overblown situation.

>I'll wait to see what the rest of you all say.

Hi Greg,

Mr. Shostak did seem to be taking pains to downplay the
significance of the signal. Unfortunately he didn't go into much
detail about his feelings one way or the other.

Based on his apparent low interest level, I wonder who got the
phones jingling at CNN and the other news outlets?

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:18:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 11:07:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>other words? I ask, you decide.

Hi Jerry,

With all due respect, if I'm reading this paragraph correctly,
it is saying that anyone who knows little about the subject
should no be a member of this List.

Unless I was misled, the only requirement for joining this List
was that I have an e-mail account from which to send a request
to join. There was no requirement to provide any credential or
other proof of any minimally accepted level of knowledge about
it.

I figured the discussion and debate would determine (for all)
who "knew little" or not. I hope I was not misled.

The current thread has degenerated into accusations of lying, of
unworthiness to engage in the debate, and a tacit indictment of
all who know (presumably) less than you. This does not seem the
quality of debate one would expect from someone who purports to
be an arbiter of who "knows so little".

Again, Respectfully,

Kyle

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Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 07:53:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 13:14:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise - Shell

>From: Alfred Webre <EcoRadio.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 15:04:15 EDT
>Subject: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

>Source: Space.Com
>http://www.space.com/businessstechnology/flying_triangle_040902.html

>Silent Running: 'Black Triangle' Sightings on the Rise

From my perspective, it appears media coverage of black triangles is on the rise. I wonder about the actual number of sightings. There has also seemingly been a rise in the number of flying saucers sighted.

Hard to get good, timely data.

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Spacecraft Seen in Panul Region Of Chile?

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 08:57:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 13:18:34 -0400
Subject: Spacecraft Seen in Panul Region Of Chile?

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 3, 2004

SOURCE: OVNIVISION/ Diario La Regi=F3n de Coquimbo
DATE: September 2, 2004

"YES, WE SAW A SPACECRAFT AT PANUL"

LA SERENA -- Information continues to arrive regarding the apparition of mysterious entities in the Coquimbo's Panul Sector (4th Region of Chile. We are reproducing the article featured in Thursday, September 2nd's Diario La Region de Coquimbo.

Yolanda Santibanez and Edmundo Ram=EDrez both claim, and startle us, by saying that on the same week of the humanoid sighting in Coquimbo, whose account appears in yesterday's edition, an unidentified flying object flew over the the area.

While the brilliant afternoon sun slowly vanishes into a disquieting fog and a chill wind appears to herald a storm, silence reigns among residents of El Panul de Coquimbo regarding the "humanoid subject", as we could classify the chronicles published on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and which describe the sighting last July by four individuals.

Yesterday, we wished to collect new eyewitness accounts in the same area, but it is evident that people are feeling panic, or at least fear of being ridiculed and criticised by their nearest and dearest.

At first we are told no, that the witnesses aren't home, that they themselves haven't seen anything, that it's all just tall tales... but they begin to relax when they realize that spreading doubt isn't healthy either.

It was thus that REGION learned new information on this subject.

A pair of local residents who live on a property that serves as a repair shop at the edge of the highway told us that they have indeed seen strange things, and that they themselves saw some sort of flying saucer.

Yolanda Santiba=Flez recalls that it was during the month of July in late afternoon hours that she and other witnesses observed a strange phenomenon in the skies, as she describes it.

"Yes, it was July, I couldn't tell you the exact date, but we saw an object in the sky near La Romana. It had an elongated shape, black or grey in color, and it shrank and expanded...it seemed to float while it assumed a square shape and when it remained like that, it seemed to have some things like wheels or such. At no time did we feel afraid, because we were accompanied."

She later adds other details and repeats them as though rewinding and reliving the events.

Edmundo Ramirez, another resident of the Panul sector, claims that such episodes occur repeatedly, and offered more details about them.

"The object we saw in July appeared suddenly. It made no noise, such as engine noise, for example. It was elongated, but kept getting longer and had no lights. The time was about 5 or 6 p.m.. Some other people who work here also saw it. It arrived as if from the north, passing slowly over the eucalyptus trees in the La Romana sector. Then it descended along that terrain as if heading toward the sea, and then vanished. Luckily it didn't approach us, and the dogs didn't bark either."

The sector [both witnesses] have indicated as the place where the vehicle disappeared is the same area indicated by the other witnesses claiming to have seen a small, glowing-red 80 cm. tall humanoid.

Eduardo Vega, his brother and two other workers of the Argando=Fla brick works are the witnesses to this event, which they have shared with the greatest respect and seriousness, which they hope will be reciprocated. The Vega brothers are professionals and workers of the cement factory are adult heads of household.

Numerous calls to our newsroom and the high demand for the newspaper are proof of popular interest in the subject. However, LA REGION shall reserve the right to publish only those accounts given by people of known identity.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 08:10:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 13:21:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 13:36:21 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>Harney hurls invective at "UFO believers" (note again the cheap
>>rhetic), then in the same breath concedes that his own beliefs
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>>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>>other words? I ask, you decide.

>Jerry,

>You ever get the feeling that there's a tag team debunker's
>match going on in this List that originates in the UK? It's the
>same dumb questions/hypothesis posited over and over.

>Don Ledger
>Just another "silly American"

Oh - so you are an American. I'd have sworn you were
Canadian. <g>

With regard to tag-teams, I think it's time then, for a real
smackdown. Clark/Hall/Friedman chump, if not trump, a
Roberts/Rimmer/Clarke cage match. Thing is? Clark/Hall/Friedman
are Olympic Athletes and Roberts/Rimmer/Clarke second team, 'b'
list, and regional 'rastlers'... I suspect the latter would get
twisted into all manner of interesting (and painful!) shapes
by the former.

Oh bother... there I am kowtowing again. But tough to avoid when
you have eyes to see and ears with which to hear. So what state
do you hail from Don? I have it on the authority of one who
would be taken seriously.

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 08:22:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 13:40:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Lehmberg

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:50:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
>>Subject: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

>>"...In America the [ufological] situation is 'very' different
>>because ufology as we know it in the UK doesn't exist.
>>Virtually all that 'does' exist are fantasists and believers of
>>varying hues. Even the once admired ufologists such as Jerry
>>Clarke [sic] have regressed several decades to believer-dom.

>That poor Jerry Clarke guy. If Andy Roberts feels bad for him,
>he must be a sorry soul indeed. I'll pass on Roberts's
>condolences if I ever run into Clarke. I don't recall meeting
>him, but who knows? I may have somewhere, but it's escaped my
>memory. I've met lots of people in my long years in ufology, and
>it's hard to keep track of them all.

>I would assume this Jerry Clarke is related to Andy's pal David
>Clarke; maybe Jerry Clarke is an American cousin. David Clarke,
>by the way, once wrote a generous review (in the venerable
>British journal Folklore) of my UFO Encyclopedia. Of course that
>may have been only because he was unduly influenced by his
>American cousin, who may actually be evil, not just pitiful.
>Perhaps it's just as well that - to the best I can recall,
>anyway - I have not met this Jerry Clarke. He could be one of
>those Satan worshippers, you know. After all, he is an
>American.

Of course! Foolish me! I just assumed he referred to you, and
that he was a classic case of "open mouth, insert foot, and echo
internationally"!

You're right, our always incisive Mr. Roberts is an "A" list
British researcher, after all! He'd never make a mistake like
that! Look at the work just recently completed with regard to
unmasking Don Ledger as an American (with links to Al Quida I'm
betting!). Lesson learned!

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Re: NIDS FT Study Hits The News - Bob Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:12:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 13:44:19 -0400
Subject: Re: NIDS FT Study Hits The News - Bob Shell

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 14:22:10 -0700
>Subject: NIDS FT Study Hits The News

>http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=96&ncid=753&e=10&u=/space/20040902/sc_space/silentrunningblacktrianglesightingsonther

>(sorry about long URL..)

When you have a long URL like this, go to www.tinyurl.com and plug it in. You will get a short URL that works just as well. In this case it is:

<http://tinyurl.com/45m5x>

Bob

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Raytheon Snags Contract For 'Moon To Mars' Mission

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 11:21:49 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:47:44 -0400
Subject: Raytheon Snags Contract For 'Moon To Mars' Mission

Source: Mass High Tech - The Journal Of New England Technology

http://www.masshightech.com/displayarticledetail.asp?Art_ID=3D66567

09-03-04

Raytheon launches NASA Moon-to-Mars project with \$1M contract

Waltham-based Raytheon Co. has been selected by NASA to participate in a six-month study team to define various system requirements and design the architecture for the agency=E2=80=99s Project Constellation Moon-to-Mars program.

Raytheon, led by engineers at its Missile Systems business, received a nearly \$1 million contract for the Concept Exploration and Refinement (CER) work, which could extend beyond the initial six-month award period.

"Raytheon is pleased to be selected for the team that will help shape this national space exploration priority,"=E2=80=9D said Louise Francesconi, Missile Systems=E2=80=99 president, in a statement. =E2=80=9COur company has demonstrated its capabilities in systems engineering and integration, and we can apply our expertise in large system integration, hardware development, inserting technology upgrades and mission assurance to space exploration.=E2=80=9D

The CER contract provides the first opportunity for Missile Systems to serve NASA as a prime contractor. Other Raytheon businesses perform work on a variety of space agency programs, including U.S. National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS), the James Webb Space Telescope and the Mars Rover.

For this CER effort, Missile Systems will lead a team that will help NASA define the requirements for the moon-to-mars mission, spanning all elements from the crew transport launch system, long-duration habitation and surface resources to propulsion systems, navigation and communications links. The team also will consider spiral development upgrades that will take Project Constellation from human space flight in low Earth orbit to extended duration lunar exploration to human exploration on Mars=E2=80=99 surface.

Other Raytheon businesses participating in the effort include Raytheon Technical Services Company, Network Centric Systems, Space and Airborne Systems and Intelligence and Information Systems.

Raytheon stock opened the day trading at \$35.32, unchanged from its close yesterday.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:46:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:51:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 21:07:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Sigh, John,

>>Since even the loopiest theories haven't been "dismissed out of
>>hand" - Easton's supersonic pelicans were the subject of
>>extended analysis and discussion (more than they deserved, I
>>must say) on this very List - John is simply being disingenuous.
>>Again.

>They were the subject of extended discussion but have since been
>endless inane remarks by believers, such as your "supersonic
>pelicans" in the above paragraph.

Interesting. Well, actually not very interesting. But it's worth
noting that this is a pattern of yours: concede that you were in
error, but then attempt to mitigate the damage by drowning that
concession in meaningless insults. In point of fact, it was you
who brought up pelicans this time (Magonia 85, p. 15); so if you
don't want to hear about the birds and those who love them, you
have only yourself to blame.

>>>I don't agree. For example, we have the Chiles-Whitted bolide
>>>described as being "structured" - having windows, etc. This sort
>>>of misperception is not uncommon.

>>Uh huh. Chiles-Whitted saw a "bolide" - apparently because
>>you have say it is so. The usual pelicanist approach: wishing will
>>take you wherever you need to go. Here John states a dubious
>>proposition as if it were an established fact, then goes on to
>>declare a claim as undeniably true based on what you have just
>>invented.

>Not an established fact, Jerry, just a rational hypothesis -
>certainly better than the notion of an alien spacecraft with
>rows of windows.

The problem is that you are claiming, on the basis of nothing
other than your preferred set of beliefs, that the idea that
Chiles-Whitted saw a spaceship is inherently irrational. That
point of view, right or wrong, was held by some demonstrably
rational people in Project Sign and elsewhere. It's only the
lazy polemical style of the pelicanist that pretends that
rational persons can come to only one conclusion - of course,
the one that makes the pelicanist feel warm and fuzzy all over.

>>For the more seriously inclined, I urge a reading of Chapter 4
>>of my book Strange Skies (Citadel, 2003) for an examination of
>>Chiles-Whitted's still puzzling sighting, plus similar ones from
>>the early UFO era. Unlike Harney, James McDonald (whose own
>>massive investigative experience puts most of the rest of us to
>>shame) actually interviewed Chiles and Whitted (separately),
>>writing:

>>"Both pilots reiterated to me, quite recently, that each saw
>>_square_ ports or windows along the side of the fuselage-shaped
>>object from the rear of which a cherry-red wake emerged,
>>extending back 50-100 feet aft of the object. To term this a
>>'meteor' is not even _qualitatively_ reasonable. One can reject
>>the testimony, but reason forbids calling the object a meteor."

>As I said, such misperceptions are not uncommon, and McDonald
>was not an expert in the vagaries of human perception.

And you are even less so. Moreover, you have not a fraction of
McDonald's scientific training (focused in good part on
observations of aerial - in this case meteorological -
phenomena) and firsthand investigative experience (and neither
do I).

Unlike McDonald, you did not interview Chiles and Whitted. You
simply "know" that UFOs exist only as artifacts of incomplete
information and thus comprise no threat to orthodoxy. Therefore,
you can ignore whatever witnesses say - because by definition
they are in error if they are not outright lying - and wave your
hands (or in this case flap your wings, metaphorically speaking)
and make up anything that serves your purpose, and then apply
flattering adjectives to your rightness and brilliance.

Your assertions, in short, are no more than expressions of self-
affirmation. Rational = what you think. Irrational = what those
who disagree with you think. Misperception = whatever you need
it to be. Incomplete information = what is always out there
somewhere, however undetectable whatever the effort, to undercut
a puzzling UFO sighting.

>>In other words, since UFOs as real anomalies are inconceivable,
>>any other "prosaic" explanation - even the most improbable -
>>will have to do (virtually a definition of the pelicanist
>>approach, by the way). Yet, strangely (or maybe not), just two
>>or three postings ago John was indignantly denying that this was
>>his approach. You've got to give it to the pelicanist: he'll fly
>>wherever the occasion demands, even if the flight path is a
>>bewildering one to any outside observer.

>Any prosaic explanation does not have to do; it's simply a
>question of suggesting the most reasonable explanation, unless
>someone can demonstrate that it must be wrong. Unlike many on
>this List, I believe that common sense is quite useful in
>ufology.

Common sense = whatever John Harney believes.

For the rest of you, let me repeat the salient point: Even Allen
Hynek, who in the late 1940s thought the concept of actual UFOs
unreasonable (as pelicanists still do) and who therefore
invented the bolide explanation for what Chiles and Whitted saw
(the one that John affirms because UFOs don't exist), admitted
it was credible only if one rejected the testimony of these two
experienced pilots on a priori grounds. In other words, this
tautology:

Why did Chiles and Whitted think they saw a UFO? Because they
were mistaken. How do we know they were mistaken? Because they
thought they saw a UFO.

>>This is too stupid and manifestly self-serving to merit a
>>response, and in any event was dealt with in a previous posting
>>or two (yes, I probably should have ignored it then, too; one
>>ought not to be encouraging this sort of bubble-headed
>>rhetoric). Unable to mount a cogent defense, Harney can only
>>repeat himself tediously. I will leave it to readers to decide
>>whether to laugh or cry at the amusing or sad (take your pick)
>>reality that pelicanists have been reduced to discourse this
>>coarse.

>Let's see - "stupid", "self serving", "bubble-headed", and from
>Don Ledger, "dim bulb". I'm certainly getting quite a collection
>of gratuitous insults, aren't I?

Yes, I confess that after all these years of subjugation to the sort of self-congratulatory rhetoric that passes for psychosociological/debunking/ pelicanist discourse, my patience has worn thin, and I sometimes get real crotchety. I don't feel good about it, but there it is.

Still and all, we haven't even begun to insult you, John. You guys are so far ahead of us that we "believers" and exploiters of public credulity for financial gain, not to mention dim bulbs, fools, religious fanatics, rejectors of common sense, and irrational thinkers, could never possibly catch up. Again, the pelicanist principle: one set of rules for our side, another for the other.

>>>The spurious air of mystery which most UFO authors try to
>>>generate by going on about "true anomalies", etc. may not sell
>>>many copies, but it is apparently needed to persuade publishers
>>>to accept their books.

>>Dreary, coarse, and witless. We are now reduced, once again, to
>>the vile slander that UFO writers (presumably including the
>>undersigned) aren't really sincere, that we only want to sell
>>books (not very many of them, as Harney finally acknowledges,
>>pretending all the while that his argument remains coherent in
>>any sense) even if we ourselves don't believe what we're saying.
>>Laugh or cry? I choose laughter.

>I'm sure you're very sincere, Jerry, and your motives for making
>UFO reports sound - ever so slightly - mysterious are perfectly
>honest. However, we all know, and it has recently been discussed
>on this List, that for a number of ufologists, providing popular
>entertainment takes precedence over serious research,
>investigation or discussion.

Isn't that special? It turns out that, when challenged, you concede that I am not just sincere but "very sincere." Well, John, I'm sure that you are "very sincere" in your effort to make UFO reports sound - ever so slightly - unmysterious. It is depressing, of course, that we have to resort to such statements, but pelicanists just can't seem to stay away from hinting (though often retreating when called on it) that those who dare hold views different from them do so only for unsavory reasons, and not out of honest (even if mistaken) conviction.

But let's get specific here:

Which prominent ufologists are essentially insincere, and in it just for the money and the "popular entertainment"? Names, please. I don't mean the obvious crooks and liars - you were not alluding to them, the context makes clear enough - but to the individuals who have real reputations in this field. And if you weren't referring to them, why did you bring up the matter of ufologists' integrity at all? What has that to do with anything we're discussing, except to distract us into irrelevance?

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>>rhetoric), then in the same breath concedes that his own beliefs
>>are tautological - in other words, circular in reasoning and
>>thus unfalsifiable.

>Hardly as cheap as "bubble-headed", etc.

Bubble-headed referred not to you, but to an inane argument you advanced. Please reread. There is a distinction. I have no doubt that you have intelligent, sensible things to say about many subjects. UFOs may not be among them, admittedly, but I did not mean to suggest that you approach all of life with bubbles between your ears. I am sure, to the contrary, that you don't, and that on other matters you have worthwhile insights to offer.

>>Not missing a beat, he then, incredibly, goes on to accuse
>>ufologists of "not having a testable hypothesis." Another
>>symptom of the pelicanist disorder we've already seen on
>>display: one set of standards for one's own side, another for
>>the other. In any event, one testable hypothesis, of course, is
>>that unknowns and knowns are fundamentally unlike, a hypothesis
>>which to all appearances has been decided in the pro-anomaly

>>direction, at least so far.

>You need something more definite, that can be tested
>statistically.

Well, why didn't you say so the first time? Are you conceding now that ufologists do have testable hypotheses, but suddenly are trying to shift the ground of argumentation hoping that nobody will notice?

Of course the UFO literature is full of statistical studies with which those who read it, as I gather you don't much, are familiar. Obviously the most famous is Special Report No. 14, but there any number of others, as you may or may not know. (I have never seen any evidence, incidentally, that you read the Journal of UFO Studies, where statistics exist in abundance.) I suggest you seek them out.

>>Beyond that, the canard that ufologists don't produce testable
>>hypotheses was debunked a long time ago (in a paper by the
>>sociologist of science Ron Westrum, whom I promise to quote next
>>time if Harney persists). It is discouraging that pelicanist
>>rhetoric, in this as in other regards, is never retired, however
>>confused, infirm, and enfeebled.

>I'll try to steel myself against the ordeal of having Ron
>Westrum quoted at me.

As some of you are aware, Ron Westrum, unlike the amateur psychosociological theorists of Magonia, is an actual trained social scientist and a full professor of sociology for many years at Eastern Michigan University. He was a close friend and esteemed colleague of Marcello Truzzi. Westrum has an impressive publication record on many subjects of sociological interest, including some illuminating papers on anomalies, society, and science. No wonder John is reduced to mockery at the mention of the name. What else could he do?

>>As for the suggestion that there are no patterns in UFO data,
>>which is what I suppose Harney means by his remark about whether
>>"unsolved UFO reports have something in common," I would be
>>speechless if I could not ask some obvious questions:
>>What is someone who so manifestly knows so little about this
>>subject doing on this List? And, worse, making grand
>>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>>other words? I ask, you decide.

>By "grand pronouncements" you presumably really mean "rational
>arguments"? And do you mean that you want all non-believers
>removed from this List? You certainly seem to have got rid of
>quite a few so far.

Since I am not a "believer," I'm not sure I know what you mean by "nonbeliever". Let me give it a shot, though:

As readers of my books are aware, I am a firm advocate of rational argument and empirical evidence. In Strange Skies, published last year, I weigh the pros and cons of particular sightings and, unlike John, do not depend on a priori, even if undemonstrable, beliefs to draw defensible conclusions. In more than a few instances, I come to skeptical judgments. When the evidence does not appear to validate a skeptical judgment, I leave the question open.

I do not try to argue that "reasonableness" and "orthodoxy" are synonyms, as John does. I prefer that the evidence speak for itself, and let it say what it seems to say, to the best of our hearing of it. If there is any a priori assumption at work, it is simply the judgment that we don't know everything and that interesting questions, still unanswered, may be out there. I am genuinely (or, in Harneyesque, "very sincerely") sorry that the John Harneys of the world feel so threatened that even so modest a concession. of uncertainty in a large and complicated world drives them to lifelong crusades against any hint of heresy.

As someone who rejects the extremes of both credophilia and pelicanist disorder, I suppose I am best defined as a nonbeliever, skeptical of both approaches, neither of which has gotten us anywhere.

So, John, the answer to your question is: no, I don't want to remove myself - or have other nonbelievers removed - from the List. Furthermore, I hope that heresy-hunters like yourself will remain on this List. After all, you guys have played a large role in the psychosocial history of ufology, and it is always entertaining and instructive to keep you under close observation.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:50:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:53:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:18:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Kyle,

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>>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>>other words? I ask, you decide.

>With all due respect, if I'm reading this paragraph correctly,
>it is saying that anyone who knows little about the subject
>should no be a member of this List.

Either you have misread my remark, or I didn't make my meaning
clear. Let me rephrase for you:

People who know little about UFOs should refrain from making
grand pronouncements about them. I should think that is not a
controversial request. After all, I refrain from making grand
pronouncements about quantum physics or economic theory or the
history of ancient Micronesia.

In any event, I was simply needling John Harney, who is of
course knowledgeable but was simply being disingenuous.

Jerry Clark

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Re: SETI Signal From 1,000 Light Years Away -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:49:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:54:37 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI Signal From 1,000 Light Years Away -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 20:31:15 EDT
>Subject: SETI Signal From 1,000 Light Years Away

>I figure by the time this gets posted, if it gets posted, the news
>about the latest SETI.nul discovery will be big news and
>numerous posts will be arriving.

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>[http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=14594417%26method=full%26siteid=89488%26headline=space:
name_page.html](http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=14594417%26method=full%26siteid=89488%26headline=space%26name_page.html)

>Space Call From ET

>Sep 2 2004

M74 (also known as NGC 628)
January of 2003 a recent supernova (SN 2002ap)
<http://www.proaxis.com/~sandstone/Astro/Gallery/M74.htm>

<http://www.edpsciences.org/articles/aa/pdf/2003/03/aah3813.pdf>

The nature of the prompt X-ray and radio emission from SN 2002ap
1420 MHz (70 days after the explosion) are combined with the
high frequency VLA observations of SN 2002ap reported by Berger
et al. 2002)

<http://physicsweb.org/article/news/8/8/3/1>

Faint gamma-ray bursts on the horizon

John

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 09:39:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:58:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Shell

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:24:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do
>>not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary.
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>there is nothing extraordinary about sightings of
>extraterrestrial vehicles, which is the only way they could be
>defined by your description: "fast-moving, structured-looking
>phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft".

>Or are you going to pull your tired old argument that there is
>some other meaning to the phrase "fast-moving, structured-
>looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft"
>which somehow avoids the necessity of admitting that you do
>actually believe in the ETH?

On one hand, I agree that people have been seeing odd things in
the sky for thousands of years and have attempted to explain
them using whatever frame of reference they have available to
them at the time. In that regard, UFO sightings are definitely
not extraordinary. UFOs as a Fortean experience certainly
qualify as one of those paradoxically "weird things that happen
all the time."

But in some ways a UFO sighting does qualify as extraordinary,
since they are one of the few things that are seen so frequently
and dramatically yet remain essentially unexplained (not
counting the ball lightnings, the meteors, and other apparently
non-artifactual objects whizzing around in the sky). They are
extraordinary in the sense that they are noteworthy and
memorable to people who are generally familiar with what can
"usually" be seen in the sky.

And the numerous anecdotes of people going all the way back to
the 1890's and the odd airship sightings of strange craft manned
by human beings who cooked flapjacks and didn't know what year
it was, can't be completely dismissed, if only because there are
so many of them. But we still can't say they're extra-
terrestrial or trans-temporal. We just don't know. Do they
represent peeks into other dimensions, not of sight or sound,
but of mind? Now, that assertion is definitely going to require
extraordinary proof and a lot of it. We're still working on
creating new words to even try to describe this kind of stuff,
much less explain it.

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"Extraterrestrial vehicles," huh? Nice try, John. We were
talking about observations of UFOs, which are not all that rare
and hardly extraordinary. Either you didn't understand what I
was saying, or you're trying to change the subject - hoping no
one will notice - from puzzling observation into unproved
hypothesis.

Jerry Clark

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HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings -

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 09:27:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:04:23 -0400
Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings -

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Date: September 3, 2004

HBCC UFO Notice: Folks trying to access my website to file a report will not be able to access the site as it stands right now. The hosting company is having a problem and my site has been down for three days now. We have made calls, emailed them, etc but so far no response to us contacting them. I hope this can get resolved quickly and the site back up and running again. But in the mean time I am still taking reports and witnesses can email them to me at: hbccufo.nul

Thank you, Brian

Trenton Ontario And Dartmouth Nova Scotia UFO Encounters

Two Canadian reports below:

Hello, I live in southern Ontario and had an unusual sighting about 4 years ago, and another one just a few nights ago that was very similar. In the first sighting, I was letting my dog out and while she was busy, I was just looking up at the stars. I noticed one star that seemed much brighter than the others, so I was looking at it. All of a sudden, it started moving very fast downward directly at me. It still just looked like a big star, but kept getting bigger and bigger. I became frightened, and then just as quickly, it appeared to stop, then go back in the direction it came in. I watched it until it became so tiny that it disappeared in the night sky.

Then, as I said, a very similar thing happened a few nights ago. But this time I caught it out of the corner of my eye, and it seemed that as soon as I noticed it getting bigger, it stopped and reversed direction till I could no longer see it. I was wondering if anyone else has reported this.

Additional Information:

Okay, I will try to give as much detail as I can. I think the first time was either late summer or fall. I remember that there was no snow, and I don't think I had a coat on. The year was approximately 1999 or 2000. It was probably around 9 or 10 pm. It was in the eastern part of the sky. Not directly overhead, but high up. It just looked like a big star. There was no discernable shape other than round. It was near the Air Force Base in Trenton Ontario. I do remember that when it started going away, there was a plane off to the right. But there are always planes in the sky around this area.

With the second sighting, I have moved about 10 minutes north from where I used to live. It looked just the same, and it was in the eastern sky as well. It was to the left of me at about 10 o'clock in the sky. And it was probably around 9 or 10 pm. It

was dark out and it was August. 2004.

As for your other question, I did have something happen to me when I was 15. It's kind of a long story, and I tend to be a bit wordy at times (see I'm doing it now), But for what it's worth here goes.

I was living in Dartmouth Nova Scotia with my mother and my 3 sisters. I was 15, and my sisters were 13, 9 and 5. I lived in a trailer park and I had been babysitting. I remember that the people came home very early and I was surprised at that, so I was walking home. There was a big turning circle in front of our trailer, and I was cutting through the neighbor's yard and was going to walk across the circle to my place. As I was cutting through the yard, I looked up towards our trailer, and there was a "UFO" directly above and over to the right a bit . I knew it was not a plane as it made no sound, and living near Shearwater, we knew about planes. If I had not looked up, I would not have known it was there.

There were a band of lights around the middle of it, and they were going around and around. I had to go directly under it to get home. I was so scared. So I ran under it and in the house. I ran inside screaming and hollering that there was a UFO outside. I cannot tell you what time it was except when I was cutting across the neighbor's yard, it was dark outside. Now here is the weird part. And it didn't strike me as strange till many years later. When I came into the kitchen, my Mom and her boyfriend were sitting at the table. My two sisters were in the living room watching TV, and my youngest sister must have been in the bedroom. I came tearing into the kitchen yelling and probably hysterical. You would think everyone would come running if only to find out what was going on. But no, my two sisters just looked over at me for a second and then went back to watching TV.

My mom and her boyfriend seemed not the least bit perturbed about anything. No one would come look at this thing. It was like they were in slow motion. I kept peeking my head out the door to see if it was still there. I'm not sure at what point, but it finally started going straight up, and then just went away. I watched it till I couldn't see it anymore. No one came to look at it. My Mom's boyfriend was in the military, and after it left, he called the base to see if they had anything on radar. He said they said there was nothing. Now that I'm older, I realize he was not in any position to ask for or receive that kind of info from anyone on the base, so he could have been just lying. Then I went to bed, and that was it. I don't even think we ever talked about it . My sisters say they don't remember it. But I do.

I'm 46 years old, and I still remember much of it like it was yesterday. So there it is. Just recounting it makes me all shaky inside. Haha. It kind of makes it officially real. If that makes any sense. I have had some strange things happen in my life, but I don't think I was ever abducted. Hope this helps your research in some way.

Thank you to the witness for the reports.

Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex. England UK Large Craft Over Hospital

Date: 1982

Time: In-between 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Very very large.

Full Description of event/sighting: My friend (removed) and I had finished work in the hospital and was on our way home, our shifts would finish between 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m, it was a dark night and the lighting in the car park was poor, when we got to the car park we stood talking for about 10 or 15 minutes.

I don't recall if there was a sound or noise but for some reason I looked up at the night sky then looked back at my friend, then immediately looked again into the night sky, I said to my friend something along the lines of "what's that" and then asked him if

he could see it, we stopped talking for a moment and both looked, then my friend replied "yes what is it" we both stood staring, trying to work out what it was, we both began to discuss what we were seeing & tried to rationalize it, we both agreed it was strange

When we stopped looking at it, I turned around to see if anyone else had stopped to look, but nobody had, I saw a few people walking through the car park talking, but nobody noticed.

I looked back at my friend and we carried on with our conversation, said goodnight and went home. The strange thing is we only spoke to each other about it once or twice afterwards, it was never mentioned again. Since that day, I have thought that maybe it was some kind of reflection, a collection of positive ions in the atmosphere or something ?

What we saw was something like what you see in films today, it was an extremely large craft which took up a massive amount of sky, it was so large that it blended itself into the darkness of the night sky, there were lots of shapes on the craft which were suddenly light up by the moonlight. We were directly underneath the outer edge of it, I know this because with my head tilted right back I could see the stars, then as I rolled my eyes forward I could make out the shapes on the craft.

I don't recall seeing any lights on the craft but I do recall it slowly but constantly moving overhead from my left to my right, as I looked to my right (the direction the craft was moving) the shapes were disappearing into the night sky but they were still coming over from the left, I'm afraid I can't recall seeing the back of the craft I just remember not seeing it anymore, it was just passing over and then the shapes blended into the darkness of the night sky.

Was this a UFO ? Or can it be explained away scientifically ?

This was not a dream it is defiantly a memory, has anyone else reported something like this ? could you please email me with your thoughts.

Additional Information:

The craft that my friend and I saw did not have a straight edge to it, (sharp edge) it wasn't smooth, the shapes went in and out, it was a craft but was almost like a flying city, some shapes were subtle, although it was probably very high in the sky I'm sure these subtle shapes were fairly large, some parts of the craft along its side went in and out.

This is the exciting part for me, when I read that report you sent me there were two things that I didn't put in my report because I thought it may have sounded over the top.

On the side of the craft near to the back end on a section that went in and was straight for a while, I saw a window that had a light in the background, or background light, it was as if a light was left on a lot further down a corridor, causing a soft light to imamate from it, there was nobody standing at the window, it was just the window.

The second thing I was only 75% sure of was the sound that it made, I know this sound was not a sound that you would normally hear, its a sound that I had to focus my attention to in order to hear it. When I stood there with Gary looking up at it I could just about pick up the audible sound, it was a low frequency humming, a little like the sound that you hear when standing near a large electrical installation, but much smoother and quieter.

Many thanks.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Alexandria, Virginia Unusual Object

Date: May 1991 ?

Time: Daytime sighting.

Just happened on your website and thought I'd report a possible sighting I made about 13 years ago, a Saturday afternoon in May 1991 I think. I was walking in an area of Alexandria, Virginia in broad daylight with few other passersby present when I happened to look up at the sky and was surprised to see an odd-looking hovering object at an undetermined altitude - guesstimate 10,000 feet?. Its shape was irregularly rectangular and apparently flat, nothing that corresponded to the usual repertory of UFO shapes. Color indefinite against the clear sky: perhaps gray. No sound was audible from it. I wondered if it could be a large piece of paper, lower than it appeared at first sight, but it seemed too rigid and it wasn't drifting or being wafted about as would paper. It was definitely neither a bird nor an aircraft: no wings, no flapping, no darting or wheeling. Instead, it seemed to move about purposefully and slowly in various directions for perhaps two minutes, and then it moved away in a straight line, maintaining the same altitude at a speed now suggestive of an aircraft, accelerating steadily, then apparently rising and soon disappearing in the distance. This is the first report I've made of this observation. Am not given to "seeing things" and this is the only time I've ever seen anything so inexplicable.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Canora, Saskatchewan UFO Flies 25 Feet Over Vehicle

Date: November 15 and 16th 1998
Time: Approx: 6:30 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I was in the vicinity of Canora Saskatchewan (north of Yorkton) on November 15 and 16th 1998 for business with another person.

The woman who was traveling with me also witnessed this object. We left Yorkton at about 1830 hours on the 16th to drive to Saskatoon for the night en-route back to Edmonton. While we were leaving Yorkton, I told my passenger that the sky was lovely and it would be a good sky in which to see a UFO. She told me to be careful what I wished for and we laughed.

The sky was lovely, there was no moon that night, but if you have ever seen a Saskatchewan sky, you will understand the immensity of the universe we can see. There were a lot of meteors flashing and we were enjoying our drive. When we were about a half hour out of Saskatoon, my passenger said, "What is that.. is it a plane". I looked to the left out of the drivers window and about 10 degrees forward and saw an object coming at us. It looked like it might be a plane from the distance, but all I could see were the lighted windows. I told her that it couldn't be a plane and she asked why. I told her that we were not near an airport and it was coming down to land. Now in the space of time that we saw this object coming down we had moved forward to just about directly under it. When it came down into the farmers field, it was only about 25 or thirty feet over us. It came down on a very sharp angle. My first inclination was to hit my brakes but I knew there was a vehicle right behind us who would have run right into our rear, so I braked and slowed. They stayed behind us, so I know they saw what we saw, possibly better. I was focused on the windows which were part of a circular body. They were large (like windows in office buildings) and had pinky red light around the perimeter of each window. The inside was lighted, but no beings were visible. I saw what looked like a uniform light yellowy beige background in the windows. The reason I noted the passenger (or what would have been the passenger area in a normal plane) area was circular because you could see the windows slant both front and rear as opposed to appearing a straight line.

The object was dark colored and I still cannot figure out to this day whether it was circular or tube shaped. When it came down there was no noise and it did not interfere with the vehicles. It did not land per se, it appeared to hover over the farmers field and followed it for about a half mile in. There was a red light at the back of the object. My passenger followed it with her eyes while I drove and it went about a half mile in and then hovered there for about ten minutes. She then said it went up into the sky and went over a cloud and disappeared.

I ran into this woman two years ago at a conference at UBC and she told me that she has only ever told her daughter what we saw that night. It happened so quickly and I could not stop to really observe, so I was trying to stay safe on a road that was icy while this was going on.. I don't know what we saw. The people behind us drove up beside us, slowed down and we looked at each other and then they beat it down the road very fast. I did not feel any fear, so I did not feel the need to leave the area quickly. I do know that this object was large and I do not know if there was a wing span over my van.. as I said I was too focused on the windows. But I do know that when it went into the field it looked as if it was the back of a triangle with the red light in the middle.

Thanks

Thank you to the witness for the excellent report.

Edmonton, Alberta Two Bright Coronas

Date: June 1999

Time: Daytime Sighting

A year later in June 1999, I was coming back into Edmonton from the north out past the army base. I stopped to watch a jet because I wanted to see if it was laying chemtrails or contrails. All of a sudden the jet appeared to be gone and beside it were two bright coronas that looked jagged parallel to each other right across from where I had last seen the jet. I actually got out of my car to look at this. A man came by and craned his neck to see what I was looking at so he must have seen them, too. I also think they must have been visible from the base because it was only a couple of miles up the road. I watched them for about five minutes. They were about the size of two quarters held at arms length. They were still there when I left. I was working and could not linger. They were about the same height as the jet had been which appeared as a black speck moving across the sky.

Thanks

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Bathurst and Eglinton, Toronto (close to) Golden/Orange Ball

Date: June 26, 2004

Time: 10:52 p.m.

Hi Brian

I am glad to have found your article. I saw the golden/orange ball traveling from west to east at 10:52 p.m. from my balcony and quickly got my video camera. Unfortunately I only caught a split second of it and it appears as a white light traveling quickly across the dark sky.

The ball moved at what seemed to be a rather slow steady pace and it was followed by a long tail.

Then I thought I was seeing double because at a further distance moving parallel and at the same exact speed was another one. Although I told many people no one else seems to have noticed it.

Thank you

Additional Information:

I am located close to Bathurst and Eglinton in Toronto. My balcony faces south. As I recall it was a very clear night.

The bright light ball with the tail was coming from the west. It seemed miraculous. The ball seemed a very bright golden light and the tail seem more like the color of a star. There was no sound I am on the fourth floor and the ball was at about a 20 degree angle.

To the distance in the horizon another object it seemed like a mirror image of the object because it didn't seem as bright but it was traveling at exactly the same speed and parallel to the ground. Because of buildings and trees I cannot see too far to the right or left. It didn't seem to be traveling very fast but it was in a straight line, constant speed and parallel to the ground.

It gave me time to run into the apartment and nervously get my video camera. Unfortunately my camera was in a digital zoom mode and I had trouble locating the object on my lens. I have a very fast flash of light on my recorder that disappears behind a building. I think you can maybe see a bit of the second one as well.

Just to let you know I am a fairly reasonable, responsible person with my own business. I am not trying to overwhelm you or scare you off but about 17 years ago I saw three UFO's very clearly from downtown Toronto. They were very real. They flew three abreast with absolutely no sound. They were moving incredibly fast. They were grey on the top half and a light metallic blue on the bottom half. The image remains with me to this day.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Houston, B.C. Bright Light Penetrates Top Of Tree

Date: August 12, 2004
Time: Approx: 2:45 a.m.

I talked with a well known gentleman in the local shopping mall here in Houston, British Columbia. He had some story he wanted to relate to me. He said he was having a hard time sleeping on August 12, 2004, so he got up out of bed at around 2:45 a.m. and wandered out to the kitchen for a drink of water. As he walked down the short hallway he easily saw the kitchen area and other parts of the home were lit up in a bright white light. Wondering what was causing this he went over to the window and observed an extremely bright white light which was sitting stationary at the back end of his property. The light was barely above the tree tops, with the bottom end of it tucked in behind a clump of trees. What he told me surprised me as the man said the light rounded out the top of a large tree. Meaning that the light seemed to penetrate or remove this portion of the tree. (After the light had disappeared the tree remained intact)

Been totally surprised at this sight, he called one of his sons who lives on the next five acre parcel next to his and woke him up so he could also see what his father was looking at. Both from their separate homes watched the large light hovering in place. The older man went and grabbed his camera and was able to capture a shot of this light/object. (I will be adding the picture very soon).

He said there was not a sound coming from the direction the light was in, actually he said the early morning was very silent. Eventually after a short period of time the light just disappeared, or blinked out.

HBCC UFO Note: Now I know the area well behind the fellows home as at one time I peeled railroad ties for him. I can tell you there is nothing back there but forest. There is one gravel road which leads to the old Equity Silver mine but that is a little ways away. The witness said the light was right there just behind the trees.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Santa Cruz Mountains, California (Bay Area) Object Stayed Motionless

Date: August 28, 2004
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Just a quick note on something I saw over the Santa Cruz

mountains...

I was sitting in out outside hot-tub at night, we live on (removed) so there are no streetlights and you always have a beautiful and clear view of the sky and the stars.

We were sitting there, looking up, and saw a light moving right to left across the sky (sorry, have no clue about if it was north, south, etc.) - I thought it could be a very high plane, possibly a satellite or something... but as we watched it, it suddenly stopped dead in its tracks, stayed motionless for a few moments (2 minutes at the most) and then went very fast about a 45 degree turn from its original trajectory... and it seemed that it went up at that angle, too.... and we could no longer see it - it was gone.

It was too far off to make out details, but its movement and suddenly stopping, and then suddenly zooming away at what must have been incredible speed made me think it might be something else... and with the reported rash of UFO sightings over the Bay Area lately, I wondered if I might have actually seen one.

Very curious, do you think this could be anything else? I was so excited about the thought that I might have actually finally seen a UFO, but want to know if there is a more rational explanation first. I would love your input.

Thank you for your time.

Additional Information:

Q - What color was the light itself ?

A - It was white, no details, which is why I thought it was originally a plane flying very high or a satellite (you know what it looks like when you see a satellite passing overhead... just a plain white light, too far up to get details...

Q - Can you please describe the appearance of the UFO: shape, size, distance, color, texture, sound.

A - It was miles up, so like I said, I cannot even guess at size, no details other than its movement - just a moving light...

Q - Describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind?

A - No, this was in the Santa Cruz mountains in California (Bay Area). There is only one airport in the immediate vicinity, but still about a half hour driving distance... (San Jose International Airport) - Closest Military installation would be Moffett Field, in Mountain View, about an hour or less from where I was... these are large residents in the mountains above Santa Cruz, CA. and it is more wilderness than anything... no open field, just lots and lots of windy roads, chasms and trees... At night, it is very dark other than lights from the houses, but from any house, you can't see more than 1 or two in the distance... each property is anywhere from half an acre to 10 acres... very beautiful up there... if you look on a map, find highway 17 that goes from the central bay area (San Jose/Santa Clara) and follow it to the hills above Santa Cruz... a long road from the freeway is (removed). This would take you all the way up to Boulder Creek, CA. You can see from any internet sites about the area what the area is like if you wanted to know...

Q - Also did you happen to see any aircraft in the area, just before, during or after the sighting ?

A - No, I did not... it is rare to see planes in that area.... but it is possible, I just don't know for sure... I don't generally remember things like planes, unless it did something unusual...

Q - When you first saw it, was it moving quickly or slow, this is before it came to a complete stop ?

A - Seemed rather quick and steady in-line movement... but just stopped. Once it began moving again, it moved what seemed like

twice as fast as it was before... the movement (before it stopped) was much like a fast moving plane... no noise, and if it was a plane, too far away to hear anything... it was moving fast enough to catch my attention... and after, it moved much quicker..

Q - One more thing, did you happen to notice if you saw a trail or tail following behind it ?

A - No, like I mentioned, very high up, and other than just a slight blur of light, no actual trail that I could tell.

Thank you to the witness for the great report.

West Hill, Ontario Rusty-Red Colored Circle Of Light

Date: September 1, 2004
Time: Approx: 5:45 p.m.

A sighting to report to you on Sept.1,2004 over West Hill , Ontario.At approx.5:45 p.m. in southeastern direction caught with the naked eye in eastern Scarborough facing east over West Hill / Pickering townships observed a Rusty-red colored circle of light attached with white cigar like features very high in the rich blue sky.Observed with binoculars detailed object was in fact like a white rocket with a bright rusty red light behind it.Had to be at least 20-30,000 feet high or more.Again , like the last two reports it appeared to be hanging up there and moving very, very slowly.Observed craft for approx.5 minutes.Lifted binoculars down because of hearing low flying white jet to look at for 10-15 seconds then viewed back to the UFO and it was gone.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise -

From: Nicholas Redfern <nick.redfern.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:20:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:07:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise -

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 07:53:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

>>From: Alfred Webre <EcoRadio.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 15:04:15 EDT
>>Subject: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

>>Source: Space.Com
>>http://www.space.com/businessstechnology/flying_triangle_040902.html

>>Silent Running: 'Black Triangle' Sightings on the Rise

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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:46:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:09:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:35:11 -0500
>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

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>A camera, no matter how sophisticated, can decide to perfectly
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I mistyped this statement. The line should read...

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perfectly expose one part of an image, and underexpose the rest.

Pleas excuse the "fox paws". :)

Kyle

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Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 13:32:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:10:16 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise - King

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 07:53:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Black Triangle' Sightings On The Rise

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Hi Tim,

Since so many triangle sightings report the craft flying "low and slow", and being of apparently immense scale, I wonder why there hasn't been an increase in sightings from above. Just as a large, moving triangular area of the sky being blotted out from the ground would be hard to miss, it would seem too that from the air, such a moving 'blotting out' of the ground below would be equally noticeable... especially on a clear night with a bright moon.

Perhaps even the shuttle or a weather bird might capture such a craft on film. I haven't seen anything of that sort mentioned.

Very puzzling, indeed.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 14:35:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 18:35:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>>From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 07:49:51 -0400
>>Subject: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>>The relatively rapid drift of the signal is also puzzling for
>>other reasons. A planet would have to be rotating nearly 40
>>times faster than Earth to have produced the observed drift; a
>>transmitter on Earth would produce a signal with a drift of
>>about 1.5 hertz per second.

>If this is the case then it ought to be possible to do a bit of
>calculating.

>If the hypothetical "planet" is rotating 40 times faster than
>the earth, then its period of rotation is presumably 24/40 hours
>(that is, 36 minutes). If the starting frequency is always the
>same, we can deduce that during each signal the transmitter is
>at roughly the same point in its rotational cycle, which means
>the intervals between each signal should be a multiple of 36
>minutes.

>It may also be that the transmitter itself (assuming that's what
>it is) is not on a planet at all, but is an artificial satellite
>spinning once every 36 minutes, rather like a lighthouse beam.
>In which case the same consideration applies.

>Cathy

Exactly Cathy!

An orbiting satellite or somewhat stationary homing beacon or
even a ship could be the source not necessarily a planet.

Could be the galaxy is already mapped out for those sailors who
need to find their way around or home.

Just hope it ain't a warning beacon. Or a distress call. Never
know what rocks or 'sirens' await us newbie navigators.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:00:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:13:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>In other words, since UFOs as real anomalies are inconceivable,
>any other "prosaic" explanation - even the most improbable -
>will have to do (virtually a definition of the pelicanist
>approach, by the way). Yet, strangely (or maybe not), just two
>or three postings ago John was indignantly denying that this was
>his approach. You've got to give it to the pelicanist: he'll fly
>wherever the occasion demands, even if the flight path is a
>bewildering one to any outside observer.

"Prosaic explanations" are the failure of UFO skepticism. Read:

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

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Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:05:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:15:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Maccabee

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 15:18:06 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 13:59:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

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>>Venus' position and brightness depend on the relative positions
>>of Earth, Venus and the Sun, all in relation to one another.
>> While easily predicted with simple astronomical programs, "this
>>time of year" gives the false impression it depends on the
>>Earthly calendar alone .. as if Venus were a fixed star.

>>It would be interesting to know who originally came up with that
>>jewel. One might then look at his other arguments.

Whether or not that statement makes sense would depend upon
the day of occurrence of that particular UFO sighting.

>A couple of times a years Venus will be far away from the Sun in
>the sky - occasions when it is also at its brightest (the third
>brighest celestial object in the sky after the Sun and Moon).
>When seen under the dark night skies on these occasions, as
>opposed to the majority of times when planet Venus is much
>fainter and seen in the brighter dawn or dusk skies very close
>to the Sun, it is an very impressive sight and infrequent
>observers of the sky can easily mistaken it as a UFO.

>What many of us are not aware of is that, like the Moon, Venus
>and the much brighter planets and stars are also visible in the
>clear blue daytime sky when the Sun is also present. One just
>needs to know where to look. I suspect that a few of the
>daylight UFOs caught on video as seen in Brian Vike's [hbccufo](http://hbccufo.com)
>web site by witnesses trying out their new zillion power zoom
>cameras are indeed real extraterrestrial objects - planets and
>bright stars!

I have studied videos of UFO VENUS taken by people who seriously
thought they were videotaping a UFO. As long as the camera
remains focused there is some semblance to Venus.

But typically what the witness does is zoom in for a better look
and then everything goes to hell. Defocused images of Venus can
be truly weird. And, since the witness is expecting that the
zoomed in image will show more details.... the witness is not
disappointed. The image shows lots of details... which have
nothing to do with the planet itself.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:06:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:17:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>Furthermore they did a quality evaluation of all the cases and
>found that the better the quality of the case the MORE likely to
>be listed as UNKNOWN. They must have had tough criteria because
>only 9.6% were listed as EXCELLENT, yet 35.1% of them were
>UNKNOWNs while only 18.3% of the 525 POOR cases and 15.6% of the
>1298 Doubtful cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. A further 26.6% of
>the 1070 Good cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. The better the
>quality the more likely to be UNKNOWNs.

>Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are
>no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable,
>and that the problem was poor quality.

>I suppose one solution as to how you could make such an
>extraordinary claim, backed by no data, is that you have only
>looked at a few poor cases and have rushed to judgement by
>extrapolation to a grandiose claim.

Another solution is the Blue Book version: claim that any case
that can't be explained doesn't have enough data for
explanation. That is, "if there had been more information we
could have explained the sighting."

Of course, "how much" information is needed and how much is
accepted as true tend to be subjective quantities. If you accept
that Arnold saw "something" the he didn't recognize and
therefore reported his sighting you are rejecting the totally

poor witness and outright hoax explanations. The next question is, what of the other "data bits" or "information quanta" provided by Arnold do yo accept as true:

the objects flew between Arnold and Mt. Rainier (T or F) Arnold turned his plane "sideways" and rolled down his window (T or F) Arnold timed their passage from alignment with Rainier to alignment with Mt. Adams (T or F) When last seen they were between Arnold and Mt. Adams (T or F)

and so on. O ne can break any sighting into IQ (information quanta) and decide which are acceptable and which aren't. If one is going to reject or modify the quanta, then one should be prepared to explain why.

Try the New Zealand case for an example sighting(s) as one which is inexplicable yet interesting

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:18:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

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>The problem here is not with the statistics but with how they
>are interpreted. It should be noted that the conclusions reached
>by the compilers of Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 do
>not agree with Stan's interpretation, as they were obviously not
>very impressed with the results of their studies. The last three
>paragraphs of their Conclusions are:

>"It is emphasized that there was a complete lack of any valid
>evidence consisting of physical matter in any case of a reported
>unidentified aerial object.

>"Thus, the probability that any of the UNKNOWNS considered in
>this study are "flying saucers" is concluded to be extremely
>small, since the most complete and reliable reports from the
>present data, when isolated and studied, conclusively failed to
>reveal even a rough model, and since the data as a whole failed
>to reveal any marked patterns or trends.

>"Therefore, on the basis of this evaluation of the information,
>it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports
>of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent
>observations of technological developments outside the range of
>present-day scientific knowledge."

It is amazing how application of "logic" can lead to any desired
answer... almost.

In the conclusion the writers were essentially saying that, despite all the time and effort they put into analyzing 3201 individual sighting reports, 12 of which were so detailed that they summarized them and put them into the report, they essentially ****didn't believe any of the witnesses.****

Part of their conclusion, which you stated above, is based on their analysis of the 12 best cases. They argued that, because there was no single "model UFO" that would fit all twelve, therefore, not one of the 12 was an actual sighting. In other words, because there were several different shapes of UFOs there are no UFOs. (and also, they lied... to the reader if not to themselves: there were only a few basic shapes that were consistent with most sightings)

This is sort of like saying that because there is no single model for everything that moves through the sky, therefore all sightings of flying things are faulty.

IMHO they used "forced logic" to arrive at a predetermined conclusion: they had to convince the reader that the analysis they carried out was inconclusive in spite of the admitted statistical fact that they could not explain some 20% of the sightings!!

It is true that they had no "hard evidence" to work with (other than, perhaps, the strangely burned grass from the Desvergiers case in Florida, the photos by Rhodes in Phoenix, etc.) or at least they didn't mention any. That did not mean that there analysis of the witness testimony leading to the massive statistical tables was all wrong or useless as they would have the reader believe.

One of the twelve best cases, case 10, is in my opinion (and I'm not alone on this) is one of the best ever multiple witness sightings (Rogue River). We would not even be aware of the significance of that case (perhaps not of its existence) had it not been reported in SR#14.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:05:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:21:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 21:31:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>"Logical"? "Consistent"? How about "orthodoxy-affirming at any
>>cost"? About that, anyway, you have been consistent. "Credulous"
>>I take to mean what other people would judge mere open-
>>mindedness, a posture of which no one will hold you guilty
>>anymore. So you can relax, John. Nobody thinks your head holds
>>any heretical thoughts.

>I have already said that I do not have any fixed ideas as to
>what Arnold did or did not see; I merely said that I thought the
>various theories should be seriously debated, and not just
>rejected out of hand if they seemed likely to lead to a mundane
>conclusion.

The various Candidate Explanatory Hypotheses (CEH, a.k.a.
"theories") to explain the Arnold sighting ****have been****
presented, discussed and debated. Some require more discussion
than others.

Even the notorious pelican theory (a successor to the "goose
theory") has received much discussion and analysis (see the
analytical study of bird brightness in the Appendix to the
Arnold case analysis at my web site.) Of the half-dozen CEH
proposed over the years (airplanes, mirages, orographic clouds,
billowing clouds of snow, meteors, birds) each has been "vetted"
. In each case one has to ignore part of the information provided
by Arnold in order to make the explanation fit the sighting.

So, to imply that theories are rejected "out of hand if they
seemed likely to lead to a mundane conclusion" is to trivialize
and misunderstand the nature and goals of investigation and the
analyses of explanations. ****After **** a CEH (a.k.a. "explanation")
has been shown to be faulty, then one may discuss it as if it
doesn't work and this discussion may seem, to one who is
unfamiliar with all the discussion leading up to the rejection
of the CEH, that the CEH is being rejected "out of hand."

For example, if someone reading the KA case for the first time
were to propose "mountain top mirage", apparently everyone
(skeptics included) would point out that it doesn't work (for
various reasons) and the "newby" might well think that mirage is
being rejected "out of hand." Said person might be puzzled: why
not give "mirage" a chance? Why reject it without proper
analysis? And so on.

The point I want to make is that the CEH known as "pelicans,"
just as the CEH known as "mirages of mountain tops," has been
discussed. Apparently many people on this list, the present
writer included, has not been convinced that the pelican CEH
could reasonably explain the Arnold sighting.

<snip>

>>>The sightings are generally not extraordinary, but the claims
>>>made about them by many ufologists certainly are.

>>Not only by ufologists, but by pelicanists and other extremists.
>>Somehow, though, the latter psychosocial response to the
>>phenomenon manages not to attract the attention or interest of
>>self-described psychosociologists. Strange, that. Of course it
>>is always painful to have to subject one's own favored beliefs
>>to skeptical scrutiny.

>What are these "extraordinary claims" made by "pelicanists and
>other extremists"? Do you mean when they dare to suggest that
>some of your favourite UFO stories are hoaxes or misperceptions,
>or that the accounts given by witnesses perhaps may not have
>been entirely accurate?

"Pelicanists and other extremists" commonly propose that UFO
stories are hoaxes or misperceptions. This is not a bad way to
start with any sighting report (most are misperceptions,
comparatively few are proven hoaxes). However, they sometimes
fail to prove (to the satisfaction of others) that their
preferred CEH can actually explain the sighting without major
changes in the sighting (leaving out or changing information
provided by the witness).

Sometimes the CEH requires such a great modification of the
sighting information as to be totally unacceptable.
(Modification of the sighting is the "Procrustean Bed" method of
fitting the sighting to the theory.) When the required
modification is extensive the CEH is then an "extraordinary
claim." For example the claim that Arnold saw "meteorites"
flying by is "extraordinary" (proposed by Klass in the latter
1990's) since meteors traveling in a horizontal trajectory under
10,000 ft would be "extraordinary." Also, meteors travel at
least ten times faster than the objects Arnold saw. If they had
been meteors he would have seen them for a few seconds, not for
over 100 seconds.

So, to make the explanation fit the sighting one would have to
imagine that Arnold was completely wrong in reporting that they
were much lower than the top of Mt. Rainier (meteors are over 40
miles up) and completely wrong in reporting that he saw them for
102 seconds.

>>I must say it is depressing, though I admit hardly surprising,
>>to find that pelicanists even in 2004 are reduced to the
>>hoariest and most dim-witted of cliches: that UFOs exist only
>>because people haven't investigated them or uncovered the proper
>>information. Does being a pelicanist mean you don't have to
>>heed demonstrable contrary facts and evidence anymore? But then,
>>since UFOs don't exist, why bother with inconvenient detail?

>To say something is a UFO is merely to say that it remains
>unexplained, or that explanations offered are considered
>unsatisfactory. However, you seem to imply that there is
>something which unknown reports have in common so that one day
>some new class of object or phenomenon will be revealed and
>acknowledged by scientists, and everyone else, this being what
>we now call a UFO. I don't happen to share that view.

Well, now, this is what it's all about, isn't it? If there were
only one sighting it could be ignored as a historical oddity.
But when similar strange phenomena are reported repeatedly from
different areas of the earth and through the years, one might
logically suspect that something "truly unusual" is going on.

Something common between unknown reports?

What about all the flying triangles we've heard about in the
last 20 years (and reports of similarly shaped objects go back
50 years).

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:04:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:22:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:50:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 09:51:25 -0500
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>Hi, Alfred,

>>"...In America the [ufological] situation is 'very' different
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>it's hard to keep track of them all.

Here's another fascinating example of Jerry Clark's refusal to
make a sensible reply if someone spells his name wrong. I
thought it was a one-off when he did it to me. I shall look
carefully for future examples

Did it not occur to Mr Clark, the sub-editors' sub-editor, that
as Andy Roberts's words were from an interview, it might have
been the person who transcribed the interview, or the person who
put it up on the website, who had made this dreadful error? I
doubt that Andy spells out peoples' names as he mentions them,
even though sometimes it might be necessary with his Yorkshire
accent.

>I would assume this Jerry Clarke is related to Andy's pal David
>Clarke; maybe Jerry Clarke is an American cousin. David Clarke,
>by the way, once wrote a generous review (in the venerable
>British journal Folklore) of my UFO Encyclopedia. Of course that
>may have been only because he was unduly influenced by his
>American cousin, who may actually be evil, not just pitiful.
>Perhaps it's just as well that - to the best I can recall,
>anyway - I have not met this Jerry Clarke. He could be one of
>those Satan worshippers, you know. After all, he is an
>American.

Sigh.

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John Rimmer (or Rymer, Rimer, Rymmer, Hrimr, all historically acceptable)
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:39:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 18:35:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>>From: William Wise <w.wise.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 07:49:51 -0400
>>Subject: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>>The relatively rapid drift of the signal is also puzzling for
>>other reasons. A planet would have to be rotating nearly 40
>>times faster than Earth to have produced the observed drift; a
>>transmitter on Earth would produce a signal with a drift of
>>about 1.5 hertz per second.

>If this is the case then it ought to be possible to do a bit of
>calculating.

>If the hypothetical "planet" is rotating 40 times faster than
>the earth, then its period of rotation is presumably 24/40 hours
>(that is, 36 minutes). If the starting frequency is always the
>same, we can deduce that during each signal the transmitter is
>at roughly the same point in its rotational cycle, which means
>the intervals between each signal should be a multiple of 36
>minutes.

>It may also be that the transmitter itself (assuming that's what
>it is) is not on a planet at all, but is an artificial satellite
>spinning once every 36 minutes, rather like a lighthouse beam.
>In which case the same consideration applies.

Hi Cathy,

This story, which the media announced with great fanfare, is
being vigorously downplayed by everyone who should know
something about it.

While I appreciate SETI's interest in not trumpeting what may be
nothing until they're sure it's something, I'm still a little
confused by the way it has been handled in the media. So like
Roswell...first a sensational headline, immediately followed by
sober disclaimers and cautions not to jump to a conclusion. Like
we're being played...

In a previous thread, the media mention of flying triangles is
peaking as well, with even highly mainstream outlets covering
the story, after a long period of lending it "oddity" status at
best. Of course, the official line is silence...or denial...and
more disclaimers and cautions about jumping to conclusions.

The media seems to be hungry for this kind of news...or...the
media is being used to generate "buzz". Buzz for what?

Call me paranoid, but this all seems to be leading somewhere...

Could be merely coincidence, but I gave up on coincidence a good
while ago...too easily leads to complacency in my view. Ergo...

Could be nothing more than ratings...UFO news stories always get a little bounce...but it feels like something more.

Or could it be perhaps preparation for an impending announcement from JPL or the Mars Express project of the confirmation of existing life on Mars?

I would think that announcing contemporary life on Mars might (in some circles) require a little "conditioning" of the populace beforehand. Perhaps we are being so conditioned for just such an announcement.

Only a possibility, but an intriguing one.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:27:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:26:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch - Miller

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2004 20:28:40 +0000
>Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 16:12:56 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 23:28:08 -0700
>>>Subject: Zero Point Fields Bernard Haisch

><snip>

>>I have a lot of time for him. But then I would do because he
>>does come over rather as a "believing skeptic". It does make a
>>refreshing change.

>>While not wishing to cast any aspersions though, he isn't brave
>>with it. I recently approached him about doing an interview for
>>UFO Review. He politely declined stating that his web site
>>basically said all he had to say. Such are the pressures of
>>working in academia. Good man though and one to keep an eye on.

>Stuart,

>Just to set the record straight, Bernie Haisch was on the panel
>assembled by the SciFi Channel that gave a public presentation
>at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., last year.

Dick

Thanks for that.

Then perhaps my interpretation of why he refused an interview is
wrong.

Shame. It might well have been interesting.

Stuart

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 20:49:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:29:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:18:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 10:26:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>What is someone who so manifestly knows so little about this
>>subject doing on this List? And, worse, making grand
>>pronouncements about it? Are ignorance of UFO research and
>>embrace of pelicanism a pattern in themselves? Or is the answer
>>not so much ignorance as faux naivete - disingenuousness, in
>>other words? I ask, you decide.

>With all due respect, if I'm reading this paragraph correctly,
>it is saying that anyone who knows little about the subject
>should no be a member of this List.

>Unless I was misled, the only requirement for joining this List
>was that I have an e-mail account from which to send a request
>to join. There was no requirement to provide any credential or
>other proof of any minimally accepted level of knowledge about
>it.

>I figured the discussion and debate would determine (for all)
>who "knew little" or not. I hope I was not misled.

>The current thread has degenerated into accusations of lying, of
>unworthiness to engage in the debate, and a tacit indictment of
>all who know (presumably) less than you. This does not seem the
>quality of debate one would expect from someone who purports to
>be an arbiter of who "knows so little".

Let me interject here (a prerogative of age and experience which
some of the UK skeptibunkers apparently do not respect).

I think you are talking at cross purposes. You are not required
to be an "expert" or highly knowledgeable person in order to be
on this List.

On the other hand, it is not exactly becoming for people to
pontificate on this List while pretending to be knowledgeable
when they are not.

I think Jerry is right insofar as wondering why unknowledgable
people insist in their pretensions.

- Dick

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 14:14:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 19:31:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Hatch

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Hi Jerry:

<ROFL>

I ran into "Larry Hatch" (then a locally known musician) in a popular pizza joint decades ago.

The fellow told me all about himself (meaning me of course). I asked him to meet me at the club where I was playing at then. He showed up, turned around and left when he saw me on the stage.

Amazing.

Best

- Larry

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<snip>

>>Since even the loopyest theories haven't been "dismissed out of
>>hand" - Easton's supersonic pelicans were the subject of
>>extended analysis and discussion (more than they deserved, I
>>must say) on this very List - John is simply being disingenuous.
>>Again.

>They were the subject of extended discussion but have since been
>endless inane remarks by believers, such as your "supersonic
>pelicans" in the above paragraph.

>>>I don't agree. For example, we have the Chiles-Whitted bolide
>>>described as being "structured" - having windows, etc. This sort
>>>of misperception is not uncommon.

>>Uh huh. Chiles-Whitted saw a "bolide" - apparently because
>>you have say it is so. The usual pelicanist approach: wishing will
>>take you wherever you need to go. Here John states a dubious
>>proposition as if it were an established fact, then goes on to
>>declare a claim as undeniably true based on what you have just
>>invented.

>Not an esablished fact, Jerry, just a rational hypothesis -
>certainly better than the notion of an alien spacecraft with
>rows of windows.

Now John of Harney is providing some clear evidence of exactly
the sort of uninformed and highly opinionated commentary that we
gullible believers find hard to accept. The immediately
preceding quote pretty well says it all. Rather than accept that
competent witnesses have seen something extraordinary and
anomalous (they did not use the words "alien spacecraft"; that
is Harney's false representation and further evidence of his
lack of understanding of scientific method) it has to be a
bolide meteor (which also is wrong terminology; bolides are
explosive meteors) even though no meteor before or since has
ever displayed its characteristics.

He goes on to say (part of which I accidentally deleted) that
Jim McDonald was not an expert in the vagaries of human
perception.

And you are? Please advise us of your credentials in that field.
McDonald routinely consulted his colleagues in psychology and
other fields while carefully developing his ideas based on
extensive investigations and interviews, and extremely high
quality scientific work which, again, you appear to know nothing
about.

>>In other words, since UFOs as real anomalies are inconceivable,
>>any other "prosaic" explanation - even the most improbable -
>>will have to do (virtually a definition of the pelicanist
>>approach, by the way). Yet, strangely (or maybe not), just two
>>or three postings ago John was indignantly denying that this was
>>his approach. You've got to give it to the pelicanist: he'll fly
>>wherever the occasion demands, even if the flight path is a
>>bewildering one to any outside observer.

Well said, Jerry.

>Any prosaic explanation does not have to do; it's simply a
>question of suggesting the most reasonable explanation, unless
>someone can demonstrate that it must be wrong. Unlike many on
>this List, I believe that common sense is quite useful in
>ufology.

It is apparently more reasonable by his world view to accept
that meteors can behave and appear totally unlike any meteors
known to mankind rather than to accept that something anomalous
has occurred.

<snip>

>>>The spurious air of mystery which most UFO authors try to
>>>generate by going on about "true anomalies", etc. may not sell
>>>many copies, but it is apparently needed to persuade publishers
>>>to accept their books.

I agree with Jerry that this is totally insulting and a 'vile
slander'. Harney apparently has something bordering on a deep
religious belief that we have to be all self-aggrandizing frauds
in order to pretend to believe the way we do. I won't return
the insult in kind, but instead will only say that he is quite
mistaken. This should come as no surprise given his demonstrated
track record. I think he is honestly mistaken, not pretending,
and not engaged in some sinister plot to deny all evidence of
anomalies.

Anyone who knows anything about science (and I have my honest
doubts about John) knows that science is far from neatly tying
up all knowledge. There are lots of loose ends and anomalistic
data out there. And it does not serve the goals of science to
ignore the anomalies and insist that pigs can fly in preference
to admitting the obvious fact that a hardcore database of
anomalous UFO reports exists and is worthy of thorough study.
(OK John, drag in the fallacious dichotomy of ET or nothing once
again.)

>>Dreary, coarse, and witless. We are now reduced, once again, to
>>the vile slander that UFO writers (presumably including the
>>undersigned) aren't really sincere, that we only want to sell
>>books (not very many of them, as Harney finally acknowledges,
>>pretending all the while that his argument remains coherent in
>>any sense) even if we ourselves don't believe what we're saying.
>>Laugh or cry? I choose laughter.

>I'm sure you're very sincere, Jerry, and your motives for making
>UFO reports sound - ever so slightly - mysterious are perfectly
>honest. However, we all know, and it has recently been discussed
>on this List, that for a number of ufologists, providing popular
>entertainment takes precedence over serious research,
>investigation or discussion.

Yes Jerry, you're quite sincere, but since a number of
ufologists (undefined and no doubt equally pariahs to us) put
entertainment ahead of science, you (and we) are all mistaken
and by guilt of association culpable in creating a mystery where
none exists, according to Harneyesque ideological certainty.

That's enough to chew on for this time. But, John, please do
some homework.

- Dick

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>>Clarke; maybe Jerry Clarke is an American cousin. David Clarke,
>>by the way, once wrote a generous review (in the venerable
>>British journal Folklore) of my UFO Encyclopedia. Of course that
>>may have been only because he was unduly influenced by his
>>American cousin, who may actually be evil, not just pitiful.
>>Perhaps it's just as well that - to the best I can recall,
>>anyway - I have not met this Jerry Clarke. He could be one of
>>those Satan worshippers, you know. After all, he is an
>>American.

>Sigh.

"Sigh" is right. I suspect that Mr. Clark is way ahead of you,
Mr. Rimmer, which won't be a surprise to anyone excluding,
perhaps, yourself.

You know very well what this was about.

A suspect and dodgy ufological curmudgeon/blowhard is spouting off the usual inaccurate character assassinations and "know-nothing" pouty insult and is being brought to the dock for it.

But you take the opportunity, once again, to cloud the issue with your irrelevant little literary distractions, insentient observations, and ridiculous comparisons.

How Rimmer-like, Sir.

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SETI False Alarm

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 17:06:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:18:16 -0400
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After 2 hours of careful study of all available data tossed about the Internet. I have, after considerable calculations of the static picked up by my shortwave receiver during the hours I usually listen to The Dr. Gene Scott Program, concluded that the signals heard by SETI are a result of gas discharges from Pelecanus while attempting to challenge Ufologist in serious debate of which said Pelecanus is any of a gentis of large web-footed birds with a very large bill and distensible guiar pouch in which they often place their foot.

Astronomy discussion groups have been abuzz over an article in the September 1st issue of the British magazine New Scientist, titled "Mysterious signals from 1000 light years away."

The article describes a possible extraterrestrial signal that has been turned up by the SETI.nul project.

Alas, the story is unfounded; the signal in question is only what's expected to happen at random from time to time in a data base as massive as SETI.nul's.

Dan Werthimer, science director of SETI.nul, told the BBC "It's all hype. We don't have anything we are excited about."

In fact the signal has been correctly described on SETI.nul's Web site for many months.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 19:53:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:20:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2004 20:49:04 +0000
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:18:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Kyle

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Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 19:58:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:22:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:04:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Andy Roberts On American Ufology

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Fascinating indeed, John. Sigh.

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It's nice that the news services are doing the science stories.

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NASA's Starship 2040 Exhibit

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:40:30 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:32:56 -0400
Subject: NASA's Starship 2040 Exhibit

Wish I had been paying attention to see what NASA had in mind for this exciting exhibit.

<http://www.msfc.nasa.gov/news/news/releases/2004/04-224.html>

Anyone attend? Think NASA is on the right track?

2040 seems too soon for star travel considering we're still using solid and liquid rocket fuels.....

Unless there's something they're not telling us :)

Hint, hint!

Best,

Greg

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Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

From: Simon Hicks <slh.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 12:13:46 +0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:34:01 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:39:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>Could be nothing more than ratings...UFO news stories always get
>a little bounce...but it feels like something more.

>Or could it be perhaps preparation for an impending announcement
>from JPL or the Mars Express project of the confirmation of
>existing life on Mars?

>I would think that announcing contemporary life on Mars might
>(in some circles) require a little "conditioning" of the
>populace beforehand. Perhaps we are being so conditioned for
>just such an announcement.

>Only a possibility, but an intriguing one.

It is amazing how many people are expressing the same
observation and independently coming to this same conclusion.
So, if you don't believe in coincidences.....

Regards

Simon

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Cattle Mutes

From: **Ted Oliphant** <tedoliphant.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:21:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:41:49 -0400
Subject: Cattle Mutes

[Non-Subscriber Post]

We seem to find a lot of pharmaceuticals in mutilated animals the last 10 years, anti-coagulents, synthetic barbituates, formaldehyde and aluminum/titanium/oxygen/silicon compounds and more. Electrocution is suspected in many of the cases due to physical evidence (the cow's bodies).

Out of 35 cases I investigated as a cop, the majority of the female bovines had given birth two weeks prior to being mutilated. Curiously CJD (Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease) & BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) - Mad Cow Disease - are only transferred to their calves during birth, not gestation.

There are UFO stories associated with mutes, helicopters are often reported. Stories about these cases for Science Digest, Life Magazine, 24 Hours and 20/20 never made it to the public.

Furthermore, career lawmen like former Albertville Chief Of Detectives Tommy Cole, and Alabama State Trooper Sgt. Ron Ogletree have been ordered off the cases and instructed not to talk to the media

Five years ago I came to the conclusion that some some of these mutes are related to the epidemiology of BSE. A couple of years after that, NIDS came to the same conclusion.

So who's doing it?

You have three choices: It's the Aliens, it's tax dollars at work, or it's the pharmaceutical companies.

Regards,

Ted Oliphant (former Police Officer: Fyffe, Alabama)
Las Vegas, Nevada

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From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 09:53:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 08:43:29 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 14:35:41 EDT
>Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

>An orbiting satellite or somewhat stationary homing beacon or
>even a ship could be the source not necessarily a planet.

>Could be the galaxy is already mapped out for those sailors who
>need to find their way around or home.

>Just hope it ain't a warning beacon. Or a distress call. Never
>know what rocks or 'sirens' await us newbie navigators.

I meant to emphasize though that this would be testable.

Apparently the signal was recorded on three separate occasions,
so one simply needs to examine the intervals between the
recorded signals and see if they are exact multiples of 36
minutes.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 02:07:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 12:18:13 -0400
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO <hbccufo.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 09:27:04 -0700
>Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings - 09-03-04

>HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

>Date: September 3, 2004

>HBCC UFO Notice: Folks trying to access my website to file a report will not be able to access the site as it stands right now. The hosting company is having a problem and my site has been down for three days now. We have made calls, emailed them, etc but so far no response to us contacting them. I hope this can get resolved quickly and the site back up and running again. But in the mean time I am still taking reports and witnesses can email them to me at: hbccufo.nul

<snip>

Hi Brian:

That's just awful!

Site down 3 days? If its technical, and really bad, their email may be down with it.

If I may ask, where is your site hosted, and by whom? I just changed site hosts. I would have gone crazy if my site was down for the last 3 days. Traffic doubled or tripled over that period here.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 06:34:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 13:38:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Hatch

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Hello Greg:

Before I went back to college for math and science, still working as a musician, I got a LOT of value from the wonderful and accessible explanations of Isaac Asimov.

Granted he was pretty closed minded about UFOs, I can forgive that somehow. Everything else he wrote made sense to me. Unlike others, possibly a bit shaky in their understanding of scientific matters, Azimov was unafraid to explain them clearly to the layman. For that if nothing else, he is sorely missed.

Unless I have it wrong, I think Stan was pointing out 'time-dilation' .. a weird Einsteinian effect where time passes differently for an astronaut at high (relativistic) speeds. 77k years may pass on Earth before the traveler gets there, but some fraction of that elapses on the space ship, if only it can approach light-speed.

To do that, would seem impossible given our present technology, but Stan again pointed out we don't know what tomorrow's tech will bring.

It is my fondest hope that some bright kids will find a dazzling new source of energy, and the physics to go with it. I hope I live long enough to see the day.

Think how long it took get from China to France say, in 1492. Now you can ride the train (they won't let you smoke on the plane) and drink beer the whole way! Three days maybe. Very doable if your liver is up to par.

I don't know why people seems to shy away from the ETH / space travel theory of UFOs BTW. Of all the anomalous theories tossed around, ETH seems the least unlikely to me.

What I don't see are ETs, meaning natural living beings from

afar, coming here in person.

Fully automated (and necessarily autonomous) robotic entities, perhaps part biological, part 'electronic' or equivalent-but-better, would make more sense. They could monitor, sample, measure and take specimens .. digest the information gained, and send it all back at light speed.

If this has any merit at all, they would work in an efficient and totally impersonal manner. To avoid contaminating the sample, a well known scientific caution even here, utmost secrecy, caution, isolation and even camouflage would be a prime requirement. A total denial of information from them to us in effect. Earthly governments would be as much in the dark as anyone else in tis case, and would act accordingly. Does any of this ring a bell?

I don't see ETs trying to 'take over' ala' Hollywood either. What for? Monkeys in the zoo can argue whether humans are 'trying to take over'.

The only good that does is at the box office. The teen couples are given an excuse to grab each other as tentacled monsters emerge from a Flying Saucer (burp!)

ET could stay at home and smell the roses. Having presumably controlled the aging process, they could smell a lot of roses, see beyond a 30 year mortgage, and patiently await the scientific results of their distant probes.

Meanwhile, they could study the reports of probes sent much much earlier, and enjoy translations of copied sci-fi movies and sit-coms, news reports and gawd-knows-what-else. They might even gain insights into their own partly forgotten past, vicariously, relived elsewhere in real-time.

Ah, but there I go again. Two Warsteiner Bieren (or a dozen) and I can speculate with the worst of them. Maybe I should write a little science fiction myself. There's no money in it, but banging away on an unsaleable database doesn't pay any bills either.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Hello Greg:

That's a good article. Fun and nicely written. I didn't learn anything new, but I'm glad to see Keay Davidson mention Dirac, a most interesting Frenchman, who predicted antimatter well before it was actually discovered, based on theory alone. Davidson is one of my favorite local writers BTW.

As for practical uses (and for now ignoring little formalities like NON-LETHAL CONTAINMENT) .. I suggest a commercial product, the anti-matter cigarette lighter.

Perhaps some Japanese ink-jet manufacturer could perfect the nozzle... a tough job .. it would have to emit one anti-molecule at a time. As soon as that collided with a regular tobacco molecule, WHAM your smoke is lit. A handful of anti- molecules and you have the cleanest exploding cigar in town.

When non-flint (piezo-crystal) cigarette lighters came out, my Chinese bartender just had to have one, even at some crazy price. There is always a market for snazzy new stuff.

Imagine the safety warning! "Aim carefully or you will annihilate your nose before you die of cancer, emphysema, carbon tetrazini, yadda yadda!"

Even if this comes to pass, and I doubt it, I can make one safe prediction: The warning label will not come off without ruining your fingernails and making a sticky unpleasant mess.

Best wishes

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The trick with any of these computations, though, is that "current technology" thing. Every few decades or centuries we'd likely come up with some kind of propulsion much better than we have now that would pass whatever we sent before. Or better yet, pick them up along the way. My personal guess is that we could get to the Centauris in around 150 years if we really tried, and certainly within planet-spotting distance in 25 years or less. Unless the Centaurans and their huge flying triangles get to us first.

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>than pretentious. Either way, all is understood now.

>I mistook Jerry's statement for something more broad than it
>was.

Kyle,

I was not alluding to you re: pontificating, though in my
hastily composed message it may have sounded that way. In fact,
I was alluding to the two UK Pelican Johns, especially John of
Harney (John of Rimmer occasionally acknowledges his fallibility
and shows some sense of humor and modesty).

- Dick

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Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Gross

From: Patrick Gross <Pgrsel.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 08:24:16 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 08:41:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'? - Gross

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 15:05:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

>I have studied videos of UFO VENUS taken by people who seriously
>thought they were videotaping a UFO. As long as the camera
>remains focused there is some semblance to Venus.

>But typically what the witness does is zoom in for a better look
>and then everything goes to hell. Defocused images of Venus can
>be truly weird. And, since the witness is expecting that the
>zoomed in image will show more details.... the witness is not
>disappointed. The image shows lots of details... which have
>nothing to do with the planet itself.

Indeed.

I have published some examples here:

<http://www.ufologie.net/ufology/dv01.htm>

Best,

Patrick Gross

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Re: UFO UpDate: SETI False Alarm - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 11:16:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 08:43:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: SETI False Alarm - King

>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 17:06:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: SETI False Alarm

>SETI False Alarm

>After 2 hours of careful study of all available data tossed
>about the Internet. I have, after considerable calculations of
>the static picked up by my shortwave receiver during the hours I
>usually listen to The Dr. Gene Scott Program, concluded that
>the signals heard by SETI are a result of gas discharges from
>Pelecanus while attempting to challenge Ufologist in serious
>debate of which said Pelecanus is any of a gentis of large web-
>footed birds with a very large bill and distensible guiar pouch
>in which they often place their foot.

<snip>

Man, there's a blast from the past. I haven't heard Gene Scott's name mentioned in many moons. I kinda miss Dr. Gene. Thanks for rekindling a fond, if bizarre, memory! A rare "bird", indeed!

"It's all hype. We don't have anything we're excited about..."

Hmmm...exactly what they WANT us to think...? *wink*

Thanks again!

Kyle

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 12:44:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:15:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Boone

>From: Ted Oliphant <tedoliphant.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:21:00 -0700
>Subject: Cattle Mutes

>Non-Subscriber Post]

<snip>

>Furthermore, career lawmen like former Albertville Chief Of
>Detectives Tommy Cole, and Alabama State Trooper Sgt. Ron
>Ogletree have been ordered off the cases and instructed not to
>talk to the media

>Five years ago I came to the conclusion that some some of these
>muters are related to the epidemiology of BSE. A couple of years
>after that, NIDS came to the same conclusion.

>So who's doing it?

>You have three choices: It's the Aliens, it's tax dollars at
>work, or it's the pharmaceutical companies.

>Regards,

>Ted Oliphant (former Police Officer: Fyffe, Alabama)
>Las Vegas, Nevada

Thank you Ted Oliphant! The whole cattle mutilation thing never made sense to me until I read the NIDS report. Now that I've read your post that you've independently came to the same conclusion prior to NIDS' report that shuts the case for me.

This is alarming news no-end. Jeff Rense had been telling me about BSE and cattle mutilations for YEARS and I didn't catch on til the NIDS report. I saw Linda Moulton-Howe's documentary and it's the scariest damned thing I've ever watched.

Your research and conclusions are good enough for me. It's high time the public gets the truth at how scary BSE is.

I recall how some farmers would come to our forum on AOL and would be madder than a junk yard dog at losing a head of cattle and that caught our attention. They were angry!

They'd felt that the authorities were bs'ing around and not doing their jobs.

If you or other members of law enforcement were told not to talk it's time to address those threats as to who has the authority to tell you cops, who've taken an oath to uphold the law, not to uphold the law.

We, the People have every right to know except in areas of national security. Is this a matter of national security?

Reason I'm bringing this up is because just last night I got a message from a law enforcement officer colleague.

It was no where near good news regarding the UFO issue. So after reading your post I can see why the cops who risk their butts everyday are also victims of these sinister doings and there needs to be a conference of law enforcement officers in regard to these matters to make sure they don't end up in harm's way. It's bad enough they have to put up with the public's everyday nonsense, violence and stupidity not to mention the heavily armed organized crime groups and gangs, now they have to worry about the 'unknown' and have to deal with threats from those claiming authority over our Constitutional rights?

No way.

Best,

Greg

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Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 11:46:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:16:52 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To

>From: Simon Hicks <slh.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 12:13:46 +0800
>Subject: Re: SETI's Most Interesting Candidate Signal To Date

<snip>

>It is amazing how many people are expressing the same
>observation and independently coming to this same conclusion.
>So, if you don't believe in coincidences.....

Simon,

I hasten to point out that many groups have felt the same sense of impending revelation in the past...Heaven's Gate, ZetaTalk, etc. They were, presumably, mistaken.

But my lack of faith in the mundanity of coincidence still leaves me with that vexing question, where is it leading?

In my darkest heart I suspect a diversionary tactic, designed to distract a weary electorate from more pressing and less coincidental developments.

I allow that age may have turned some of my wonder to cynicism, however. But thankfully not all.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 13:41:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:19:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - King

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 07:07:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:11:08 EDT
>>Subject: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

>>Highly fun article about 'anti-matter' being used for propulsion.

>><http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/08/08/MNG09840M41.DTL>

>>I had just posted a question about technologies that could make
>>space travel shorter between distant bodies and found this gem.

>>It's nice that the news services are doing the science stories.

>That's a good article. Fun and nicely written. I didn't learn
>anything new, but I'm glad to see Keay Davidson mention Dirac, a
>most interesting Frenchman, who predicted antimatter well before
>it was actually discovered, based on theory alone. Davidson is
>one of my favorite local writers BTW.

>As for practical uses (and for now ignoring little formalities
>like NON-LETHAL CONTAINMENT)... I suggest a commercial product,
>the anti-matter cigarette lighter.

>Perhaps some Japanese ink-jet manufacturer could perfect the
>nozzle... a tough job .. it would have to emit one anti-molecule
>at a time. As soon as that collided with a regular tobacco
>molecule, WHAM your smoke is lit. A handful of anti- molecules
>and you have the cleanest exploding cigar in town.

>When non-flint (piezo-crystal) cigarette lighters came out, my
>Chinese bartender just had to have one, even at some crazy
>price. There is always a market for snazzy new stuff.

>Imagine the safety warning! "Aim carefully or you will
>annihilate your nose before you die of cancer, emphysema, carbon
>tetrazini, yadda yadda!"

>Even if this comes to pass, and I doubt it, I can make one safe
>prediction: The warning label will not come off without ruining
>your fingernails and making a sticky unpleasant mess.

Larry,

Should your idea actually be "hatched", I'd suggest you make
your money fast... within 6 months they'd be available on ebay
for \$24.99US - a gross. But.....

Imagine pouring a Warsteiner and lighting up a fine puro on an
anti-matter propelled craft. You head off to tour the galaxy,
come back 3000 years later, your stein is still half-full and
you haven't even dropped ash from your cheroot. Now that'd be
something. Shame is they probably wouldn't allow smoking...drat

it all.

A grand anti-Floridian Saturday to you,

Kyle

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Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 13:56:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:21:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - King

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 06:34:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri?

<snip>

>Before I went back to college for math and science, still
>working as a musician, I got a LOT of value from the wonderful
>and accessible explanations of Isaac Asimov.

<snip>

>Ah, but there I go again. Two Warsteiner Bieren (or a dozen) and
>I can speculate with the worst of them. Maybe I should write a
>little science fiction myself. There's no money in it, but
>banging away on an unsaleable database doesn't pay any bills
>either.

Larry,

If Ufology needs a Hunter S. Thompson, and I think it just
might, I shall place your name in nomination.

Larry "Down the" Hatch - Gonzo Ufologist

Just the T-shirt could be a hit... pay a bill or two.

Best,

Kyle

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Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 20:08:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:22:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Shough

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:59:57 EDT
>Subject: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri?

>Of note to me is how it states that with current technology it
>would take us 77,000 years to reach Alpha Centauri.

>Is this correct? Are we that slow?

A quick bit of arithmetic shows that someone has simply taken
the earth escape velocity achieved by chemical rockets and
divided this, blindly, into the distance to Alpha Centauri.

The "current technology" referred to evidently just means
"currently deployed engineering" not our latent technical
capability.

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Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 20:19:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:23:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - Shough

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 07:07:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:11:08 EDT
>>Subject: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

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>anything new, but I'm glad to see Keay Davidson mention Dirac, a
>most interesting Frenchman, who predicted antimatter well before
>it was actually discovered, based on theory alone.

Larry,

Whilst it pains me - from my eyrie in Scotland - to have to uphold the honour of England, I should point out that Paul Dirac was an Englishman. He was born in Bristol in 1902 and was educated at Cambridge, becoming Prof. of Math there in 1932. He 'merely' had a French parent. ;-))

Martin Shough

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 21:43:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:25:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:24:35 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>Sightings of fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do
>>>not appear to be earthly aircraft are far from extraordinary.
>>>They are quite ordinary in human experience and comprise a
>>>significant number of the totality of UFO reports. What's so
>>>difficult about conceding that rather obvious point?

>>What sort of an argument is this, Jerry? Are you saying that
>>there is nothing extraordinary about sightings of
>>extraterrestrial vehicles, which is the only way they could be
>>defined by your description: "fast-moving, structured-looking
>>phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft".

>"Extraterrestrial vehicles," huh? Nice try, John. We were
>talking about observations of UFOs, which are not all that rare
>and hardly extraordinary. Either you didn't understand what I
>was saying, or you're trying to change the subject - hoping no
>one will notice - from puzzling observation into unproved
>hypothesis.

As in so many of Jerry's posts, the important thing is the one
bit he doesn't reply to. As I managed to spell his name
correctly, the only way he can avoid answering is by snipping
the awkward bit. My paragraph following the one he deigns to
reproduce above, read:

"Or are you going to pull your tired old argument that there is
some other meaning to the phrase "fast-moving, structured-
looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft"
which somehow avoids the necessity of admitting that you do
actually believe in the ETH?"

No matter what he pretends, neither I nor Jerry were talking
about "observations of UFOs" per se, but about a particular sub-
category - those UFOs which, in Jerry's own words, represent
"fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to
be earthly aircraft".

I would maintain that such observations are indeed
"extraordinary", and at one time Jerry thought so too, but he
now seems to include them in the thousands of observations of
"lights in the sky" and other less distinctive sightings.

Other pro-ETH ufologists have drawn the conclusion that these
reports do actually represent "extraterrestrial vehicles" and
that the accounts give by eye-witnesses are accurate
descriptions of what they had seen, and although I would argue
with this, it does represent a logical interpretation of the
phenomenon as described.

But Jerry is an "almost-ETHer", a "not-quite-believer", so he ends up in the ludicrous position of describing something - the famous "fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft" - that to me, and I suspect most other people on this List, is capable of having only one interpretation, yet when confronted with this interpretation desperately backs off, shouting "not me, guv, that's not what I said, you can't pin that one on me!"

Disingenuous, moi?

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 21:50:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:26:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 14:30:19 +0000
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

><snip>

>>>Let me interject here (a prerogative of age and experience which
>>>some of the UK skeptibunkers apparently do not respect).

I am so flattered by the impression that seems to be abroad on this List that we UK skeptibunkers are young whippersnappers with little experience of life, the universe and everything. Especially in the week that I became eligible to collect my old persons free London Transport travel pass, and government winter fuel allowance for dodderly old codgers who are likely to die of hypothermia.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 22:08:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:28:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 09:39:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:24:35 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>On one hand, I agree that people have been seeing odd things in
>the sky for thousands of years and have attempted to explain
>them using whatever frame of reference they have available to
>them at the time. In that regard, UFO sightings are definitely
>not extraordinary. UFOs as a Fortean experience certainly
>qualify as one of those paradoxically "weird things that happen
>all the time."

>But in some ways a UFO sighting does qualify as extraordinary,
>since they are one of the few things that are seen so frequently
>and dramatically yet remain essentially unexplained (not
>counting the ball lightnings, the meteors, and other apparently
>non-artifactual objects whizzing around in the sky). They are
>extraordinary in the sense that they are noteworthy and
>memorable to people who are generally familiar with what can
>"usually" be seen in the sky.

I pretty much agree with what you're saying here, Tim. the
problem is that the description "UFO" means more or less what
the person using it wants it to mean (shades of Humpty Dumpty).
Certainly UFOs in the purely literal sense of ostensible objects
in the sky that cannot be identified by the person seeing them,
have been around a long time, and are frequently reported.

In the current debate the problem has been that Jerry has
conflated this broader sense of "UFO" with a very specific class
of phenomenon - to use his own words (which I now have saved in
my word-processor's memory) "fast-moving, structured-looking
phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft". By doing
this he is able to claim that the latter phenomena are no more
extraordinary than the thousands of less interesting reports
that fill our sightings catalogues, and by denying that these
are "extraordinary claims" he is able to fend off the demand for
"extraordinary evidence"

>And the numerous anecdotes of people going all the way back to
>the 1890's and the odd airship sightings of strange craft manned
>by human beings who cooked flapjacks and didn't know what year
>it was, can't be completely dismissed, if only because there are
>so many of them. But we still can't say they're extra-
>terrestrial or trans-temporal. We just don't know. Do they
>represent peeks into other dimensions, not of sight or sound,
>but of mind? Now, that assertion is definitely going to require
>extraordinary proof and a lot of it. We're still working on
>creating new words to even try to describe this kind of stuff,
>much less explain it.

The irony here is that it was Jerry Clark who did so much to debunk (in the real sense of the word) many of these sightings as pranks, tall stories and newspaper space-fillers. That does not mean however that they are without significance, or that a residue of them are still very puzzling.

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Our Twin Planet?

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 18:55:25 -0700
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<http://www.science-frontiers.com>

ASTRONOMY

Our twin planet?

P. Lowell wrote his book, Mars An Abode Of Life in 1908, but even then astronomers viewed Venus as the earth's twin. Its size was about the same and, like the earth, it was canopied by fluffy clouds. Warmed by a closer sun, the surface of Venus was sure to be a tropical paradise teeming with life. Nevertheless, early science fiction writers tended to follow Lowell's lead, as did E.R. Burroughs with his *Warlords of Mars*.

The science-fiction writers were far off the mark about Mars, and the astronomers even more so about Venus. When scrutinized by spacecraft, Venus had a scorched surface at 470=BOC and an atmosphere high in unbreathable carbon dioxide. So much for Venus being the verdant twin of earth!

Rather than similarities, scientists have compiled a dossier of Venusian anomalies that makes this planet the prime enigma of the solar system.

- Venus spins backwards and anomalously slowly. In fact, it spins on its axis only once in 243 earth days. This is longer than its year of 225 days! Venus is definitely a sour note in the music of the spheres. Why so different?

- The Magellan spacecraft radar illuminated the surface of Venus through its thick clouds revealing shiny (highly reflective) mountain tops. Conclusion: the high elevations of Venus are draped with a metallic "snow" of unknown origin and composition.

- Venus' sluggish spin led to the expectation of a rather sedate atmosphere. Instead, the planet's equatorial clouds, 50-60 kilometers above the surface, whip around the planet at hurricane velocities - 50 times the rate at which the surface turns. And, at lower altitudes, the Galileo spacecraft found the atmosphere to be wracked by massive storms of enigmatic origin.

- Given that Venus does resemble the earth in size and possession of a dense iron core, it would be expected to also possess an internal dynamo generating an external magnetic field. This field might be weak due to the planet's slow spin rate, however, it is essentially nonexistent. Both of its neighbors, earth and Mercury, have easily detected magnetic fields, why not Venus. We must chalk up one more enigma for Venus.

(Muir, Hazel; SEcond Rock From The Sun, New Scientist, p. 32, June 5, 2004)

Comment. Unmentioned in the referenced article and seemingly

totally forgotten by modern astronomers is Neith. Between 1645 and 1892, well-respected observers recorded over 30 appearances of bright objects close to Venus - some apparently displaying the same phase as Venus itself. Did Venus once have a satellite?

We refer readers to our *The Moon and the Planets* for discussions of the so-called "ashen light" of Venus and its ephemeral "spoke system."

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Hessdalen - Valley Of Enigmatic Lights

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 21:48:08 -0700
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Subject: Hessdalen - Valley Of Enigmatic Lights

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Geophysics

Hessdalen: Valley of enigmatic lights

Science Frontiers first mentioned the Hessdalen Phenomenon in 1995. (SF#98) Nearly a decade has passed, and many more visual and instrumental data have been amassed by Norwegian and Italian researchers. The bulging dossier on the Hessdalen aerial phenomena - predominately lights but also nonvisual radar targets - certainly represents the most thorough, science-based study of what are generally called "nocturnal lights." There are no saucer-shaped machines, no alien visitors in the reports. But we do have [are] hundreds of mysterious lights displaying incredible diversity.

In general they consist of light balls of many forms and colors, characterized by pulsations, often erratic movements, occasional long duration, and intense emission of energy. Their dimensions range from decimeters up to 30 m. These lights are reported both in the sky and close to the ground.

The recent 35-page report at hand brims with technical details derived from a wide range of instruments. We must skip over these for want of space. Instead, we use as suggestive summaries the subsection headings in a part of the report entitled "Phenomenological Picture and Discussion." Each of the following headings is followed by observations and interpretations.

- Uniformly illuminated, solid-like light balls.
- Thermally self-regulated clusters of light balls.
- Strongly and rapidly variable light phenomena.
- Ejection of mini light balls.
- High radiant power (one cluster radiated 19 kilowatts!).
- Jerky kinematic behavior.
- Geometric and symmetric shapes.
- Flash-like lights and possible Earth-sky physical interactions.
- Low-luminosity emission (seen with night-vision equipment).
- Doppler VLF signals.
- Slightly radioactive powder and metallic particles.

Even after two decades of casual and intense, systematic

instrumental[ed] observations, the research teams can only conclude that they have witnessed elusive, unpredictable phenomena of unknown origin.

(Theodorani, Massimo; "A Long-Term Scientific Survey of the Hessdalen Phenomenon," Journal of Scientific Exploration, 18:217, 2004)

Comments. A few brave scientists have studied similar, geographically focussed nocturnal lights, of which there are dozens. In particular, the Marfa lights (Texas), the Brown Mountain lights (North Carolina), and the Min Min light (Australia) have received much attention. Invariably, these elusive luminosities are explained in terms of atmospheric distortions of automobile lights and astronomical objects.

Can mainstream science now similarly brush-off the Hessdalen phenomenon which is supported by what seems to be a mountain of solid scientific work?

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Evidence That Mars Is A Former Moon!

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Subject: Evidence That Mars Is A Former Moon!

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Astronomy

Evidence that Mars is a former moon!

Mars is generally accepted as one of the solar system's primordial planets. It certainly "looks" like a legitimate planet, but was it always orbiting the sun?

T. Van Flandern has, in fact, tabulated 16 Martian anomalies that might be explained if Mars were instead once a moon of a 10-earth-mass gas giant that exploded 65 million years ago. We list some of the (to us) more profound of the 16 Van Flandern anomalies.

-Mars is much less massive than any other planet, except Mercury, which itself was probably originally a moon of Venus (an early Neith!).

-The centers of mass and figure are far offset, a common feature of moons.

-Mars' southern hemisphere is peppered with craters; few are seen in the north.

-The above crustal dichotomy is almost a perfect great circle, suggesting that nearby cataclysm.

-The smooth crust of the northern hemisphere is only about 1-kilometer thick, compared to 20 kilometers in the south.

-Sudden massive flooding occurred during the planet's history. Cause and water source not known.

-Xenon-129, a fission product of great explosions, is anomalously abundant on Mars.

Van Flandern accounts for the foregoing observations and the nine others he proffered (but which we did not list) with his EPH (Exploded Planet Hypothesis). Before the postulated explosion of so-called planet V, 65 million years ago, this gas giant swung around the sun close to where Mars orbits today. Planet V owned at least two major moons: Mars and Body C, which became the source to today's comets and chondrites. Van Flandern claims that the consequences of the explosion of Planet V can be seen throughout the solar system, not just on Mars.

(Van Flandern, T.; Mars Rovers And The EPH, Meta Research Bulletin, 13:12, March 15, 2004)

Comment. If Planet V did indeed explode 65 million years ago, the earth could not have escaped some of the debris. Presto: we a [sic] source of the dozen or so terrestrial craters of about

that age as well as the extinction of the dinosaurs!

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Farnam Cow Found Mutilated

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 05:56:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:40:49 -0400
Subject: Farnam Cow Found Mutilated

Source: The North Platte Telegraph - Nebraska

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=12855321&BRD=377&PAG=461&dept_id=531813&rfi=6

Farnam cow found mutilated

05-09-04

By Mary Beth Chapman

FARNAM - Larry Jurjens was checking his herd of about 100 cattle Aug. 19, when he found a dead 11-year-old Black Angus.

Jurjens said the cow's left eyeball was removed, the bag and udders had been removed and there was a large excision in the rectal region. None of the internal organs were removed and he said the cuts seemed to have been made with surgical precision. The tongue had also been removed, with the incision made far back into the throat.

Jurgens said two puncture wounds were on the cow's chest, each about an eighth of an inch in diameter.

Jurjens, who has been a rancher for more than 35 years, said he has never seen anything like it before.

Jurjens said no blood was found on or near the cow.

He said he estimated the cow had been dead about two days before it was discovered.

The estimated time of death corresponds with unexplained noises heard in the area. On the night of Aug. 17, Jurjens wife Joanne heard what sounded like a large, low-flying aircraft going over their house. The low, rumbling noise was heard by several other witnesses as far away as Gothenburg. Witnesses reported the noise persisted from a minute to as much as five minutes in some areas.

The cow's death is being investigated by Linda Moulton Howe, an international investigative journalist and documentary film producer from Jamison, Pa. She visited the Jurjens' ranch Aug. 25, accompanied by Jefferey Willerth, a Los Angeles producer. Jurjens said they interviewed witnesses and various samples were taken for scientific analysis.

The case will be featured on a documentary special for the History Channel, currently slated for broadcast in November.

Jurjens said this is not the first report of unexplained apparent mutilations of cattle in Nebraska. More recently, in April 2003, two cows and a bull calf were found dead in a pasture three miles west of Valparaiso. The cattle, belonging to Mike Benes, were described by a veterinarian as possibly being killed by electrocution. A teat was cut off each cow and the bull calf's scrotum and rectum were removed. Similar to the recent Farnam case, no blood was found around any of the dead animals.

Ernest and Catherine Wempel of Overton found an apparently mutilated cow on their property June 23. The cow's calf has been missing since the incident.

Ernest Wempel had checked the cows the evening of June 22 and the cow was alive then. At about 7 a.m. June 23, he said he found the cow dead, with an udder removed in a similar fashion as the Jurjen's cow.

The cow was removed by a rendering service by 9 a.m. June 23, so no tests were performed.

Wempel began wondering about the incident after the cow's calf was discovered missing. Now, he said, he wishes he had contacted authorities to do tests on the cow, and plans to do so if another mutilated cow is found.

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Re: SETI False Alarm - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 09:26:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:42:23 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI False Alarm - Groff

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 11:16:05 -0500
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: SETI False Alarm

>>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 17:06:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: SETI False Alarm

>>SETI False Alarm

>>After 2 hours of careful study of all available data tossed
>>about the Internet. I have, after considerable calculations of
>>the static picked up by my shortwave receiver during the hours I
>>usually listen to The Dr. Gene Scott Program, concluded that
>>the signals heard by SETI are a result of gas discharges from
>>Pelecanus while attempting to challenge Ufologist in serious
>>debate of which said Pelecanus is any of a gentis of large web-
>>footed birds with a very large bill and distensible giuar pouch
>>in which they often place their foot.

><snip>

>Man, there's a blast from the past. I haven't heard Gene Scott's
>name mentioned in many moons. I kinda miss Dr. Gene. Thanks for
>rekindling a fond, if bizarre, memory! A rare "bird", indeed!

Dr. Gene is on TV here in Dallas every Sunday at 9am (CST). I
never watch him because he's on at the same time as Meet The
Press.

Terry

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 15:57:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:43:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 10:46:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 21:07:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>The problem is that you are claiming, on the basis of nothing
>other than your preferred set of beliefs, that the idea that
>Chiles-Whitted saw a spaceship is inherently irrational. That
>point of view, right or wrong, was held by some demonstrably
>rational people in Project Sign and elsewhere. It's only the
>lazy polemical style of the pelicanist that pretends that
>rational persons can come to only one conclusion - of course,
>the one that makes the pelicanist feel warm and fuzzy all over.

Nowhere have I said that the idea that Chiles-Whitted saw a
spaceship is "inherently irrational", merely that there are more
likely explanations for the sighting.

>>As I said, such misperceptions are not uncommon, and McDonald
>>was not an expert in the vagaries of human perception.

>And you are even less so. Moreover, you have not a fraction of
>McDonald's scientific training (focused in good part on
>observations of aerial - in this case meteorological -
>phenomena) and firsthand investigative experience (and neither
>do I).

McDonald was not the only scientist to have investigated the
case. Hynek thought it was a bolide, but was puzzled by Chiles
and Whitted's insistence that their descriptions of the object
were correct. I'm sure you will have read Jenny Randles's book
"Something in the Air" (London, Robert Hale, 1998) which is on
the same theme as your "Strange Skies". She describes this case
(pp. 35-38) and says: "I have seen phenomena that I am
absolutely certain were bolides or space junk burning up in the
atmosphere that were reported in very similar terms to the
phenomenon seen by the Eastern Airlines crew." (p. 38)

Jenny Randles talked to Hynek about the case in 1983: "Wearing
his UFOlogist's hat Hynek also knew that witnesses tended to see
bolides as constructed craft of cigar shape and to perceive the
trail of illuminated debris as lights or windows along the side.
This knowledge was good support for his original idea as to what
had flown by the DC-3." (p. 37)

>Common sense = whatever John Harney believes.

>For the rest of you, let me repeat the salient point: Even Allen
>Hynek, who in the late 1940s thought the concept of actual UFOs
>unreasonable (as pelicanists still do) and who therefore
>invented the bolide explanation for what Chiles and Whitted saw
>(the one that John affirms because UFOs don't exist), admitted
>it was credible only if one rejected the testimony of these two
>experienced pilots on a priori grounds. In other words, this

>tautology:

Utter nonsense - see above.

>Why did Chiles and Whitted think they saw a UFO? Because they
>were mistaken. How do we know they were mistaken? Because they
>thought they saw a UFO.

They saw something they could not explain. Hynek said it was probably a bolide, although he was not entirely happy with this because of the attitude of the pilots, but he later came to consider it the most likely explanation, as he gained more knowledge of how people misperceive such things. There are no tautologies involved, just rational explanations.

>But let's get specific here:

>Which prominent ufologists are essentially insincere, and in it
>just for the money and the "popular entertainment"? Names,
>please. I don't mean the obvious crooks and liars - you were not
>alluding to them, the context makes clear enough - but to the
>individuals who have real reputations in this field. And if you
>weren't referring to them, why did you bring up the matter of
>ufologists' integrity at all? What has that to do with anything
>we're discussing, except to distract us into irrelevance?

You've tried this one on me before, Jerry. You obviously want to see ufology's frauds, liars and buffoons getting their shyster lawyers to shower me with libel writs, so you can sit on the sidelines gloating as I go bankrupt. Who these people are should be obvious to all who have an ounce of common sense.

John Harney

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Faded Discs - ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 10:30:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:46:07 -0400
Subject: Faded Discs - ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald

Greetings to the Listarians,

"ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald," fifth in the Audio History of Ufology Series, is now available. Containing over 11 hours of MP3 audio the disc has 20 recordings dealing with the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis from 1950 to 1998.

Besides Dr. McDonald other prominent figures from Ufology's history is available on the disc.

Among the people you will hear are:

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Desmond Leslie
Dr. I. M. Levitt
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SDI #308 September 4th, 2004

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 12:38:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 15:53:00 -0400
Subject: SDI #308 September 4th, 2004

Chris Styles and Colm Kelleher, Victor Viggiani, Dave Furlotte, and Errol Bruce-Knapp, all called out for a new ufological activism, almost a new ufological militancy as in the case of Mr. Furlotte most current "Take..." vis a vis last night's program.

Nascent pelicanists, and pelicanists longer in tooth... might be brought more immediately to light, Errol, to facilitate this!

The new ufological militancy that Furlotte is calling for, <g> would seem to justify an atmosphere of challenge and response. Like a Shaolin monk of antiquity (and let's not make too much of the simile, 'honored' avians) defending the temple ground with their flickering fists and flying feet - so do the 'monks' of the UpDates temple defend it with words and phrases refusing the assumption that wet legs mean rain. especially given the blueness and clarity of the aggregate ufological sky!

Humanity is likely NOT a jewel in the crown of creation.

Smirking avian 'contributors' should be reminded of that, and reminded also that their smirks regarding others not buying into their baseless centricism won't go unchallenged.

For instance, the falsely unctuous and duplicitous tones obliquely lately fired at Jerry Clark need to be highlighted (...they did the same two-faced steaming pile of obfuscation with me at the beginning of the CEIVK thread.).

Avian squawking on the Hungarian UFO photo needs contrast!

Certain contributors, new and otherwise, would have gotten along famously, I'm sure with the mythic, Dr. Condon. would have just said "thrown pie plate" caught at apogee and thought that reasonable and acceptable, but in the fashion of the amateur pelicanist nascent avians very 'reasonably' burned it until it looked like something else all together - a bird? A bird that had to be drawn by the folks down at Warner Bros, imaginary wings powering it into the sky, the sun flashing off its invented pen feathers. HMMMMM. Another filter and you have a bolide, another, and it is a rocket booster, another, and it is anything that won't splash the shallow puddle of pelicanist world views or brings their private heavens and personal fables come crashing down around them.

A rational charter could point out the prevarications of the duplicitous, and Errol and Dave are entirely correct - as much as it is a pelicanistic tactic to do this prevaricating and bottom stirring 'revisiting', it is going to "come up" every eighteen months or so. Gotta urinate on that fire every time in flashes into flame. I'd think. Like AirAmerica Radio, we're not going to be embarrassed about not being impressed with their conventional, convenient, and complacent... 'wisdom', et al, any longer. They are, decidedly, not convincing and they take their inability to do so out on those of us who are not convinced!

Makes me want to show them an end of their microscopic little members that they've never seen before - so to speak - and one

shouldn't make too much out of this allusion either. Pelicanists won't be provoking the 'best' from me, I'm afraid. I see them as the 'true' enemies of advancement.

Revolution now! <g> It's inevitable anyway.

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Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2004 13:22:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 09:02:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel? - Hatch

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 20:19:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2004 07:07:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Using Anti-matter For Star Travel?

>>That's a good article. Fun and nicely written. I didn't learn
>>anything new, but I'm glad to see Keay Davidson mention Dirac, a
>>most interesting Frenchman, who predicted antimatter well before
>>it was actually discovered, based on theory alone.

>Larry,

>Whilst it pains me - from my eyrie in Scotland - to have to
>uphold the honour of England, I should point out that Paul Dirac
>was an Englishman. He was born in Bristol in 1902 and was
>educated at Cambridge, becoming Prof. of Math there in 1932. He
>'merely' had a French parent. ;-))

>Martin Shough

Ah! I stand corrected. Maybe I was thinking of somebody else,
most likely the name fooled me.

Thanks

- Larry

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Re: Tonnies On 21st Century Radio - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 13:24:51 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 09:05:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Tonnies On 21st Century Radio - Tonnies

Hi,

I'll be on 21st Century Radio tonight at 7:00 (Central) to discuss Mars anomaly research and "After the Martian Apocalypse." Tune in!

Go to: <http://www.21stcenturyradio.com> for more information.

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<http://cydonianimperative.blogspot.com>

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Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

New book: "After the Martian Apocalypse"
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 09:07:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Sigh, John,

>Nowhere have I said that the idea that Chiles-Whitted saw a
>spaceship is "inherently irrational", merely that there are more
>likely explanations for the sighting.

Not so. You're being disingenuous again. You're the one who brought rational and irrational into the discussion to start with. You can't alter history just because you're now using - without, by the way, anything in the way of explanation, beyond the implicit belief that UFOs don't exist as anything interesting or anomalous - the more innocuous, though just as lazy, phrase "more likely." Unless one assumes at the outset that UFOs cannot exist, "more likely" is not a phrase that in this context advances the discussion perceptibly.

>>>As I said, such misperceptions are not uncommon, and McDonald >>>was not an expert in the vagaries of human perception.

>>And you are even less so. Moreover, you have not a fraction of >>McDonald's scientific training (focused in good part on >>observations of aerial - in this case meteorological - >>phenomena) and firsthand investigative experience (and neither >>do I).

>McDonald was not the only scientist to have investigated the >case. Hynek thought it was a bolide, but was puzzled by Chiles >and Whitted's insistence that their descriptions of the object >were correct. I'm sure you will have read Jenny Randles's book >"Something in the Air" (London, Robert Hale, 1998) which is on >the same theme as your "Strange Skies". She describes this case >(pp. 35-38) and says: "I have seen phenomena that I am >absolutely certain were bolides or space junk burning up in the >atmosphere that were reported in very similar terms to the >phenomenon seen by the Eastern Airlines crew." (p. 38)

Hynek did not "investigate" the sighting. He was simply asked his opinion of it. McDonald investigated it and rejected the meteor explanation as most unlikely, as did the early Sign investigators who spoke with the witnesses and otherwise collected evidence.

And if you think McDonald was naive or uninformed, you don't

know what you're talking about. Along with several colleagues, in August 1997 I spent a week going through the McDonald papers housed at the University of Arizona. There, his private reports and notes on a staggeringly wide range of personal investigations are there to be examined. They richly document McDonald's scientific expertise and searching approach to investigation and analysis. Anyone seeking to learn how a scientific approach to UFO investigation should be conducted would do well to start his or her research there.

Meantime, for specifics on how debunkers had to alter details - including the time at which an independent sighting of what may well have been the same UFO took place - to make the C-W sighting fit into the meteor framework, see my discussion in Chapter 4 of *Strange Skies*. There, one will also read of daylight sightings of UFOs, some extending over minutes, by pilots and others who reported UFOs strikingly similar to the one C-W saw (in particular pages 81-87). When one considers the evidence in its totality, the meteor hypothesis loses whatever faint conviction was attached to it to start with..

In short, to put it politely, it is a "less likely explanation" than that C-W (and a ground witness two hours earlier) observed an unknown phenomenon. We can argue forever about the nature of that unknown, of course, but it is futile to contend that whatever it was, it wasn't there. If I were looking for a prosaic explanation, I'd turn my attention elsewhere, to some earthly technological source. That approach is not itself without problems, but it is a decided improvement on meteoric guesswork.

>>For the rest of you, let me repeat the salient point: Even Allen >>Hynek, who in the late 1940s thought the concept of actual UFOs >>unreasonable (as pelicanists still do) and who therefore >>invented the bolide explanation for what Chiles and Whitted saw >>(the one that John affirms because UFOs don't exist), admitted >>it was credible only if one rejected the testimony of these two >>experienced pilots on a priori grounds. In other words, this >>tautology:

>Utter nonsense - see above.

Not "nonsense" - to which charge you have no recourse but to resort -- but to the contrary, good sense. To be specific, it is the core trouble with arguments like yours. The tautology, which you have clipped out so that readers won't be reminded of it, is as follows:

Why did Chiles and Whitted think they saw a UFO? Because they were mistaken. How do we know they were mistaken? Because they thought they saw a UFO.

You have already stated more than once that UFO reports exist only because witnesses are mistaken and insufficient information is produced to make the proper prosaic explanation -- which certainly exists, even if the evidence is currently undetectable - possible. Therefore, in the hermetically sealed universe of pelicanist discourse, no genuinely anomalous UFO could ever emerge. The tautology above precisely expresses the logical problem at the heart of pelicanism.

>>Which prominent ufologists are essentially insincere, and in it >>just for the money and the "popular entertainment"? Names, >>please. I don't mean the obvious crooks and liars - you were not >>alluding to them, the context makes clear enough - but to the >>individuals who have real reputations in this field. And if you >>weren't referring to them, why did you bring up the matter of >>ufologists' integrity at all? What has that to do with anything >>we're discussing, except to distract us into irrelevance?

>You've tried this one on me before, Jerry. You obviously want to >see ufology's frauds, liars and buffoons getting their shyster >lawyers to shower me with libel writs, so you can sit on the >sidelines gloating as I go bankrupt. Who these people are should >be obvious to all who have an ounce of common sense.

Sigh. Of course it was not my intention to get you into trouble with libel lawyers. I wish nobody short of Swift Boat Liars that kind of trouble. I am, however, curious about your strange last sentence (though not about your boring use, yet again, of that well-worn shop phrase "common sense," which

means only what you want to believe, however unapparently compelling the sense in question may be to the rest of us).

Here's a way to resolve this. Dead people can't sue. So let's have the names of one, two, or more ostensibly respectable, but now-deceased, ufologists who were not in fact sincere and whose true motives were money, publishing contracts, big-paying lecture gigs, and/or public acclaim. In other words, the ones you alluded to, though without naming, in the posting that sparked this discussion.

From their entries in my UFO Encyclopedia, I have drawn these names of ufologists whom their colleagues considered of good character and respectability; all are no longer among us and therefore can't phone their attorneys. Please pick the names of those whom you judge to have been exploiting UFOs solely or primarily for personal gain:

Davis, Isabel L.
Fontes, Olavo T.
Fort, Charles Hoy
Hynek, Josef Allen
Keyhoe, Donald Edward
Lorenzen, Coral
Lorenzen, Jim
McDonald, James Edward
Michel, Aime
Rehn, K. Gosta
Stringfield, Leonard H.

(I have not listed, for obvious reasons, flamboyant contactees. Nor have I listed cranks like Harold T. Wilkins and Morris K. Jessup, hucksters like Ray Palmer, and debunkers such as Klass and Menzel. Frank Edwards is generally agreed to have been sincere but careless and unreliable. Ed Ruppelt was an Air Force officer, not a ufologist as the term is ordinarily applied. We are talking here of ufologists whom their colleagues, including those who differed with them on various issues, regarded as worthy fellows who sought to make positive contributions.)

If you can't produce even the names of dead ufologists who fit the unsavory characterization, maybe you're just blowing smoke, which often seems your favored method of communication, I'm afraid. I would prefer to think, however, that you are sincere, and now, I confess, I'm genuinely curious. Please don't disappoint us this time.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 19:11:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 09:12:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul.com>
>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:59:57 EDT
>Subject: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri?

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>visualize and experiment with.

>Of note to me is how it states that with current technology it
>would take us 77,000 years to reach Alpha Centauri.

>Is this correct? Are we that slow? I recall Mr. Friedman
>presenting data that we could do much faster with technology
>already tested. If he has a paper on it or if someone has more
>info please post.

This is one of loads of articles about star and space travel that reveal the ignorance of the astronomical community about such matters. Essentially all of the thrust for the local journeys occurs at the beginning and the chemical rockets coast the rest of the way, fortunately taking advantage of Cosmic Freeloading. I detailed the problems with such ignorant rants in my 1999 MUFON Paper "Star Travel? YES!". Notice how none of the assumptions are given that lead to the silly 77,000 years. One has to presume chemical rockets which makes as much sense as computing the time from my home in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, to Los Angeles by assuming the use of a tricycle. For example, a number of nuclear thermal rocket engines were tested back in the 1960s. The most powerful operated at a power level of 4400 Megawatts... twice the energy production level of Pt. Lepreau, but only 7' in diameter. I worked on these for Aerojet General and for Westinghouse Astronuclear Lab. These would be upper stages with twice the specific impulse of chemical rockets. Of much greater interest would be nuclear fusion rockets. I worked on these in 1962 under John Luce at Aerojet General Nucleonics (He had been head of Oak Ridge National Laboratory's fusion program). If one uses the D-He-3 reaction, almost all the energy produced is in the form of very energetic charged particles rather than the neutrons (which cannot be directed by electromagnetic fields) produced by the better know D-D reaction. D is Deuterium... Hydrogen with a neutron and proton in the nucleus. The ejected particles have 10 million times as much energy per particle as can be given particles emitted in chemical rockets.

One of course expects that technological progress comes from doing things differently, even if Astronomers don't seem to understand this. We have only known about the nucleus and radio waves and airplane flight for a century, and about space flight for half a century. One expects, since Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli (both sun-like and just 39 light years away and only 1/8th of a light year apart from each other) are a billion years older than the sun, that beings there are not stuck at the level of either chemical rockets for travel or radio waves for

communication.

In my paper (\$4. for 18 pages including Shipping from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958) I note the equally misguided "studies" by astronomers Dr. Simon Newcomb (The only way man would fly would be with a balloon--1903), Dr. Simon Bickerton (No way to give anything enough energy to put it in orbit, about 1923) and Dr. Campbell (1941 study showing that the required initial launch weight of a chemical rocket able to get a man to the moon and back would be a billion billion tons. . too high by a factor of 300 Million).

There is also the silly study by Nobel Prize winning physicist Dr. Ed Purcell from Harvard who "proved" that a trip to a star 10 light years away would be impossible. He stupidly assumed acceleration at 1G for half way out, and decelerating the second half and repeating the process in reverse, but of course carrying everything needed for the round trip. He didn't seem to recognize cosmic freeloaders or the simple fact that at 1 G acceleration it takes only a year to reach the speed of light, or that one is likely to pick up propellant at the destination. One very likely wants much higher acceleration at the beginning and deceleration at the end.

Yes, Einstein has been experimentally proven correct that time slows down for things moving close to the speed of light. At 99.99% c it only takes about 6 months pilot time to go 37 light years.

One might notice that there is only about 17 minutes of powered flight on our way to the moon. The rest of the 3 days time Dean Regas talks about it taking to go to the moon, the rocket is coasting and slowing down until the moon pulls it in.

Sorry I cannot recommend this article except as one of many examples of the ignorance of astronomers about space flight.

I will probably do my next MUFON Journal column about this, so am grateful for the heads up.

Stan Friedman

Some of the details are covered in my paper "Challenge to SETI Specialists" at my website:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 18:01:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 09:16:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 21:43:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 23:24:35 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:28:39 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Uh, John,

>As in so many of Jerry's posts, the important thing is the one bit he doesn't reply to. As I managed to spell his name correctly, the only way he can avoid answering is by snipping the awkward bit. My paragraph following the one he deigns to reproduce above, read:

>"Or are you going to pull your tired old argument that there is >some other meaning to the phrase "fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to be earthly aircraft" >which somehow avoids the necessity of admitting that you do >actually believe in the ETH?"

>No matter what he pretends, neither I nor Jerry were talking >about "observations of UFOs" per se, but about a particular sub->category - those UFOs which, in Jerry's own words, represent >"fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena that do not appear to >be earthly aircraft".

As usual, John snips out the part of my response that he can't respond to. I think that in real life he actually does understand the difference between a simple statement of fact (that observations of anomalous aerial structure have been reported) and an unproved hypothesis (that such structures are the product of ETI). John would much rather move the ground of the argument to the latter, since in the former he and his fellow pelicanists don't do so well, as we've seen.

I think most would agree that we have a long way to go before we start declaring "fast-moving, structured-looking phenomena" and "alien spacecraft" to be interchangeable phrases, whatever our intuitive feeling about the sensibleness of the latter proposition. I would venture to say that it would take wreckage, machinery, and bodies -- extant not just in testimony and rumor but on a table in front of the world's eyes and beyond anyone's capacity to dispute -- to make that leap.

But of course pelicanists have always preferred theory to observation and evidence. In that sense I understand John's desire to change the subject; if I were in his position, no doubt I'd attempt to do the same. Since I am in my own shoes, however, I'm sorry to state that I am not even slightly tempted

to run down this particular blind alley with John.

Nonetheless, to switch metaphors, keep on flappin', John. Good to see that the wings are still in working order.

Jerry Clark

P.S. The rest is not snipped out, so as to deny John the pleasure of charging that I'm trying to censor his words of positively stunning wisdom:

[Uh... yes it is by --ebk]

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Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 01:59:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:37:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri? - Gates

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 21:59:57 EDT
>Subject: 77,000 Years To Reach Alpha Centauri?

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>would take us 77,000 years to reach Alpha Centauri.

Greg Listers,

I always enjoyed the articles that make some sort of pronouncement about the status of current technology... because they generally don't take into account the various technological advancements being worked on, or in the development process, not to mention you have people with the attitude of "I have my Phd (or Nobel) so there is nothing left to learn or develop" in the world.

With the technological status of the world 100 or so years ago, a person could make the pronouncement that "based upon the technology today, you will be able to travel all day and make 8-12 miles. With technology 100 years later we do in hours what took the pioneers months to do.

I suspect this trend will continue.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:43:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Stevenson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 12:44:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Ted Oliphant <tedoliphant.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:21:00 -0700
>>Subject: Cattle Mutes

<snip>

>It was no where near good news regarding the UFO issue. So after
>reading your post I can see why the cops who risk their butts
>everyday are also victims of these sinister doings and there
>needs to be a conference of law enforcement officers in regard
>to these matters to make sure they don't end up in harm's way.

>It's bad enough they have to put up with the public's everyday
>nonsense, violence and stupidity not to mention the heavily
>armed organized crime groups and gangs, now they have to worry
>about the 'unknown' and have to deal with threats from those
>claiming authority over our Constitutional rights?

>No way.

Hi Ted, Greg and List

All I can say is that if they knowingly do that then what are they willing to do to abductee's and those interested in ET/UFOs.

Does everyone have to be brainless and have no knowledge at all and no interests like robots in a world run by the elite who think they know everything?

If 'it isn't in our best interests to know' then they should explain why surely? If they don't then the inevitable ensues causing much greater unwanted problems in other areas.

Maybe a little knowledge IS dangerous but no explanation is so dangerous as to 'not be on the cards at all' surely?

To quote T. Blair UK PM 'education, education, education the three E's, and the three R's; reading, riting, and rithmatic'. So why are we not being educated via media etc in regard to some matters of great concern to many (last count over 65 per cent believe ET visits are real) and why do we have to 'put up' with all the disinformation and lies?

Could someone on the List explain without pointing out a conspiracy theory?

Could it be that ET and associates have been given permission to do what they like in our best interests one wonders?

Kind regards to all

Col

<http://www.colsweb.com>

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ET Einstein & E-Mails

From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 11:24:38 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:46:26 -0400
Subject: ET Einstein & E-Mails

Hi Errol and List

If it takes on average 3 to 4 days for me to receive emails from UFO Updates how far will they have traveled, assuming they do so at the speed of light? Or would there be a huge capacitor 'on line' on the Internet somewhere causing said delay which charges up with all the emails then only releasing them when full?

Assume only three day delay then $3\text{days} \times 24\text{hours} \times 60\text{minutes} \times 60\text{seconds} \times 186000 \text{ miles per second (approx speed of light)}$
equals 4.82112×10^{10}

This answer is 'tongue in cheek' slightly further than the distance from Errol to me (central UK) so where do the emails go to then come back from and is this proof that on some very distant planet ET are actually monitoring and maybe censoring my emails and is it legal?

Maybe the List debunkers can come up with a plausible explanation to prove ET is not responsible for this outlined here. Maybe my emails are flown to me, not over wires but by messenger Pigeon or Pelican?

Kind wishes

Col
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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - Hale

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:21:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:48:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - Hale

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 19:26:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

>I am a novice at this, but the images are there for you to see.
>Anyone can duplicate what I have done.

List,

I have run this image with Adobe CS 8 Photoshop.

I have enlarged the picture dramatically using the percent increase image scale by 600%. Also taking the picture to grayscale for more definition of the image. This has been done with little or no distortion of the photo, of which a very interesting picture evolves, of which makes a " Bird " a little sus in my book.

The sharp and defined smooth characteristics of the image, is in my opinion more of an object of structured material of some kind, noting a very light heat distortion from the edges of the object.

I have the pictures enlarged, anyone who wants them can email: weirdufopic.nul

I would hope you have a broadband connection due to the size of the images involved.

Roy

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Secret US Watch Post Overhauled

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 06:52:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:51:16 -0400
Subject: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled

Source: Reuters Alertnet Foundation

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N03483623.htm>

09-06-04

FEATURE-Learning from 9/11, secret US watch post overhauled

By Caroline Drees, Security Correspondent

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colo., Sept 6 (Reuters) - Buried inside a mountain beneath 2,000 feet (600 metres) of rock, a top-secret watch post scans the skies around the clock to make sure America is never again caught off guard by an attack like Sept. 11's.

Designed as a Cold War sentinel against Soviet bombers, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the military units it supported were unprepared for the 2001 attack.

With their eyes trained on threats from abroad, those units failed to stop - or even mitigate - the first attack on U.S. soil by a non-state, foreign enemy which slipped in undetected.

But since Sept. 11, a massive security overhaul has made Cheyenne Mountain together with the nearby headquarters of NORAD and the new U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) the nerve center of the military's anti-terrorism network, working hand-in-glove to thwart attacks on North America.

"Before 9/11, we had a very limited internal focus," said Maj. Charles Thinger, who heads the aerospace warning center at Cheyenne Mountain.

"The morning of Sept. 11, there were over 3,000 aircraft flying over the continental United States and NORAD could track less than 20 percent of them," he said, referring to the U.S.-Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command in charge of detecting and countering airborne threats.

Today, soldiers inside "the mountain" monitor a dizzying array of screens featuring the real-time flight path of every commercial plane over the United States, as well as constantly updated maps, charts and diagrams channeling information which could presage an attack.

The Cheyenne Mountain center is a unique military post that is staffed by mixed crews from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Canadian armed forces.

"There were no procedures in place to mitigate the kind of threat we saw on that day," Navy Cmdr. Mike White said at the joint headquarters in Colorado Springs.

He said that had now changed, thanks to expanded air patrols, radar coverage, information sharing and intelligence coordination - as well as a determination to shoot down civilian aircraft if necessary.

Defending The U.S.

NORTHCOM, the part of the U.S. military in charge of protecting U.S. land, sea and airspace, was founded only after the suicide hijackings and became fully operational two years later on Sept. 11, 2003.

Cheyenne Mountain supports its mission, using satellites and other high-tech sensors to monitor space and the skies for incoming threats as small as a tennis ball.

Then NORAD, in close cooperation with NORTHCOM, takes that information to warn the U.S. and Canadian governments and tries to intercept or destroy the threats if needed.

From the outside, Cheyenne Mountain blends smoothly into the environment, belying the high-tech complex inside.

Once you cross the 25-tonne (23,000 kg) steel doors into the site, a warren of chambers and tunnels snake through the granite. The buildings are bolted into the mountain with 115,000 screws, and rest on about 1,300 springs which protect the facility from damage should an earthquake - or missile - rattle the ground.

While troops at Cheyenne Mountain monitor potential threats, intelligence analysts at NORTHCOM and NORAD headquarters at nearby Peterson Air Force Base add the disparate bits of information to data from other federal agencies to compile an overall picture of any emerging danger.

"Our goal is to connect the dots... in order to create a clear threat picture. It's central to protecting the homeland," said the director of intelligence for NORTHCOM and NORAD whose identity is so secret he would only give his name as Mike.

The 9/11 Commission, charged with investigating the greatest intelligence failure in U.S. history, cited an inability to "connect the dots" as one of the central factors that allowed the attacks to happen.

Shoot Down Orders

The commission also cited confusion and poor coordination between NORAD and the civilian Federal Aviation Administration, saying they had been unprepared to deal with such an attack. On Sept. 11, 2001, the order to shoot down the hijacked planes did not reach ready fighter jets until the last attacked airliner had crashed.

Military officials said these concerns have now been addressed. Today, FAA officials work side by side with their counterparts in Cheyenne Mountain.

Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, the commander of both NORTHCOM and NORAD, said the procedures were now in place to make sure fighter jets could take out threatening aircraft in time to help avoid another tragedy.

Since the 2001 attacks, he said NORAD had scrambled fighter jets some 1,600 times to check on anomalies in the air, but none had turned out to be a serious threat.

Eberhart, who flew 300 combat missions in Vietnam and will retire in November, said the decision to destroy a commercial plane would never be taken lightly, and the lives of anyone who authorized it or pulled the trigger would never be the same.

But "we're prepared to do that because we know if we don't do that, then there likely are hundreds if not thousands of others on the ground that at going to die, too," he said.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

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Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 08:55:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:53:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 15:57:23 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>Sigh, John,

>>Nowhere have I said that the idea that Chiles-Whitted saw a
>>spaceship is "inherently irrational", merely that there are more
>>likely explanations for the sighting.

>Not so. You're being disingenuous again. You're the one who
>brought rational and irrational into the discussion to start
>with. You can't alter history just because you're now using -
>without, by the way, anything in the way of explanation, beyond
>the implicit belief that UFOs don't exist as anything
>interesting or anomalous - the more innocuous, though just as
>lazy, phrase "more likely." Unless one assumes at the outset
>that UFOs cannot exist, "more likely" is not a phrase that in
>this context advances the discussion perceptibly.

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>Davis, Isabel L.
>Fontes, Olavo T.
>Fort, Charles Hoy
>Hynek, Josef Allen
>Keyhoe, Donald Edward
>Lorenzen, Coral
>Lorenzen, Jim
>McDonald, James Edward
>Michel, Aime
>Rehn, K. Gosta
>Stringfield, Leonard H.

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>and Menzel. Frank Edwards is generally agreed to have been
>sincere but careless and unreliable. Ed Ruppelt was an Air Force
>officer, not a ufologist as the term is ordinarily applied. We
>are talking here of ufologists whom their colleagues, including
>those who differed with them on various issues, regarded as
>worthy fellows who sought to make positive contributions.)

>If you can't produce even the names of dead ufologists who fit
>the unsavory characterization, maybe you're just blowing smoke,
>which often seems your favored method of communication, I'm
>afraid. I would prefer to think, however, that you are sincere,
>and now, I confess, I'm genuinely curious. Please don't
>disappoint us this time.

I'll start the clock, confident that perhaps this will distort
the timetable of when these repeated and echoing 'concerns' are
revisited by our avian friends of smothering fallacious
aposition.

6 September, 2004.

If we start noting the date, and making record of it, the
archives will be easier to search for their prevaricating,
distracting, and intellectually unethical ufological
revisionisms... regarding points of fact that they try to
disparage, dismiss, and degrade with their baseless murmuring
and conscienceless whispering.

"Who makes the money really..." has been roundly thrashed with
pelicanists at least once in the last year on this forum with
plucked avians running around doing Ned Beatty in "Deliverance"
impersonations the only result, as I recall. Skeptibunky
worthies rise from their ashes as soon as the attention span
limits of the aggregate audience have been exceeded to begin
their cooing anew, confident that their mewlingly puling
protestations, cloaked and bedecked in only a camouflage of
faux-rationality, will create doubt where there was potential
for some certainty, indecision where there was a germ of
decisiveness, and ambivalence where there was once a scintilla
of conviction. It's what they do.

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What's New With John Ford?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 09:06:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:57:24 -0400
Subject: What's New With John Ford?

John Ford, the reader recalls, was the strident Suffolk county New York "UFO nut", TOO many years ago now, who "tried to murder" a political rival, John Powell, by putting radium in his household tooth paste.

Forget for a moment that John Ford was very busily, very passionately, and also very diligently investigating John Powell pursuant to righteous corruption and conspiracy disclosures involving key agencies of local (Suffolk County, NY) government. Forget that John Ford's strident investigation was legal, ethical, and reflective of a man who was a retired officer of the Suffolk county court system and holder of a College Master's degree. Forget that after John Ford was thrown in a hole to rot and be forgotten, the right honorable John Powell pled "no contest" to conspiracy and racketeering charges with clear links to organized crime (plus the dangerous disposal of toxic wastes?), and, to my knowledge spent not one day in jail!

Doesn't anybody else smell the fetid fragrance of that fulsome fishy flounder? It's apparent most do not. Most would seem to put full faith and confidence... only in the machine that railroaded him, apparently.

Do the facts of this strange case support anything else besides the well told American fable of the "little guy" taking it squarely between the eyes for the crass convenience of the "big guy", and all of this scurrilous activity in direct contradiction to every precept, ideal, and ethic we're supposed to hold dear in this nation? John Ford was, the reader can bet, foully hull-breached for investigating the activities of a man who could not bear that investigation!

John Ford, accused of conspiracy to murder, and then locked in an institution for the criminally insane facilitated by his belief in the ufological, is very likely crazy now, just under 10 years into this, very likely criminal, false imprisonment. It doesn't help that he looks like Elmer Fudd, has a voice like Daffy Duck and was as stridently litigious as Yosemite Sam is angry and bellicose... it doesn't matter either! John was likely just one more easy victim of the criminally arbitrary, a pawn of a criminal aristocratic elite, and just another crushed bug for the boss of a corrupt political machine.

What's new with John Ford?

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 09:36:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 10:59:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>and Menzel....

My apologies to Phil Klass for accidentally including him among
the departed. Phil is no longer so active as he was, but he
definitely remains on this side of that great line. I wish him
long residence here. Sorry for the error.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:14:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:29:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled - Boone

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 06:52:35 -0700
>Subject: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled

>Source: Reuters Alertnet Foundation

><http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N03483623.htm>

>09-06-04

>FEATURE-Learning from 9/11, secret US watch post overhauled

>By Caroline Drees, Security Correspondent

>CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colo., Sept 6 (Reuters) - Buried inside a
>mountain beneath 2,000 feet (600 metres) of rock, a top-secret
>watch post scans the skies around the clock to make sure America
>is never again caught off guard by an attack like Sept. 11's.

>Designed as a Cold War sentinel against Soviet bombers, Cheyenne
>Mountain Operations Center near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and
>the military units it supported were unprepared for the 2001
>attack.

ROFL! It never ceases to amaze me how the media can sure as heck
tell us and everybody on Earth about that 'Top Secret Base'.

Like Area 51. All that time and money and manpower to keep it
secret and it ends up in movies, TV shows, comic books and model
toy kits.

Next thing ya know 'Cheyenne Mountain' will end up as some new
action kit toy set with secret Generals and Colonels with 'Kung
Fu grip'.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 13:40:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:31:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo? - King

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:21:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Hungarian UFO Photo?

<snip>

>List,

>

>I have run this image with Adobe CS 8 Photoshop.

>

>I have enlarged the picture dramatically using the percent
>increase image scale by 600%. Also taking the picture to
>grayscale for more definition of the image. This has been done
>with little or no distortion of the photo, of which a very
>interesting picture evolves, of which makes a " Bird " a little
>sus in my book.

>The sharp and defined smooth characteristics of the image, is in
>my opinion more of an object of structured material of some
>kind, noting a very light heat distortion from the edges of the
>object.

>I have the pictures enlarged, anyone who wants them can email:
>weirdufopic.nul

>I would hope you have a broadband connection due to the size of
>the images involved.

Roy,

Several points...

1) Increasing size by your method is not the proper method to enlarge an image. Read the Photoshop manual. The proper method of resizing an image without introducing artifact is to increase the resolution of the image. This is done in "Image/Image size/" and increasing the "dpi" of the image. Your claim that the resizing by 600% (using the percentage increase method) provides little distortion is incorrect.

2) Converting an image to grayscale reduces definition. Grayscale in Photoshop replaces 16+ million discrete colors with 256 homogenous colors. Calling this degradation an increase in definition is incorrect.

3) There is an eyewitness to the event depicted in the image. He states that he saw nothing unusual.

4) The eyewitness states that he was taking photos of his girlfriend. The photo in question was not a "good" photograph if the goal was taking photos of his girlfriend. I may be incorrect, but I would hold that what he saw when taking a photo of his girlfriend was not what the camera recorded, as the girlfriend is all but invisible due to the overexposure.

I trust the eyewitness as to what he says he was doing, and what he saw ...or did not see.

All that said, it could be a structured craft hovering in the near-center of the image. I only find that difficult...not impossible...to support based on the eyewitness testimony and the image in question.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:46:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:33:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Sparks

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2004 12:44:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>>From: Ted Oliphant <tedoliphant.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2004 22:21:00 -0700
>>>Subject: Cattle Mutes

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>Does everyone have to be brainless...

<snip>

> ... and why do we have to 'put up' with
>all the disinformation and lies?

>Could someone on the List explain without pointing out a
>conspiracy theory?

>Could it be that ET and associates have been given permission to
>do what they like in our best interests one wonders?

You yourself just stated the wildest "conspiracy theory" of all
- that "ET and associates" are conspiring with world
governments.

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Re: Cattle Mutes - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 13:54:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:36:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - King

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

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Hi Mr. Stevenson,

The only "non-conspiratorial" explanation which makes sense to me is also the most frightening... they don't know.

Governments are very reluctant to admit what they do not know. Undermines their status as leaders. Threatens their status as "the authorities".

Disclosure might cause a panic. This assumes the disclosure of knowledge of alien presence.

One can only wonder what the panic level would be to know that their "elite" is clueless. They cannot allow that impression.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:52:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:40:56 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:08:42 -0500
>Subject: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>You see, the following is why our esteemed Mr. Klass can be seen
>to be entirely contemptible, undeniably irresponsible, and
>thoroughly reprehensible. It would appear that he may be still-
>living proof that there is societal improvement with every
>funeral. And all you ardent skeptibunkies can pound your
>outraged E-mails... the NMS&R can additionally pound their New
>Mexico sand!

>Thank you Gov. Richardson... what a guy!

I wonder what Mr Richardson hopes will be achieved by yet another investigation into this case.

Does this Governor genuinely believe that:

1. The wreckage of an ET craft has been in US govt custody for 57 years, and still top secret?
2. The actual bodies of ETs are likewise still in US custody for all this time?
3. A ton or more of official documents on the case is still under wraps after all this time?

Someone ought to put these items to him, point blank. If he does not accept all 3, there is no point in taking it any further, since you cannot have a Roswell ET crash without the above consequences to follow.

Why does not this governor make his views quite clear, instead of merely asking for yet another (and another) official investigation, etc? Has he any real views on the case, or not?

I suspect he does not really believe any of 1 to 3 above, but is merely trying to fan the dying flames of a totally lost cause.

'Debunking the story' or 'Full disclosure'. Which is it?

The GAO, answered that in 1995, Mr Richardson. Can you do better?

The governor obviously is just not 'with it' over Roswell, but wants to make some noises. Why not similar noises over The San Augustin 'crash' (a la Friedman) or the Aztec crash? Both come under the governor's jurisdiction.

Having just read Larry Bryant's latest, pathetic, letter to the Roswell Daily Record (Open letter to the Gov.), Richardson will doubtless realise the stupidity of the whole affair, and keep well away.

CDA

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 20:23:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:44:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>Meantime, for specifics on how debunkers had to alter details -
>including the time at which an independent sighting of what may
>well have been the same UFO took place - to make the C-W
>sighting fit into the meteor framework, see my discussion in
>Chapter 4 of Strange Skies.

According to Jenny Randles, the timing was exactly one hour
different and Hynes "told the US government they had a choice.
If the timing on the ground or the reporting of it was wrong by
an hour then the engineer clearly saw the same object as the air
crew." ("Something in the Air", p. 36)

>There, one will also read of
>daylight sightings of UFOs, some extending over minutes, by
>pilots and others who reported UFOs strikingly similar to the
>one C-W saw (in particular pages 81-87). When one considers the
>evidence in its totality, the meteor hypothesis loses whatever
>faint conviction was attached to it to start with..

Yes, but the Chiles-Whitted case was not one of these.

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I wasn't referring to _dead_ ufologists. What would be the
point? The ones I have in mind are very much alive. Two or three
of those you mention are too obscure for me to know anything
about them anyway.

John Harney

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From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:17:03 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 07:46:23 -0400
Subject: Re: What's New With John Ford? - Freeman

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: AlienViewGroup.nul>
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Alfred and Listers,

According to the most recent letter that I have received from
John Ford, he has indicated that he is in good spirits and seems
optimistic about an early release.

He expects a transfer to what he describes as a 'civil' hospital
in the next year or so, and then from there expects to be
released in two or three years.

The truth is out there... somewhere.

Best,

Kelly Freeman

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Why were NORAD's first-response F-15's and F-16's on the morning of 9-11 flying at less than 1/3 (one-third) top speed? This was in fact slower than the airliners the F-16's were sent to intercept. How does being supposedly "caught off guard" make you fly jet interceptors so slow? If you are investigating an unknown situation wouldn't you want to get there quickly? Why weren't these questions asked and answered, back in 2001? Why has it taken 3 years to drag out only partial grudging answers to these questions like pulling of teeth and that are utterly false anyway (referring to the outrageous 9-11 Commission report)?

The airline flight attendants reported the first hijacking in progress at about 8:13 AM on 9-11 to the ground by air phone. That was when American Flight 11 lost normal radio contact via pilot and crew with the ground and began not responding to FAA ground controllers. Why then did the FAA delay till 8:37-8:40 AM in notifying NORAD when the legal requirement was for immediate fighter "escort" (interception) to investigate whenever any aircraft lost radio contact or deviated from course?

Why are the investigative reports of those flight attendant phone calls from the doomed airliners all suppressed from public access? Why do so-called "investigative journalists" refuse to investigate these covered up reports of the flight attendant calls? The news media have never pursued the documents merely interviewed family and friends in a "human interest" angle to the story, not as a hard-hitting investigation of crime and corruption, and never pursued the unexplained and criminally negligent (or worse) 1/2 hour delay by the FAA in notifying NORAD.

Once the story broke about how very early into the flight the fact it was a hijacking was reported to the ground, none of the other news media can have any excuse for not knowing. Yet none have followed up. Instead other media have come along and simply lied about it, typically by falsely reporting a much shorter warning interval than the 1/2 hour reporting by the flight attendants (the 9-11 Commission has grudgingly confirmed the earliness of the knowledge that it was a hijacking though trying to shave off several minutes, by trying to suggest the call was at 8:19 but not explaining if that was the time of the first call or the time when the hijacking was completed).

In fact, no one pursues the FAA or NORAD, instead the CIA and FBI have taken all the flak on 9-11. It's as if even questioning these aviation-related agencies is akin to investigating a 'UFO' sighting.

The skills these agencies have practiced for years in stonewalling citizen and media investigations of the UFO phenomenon are being ably employed in blocking 9-11 investigations, such as there are any of any diligence or Watergate-style aggressiveness. We don't see journalists hounding after the fighter pilots and their commanders up the military chain of command with the sort of vehemence with which they go after, say, the Michael Jackson and Kobe Bryant stories, or say the Kerry war record or the Bush military record (Associated Press has had lawyers fighting for release of Bush records but not the FAA or NORAD 9-11 records). Immediately after 9-11 the FAA refused even to hold press conferences for a very long time. No one questions or points these things out or pursues them.

Senator Howard Baker in the Watergate hearings made famous a very simple but powerful two-part question: "WHAT did they know and WHEN did they know it?" Yet no one in the supposed 9-11 investigations has persistently asked those questions of the FAA and NORAD. In fact the identity of the FAA's National Hijack Coordinator on the morning of 9-11 is carefully protected from public scrutiny. He has never been interviewed by the media so far as I can tell. He was in a crucial or pivotal position like John Dean in Watergate or Oliver North in Iran-Contra but the media have no interest in this FAA key player in 9-11.

What did the FAA and NORAD know and exactly when, to the minute, did they know it on 9-11? No one can tell from the officially released reports, the timeline is confused with blatant falsehoods on the crucial question of when they first found out it was a hijacking. This despite all the hi-tech GPS-based NIST atomic clock timekeeping, recordings, electronic message traffic, etc. If you have liars in public office and employment who shred incriminating tapes like the FAA Manager who shredded the taped interview of the 9-11 air traffic controllers made on the same day, 9-11, and who put pieces of the tape in various trash receptacles around the building in order to prevent anyone from ever retrieving and reconstructing the tape, why then you can cover up just about anything, any crime of any magnitude, and any mere mystery of tremendous public interest such as the UFO phenomenon.

Apparently you can brutally kill 3,000 people in front of everyone and you can still lie through your teeth and cover up no matter how many so-called "commissions" and blue-ribbon investigations are set up.

Here is the greatest and most tragic bold-faced lie of all time, just two paragraphs apart on the same page of the 9-11 Commission Report (p. 20), beginning with the lying excuse that NORAD's North East Air Defense Sector (NEADS) did not know where to send its F-15 fighters to, from Otis AFB in Massachusetts:

"F-15 fighters were scrambled at 8:46 from Otis Air Force Base. But NEADS did not know where to send the alert fighter aircraft, and the officer directing the fighters pressed for more information: ' I don't know where I'm scrambling these guys to. I need a direction, a destination.' "

But two paragraphs above this outrageous falsehood of the NORAD NEADS Mission Crew Commander at 8:44:58 AM ("I need a direction, a destination"), in the 9-11 Commission Report we find that the FAA had already told NORAD's NEADS that the airliner was hijacked from out of Boston and was headed towards NEW YORK, when the FAA Boston Center contacted NEADS at 8:37:52 AM just 7 minutes before the NORAD lie we see quoted:

"FAA: Hi. BOSTON Center TMU [Traffic Management Unit], we have a problem here. We have a HIJACKED aircraft HEADED TOWARDS NEW YORK, and we need you guys to, we need someone to scramble some F-16s or something up there, help us out.

NEADS: Is this real-world or exercise?

FAA: No, this is not an exercise, not a test."

The "direction" or "destination" of the F-15's should have been New York City. How much clearer could FAA Boston Center have been? If the FAA Boston controllers could figure out so long in advance where the hijacked American flight was headed, that it was headed straight towards NYC, and they told NORAD's NEADS officials that, then how could NORAD possibly get away with such bold-faced lying that it didn't know where to send the F-15 fighters??? It just boggles the mind that such blatant lying falsehoods could be put so close together on the same page of a momentous national commission report and no one comments on it, no one notices.

This is exactly how the UFO phenomenon slips through the cracks, and it is no oversight either, it is the deliberate not accidental slipping into the cracks of something being covered up.

We find out in a deeply buried footnote (actually endnote 120 on p. 459) of the 9-11 Commission Report that in fact the F-15 fighter pilots were in direct radio contact with the FAA Boston Center and could simply have asked the FAA at any time for info on the location of the American airliner that was being radar skin-tracked (probably by a "dual use" NORAD-FAA radar jointly shared with FAA so that NORAD has even less excuse to say it "didn't know" where the airliner was located; in fact it may well have been the NORAD-FAA Joint Surveillance Site radar at NEADS HQ at Griffiss AFB, Schenectady, NY, that was radar skin-tracking the American airliner for the FAA so it might well have been NORAD's own radar already tracking the hijacked airliner and all the FAA would have had to do was tell NORAD which blip it was on NORAD's own radar screens! Does anyone see the cruel irony being concealed by this monstrous deception?).

>Designed as a Cold War sentinel against Soviet bombers, Cheyenne
>Mountain Operations Center near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and
>the military units it supported were unprepared for the 2001
>attack.

>With their eyes trained on threats from abroad, those units
>failed to stop - or even mitigate - the first attack on U.S.
>soil by a non-state, foreign enemy which slipped in undetected.

This is a bunch of lying crap. NORAD has always had "eyes trained" on enemy bombers slipping into the U.S. "undetected" and suddenly showing up on U.S. radar screens deep within the U.S. - aircraft that would not have been seen coming in over the Arctic (or perhaps from Cuba or from submarines off the coasts or from other bases). (See below.)

A radar screen cannot tell the difference between a "non-state" attack aircraft and a state-sponsored attack aircraft. This is part of the U.S. military's lying spin about how it was "so surprised" by 9-11 and just didn't know how to respond. They will use any excuse no matter how pathetically absurd and false to cover up its complicity in 9-11.

>But since Sept. 11, a massive security overhaul has made
>Cheyenne Mountain together with the nearby headquarters of NORAD
>and the new U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) the nerve center
>of the military's anti-terrorism network, working hand-in-glove to
>thwart attacks on North America.

>"Before 9/11, we had a very limited internal focus," said Maj.
>Charles Thinger, who heads the aerospace warning center at
>Cheyenne Mountain.

Even before NORAD was established in 1957, the Air Defense Command had a long history of trying to plan for Soviet bombers slipping through our outer peripheral radar and fighter defenses. The plan in 1947-49 was to start with the periphery of the U.S. in the State of Washington and in New England as a matter of urgency and then when funding became available to try to later fill in the interior of the U.S. with radar networks to detect enemy bombers that most likely will have slipped through the leaky outer border radar network.

The Korean War opened up the funding floodgates in 1950 and soon the interior of the U.S. was filled (however incompletely) with

air defense radar stations and even what were called "gap filler" smaller radars in between the larger radar sites. All deep inside the U.S. and not pointed outward. I mean for crying out loud you can't seriously tell me an air defense radar in Oklahoma spinning in all directions around 360 degrees is looking only for Soviet bombers coming from the north! Air defense radars have only line-of-sight range of at most about 300 miles so no radar in Oklahoma could possibly monitor the Canadian border so why were there hundreds of such radars all throughout the U.S.??? Obviously the radars were looking for enemy aircraft that sneaked through the borders. But nothing on a mere blip on a radar screen will tell you the aircraft came from outside or inside the U.S., so an enemy aircraft from the Soviet Union looks just like a hijacked airliner on a radar screen. Large aircraft look like any other large aircraft on radar.

SAC (now STRATCOM) and NORAD have even had years of study of possible Soviet use of bombers disguised as civilian airliners.

>"The morning of Sept. 11, there were over 3,000 aircraft flying >over the continental United States and NORAD could track less >than 20 percent of them," he said, referring to the U.S.->Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command in charge of >detecting and countering airborne threats.

>Today, soldiers inside "the mountain" monitor a dizzying array >of screens featuring the real-time flight path of every >commercial plane over the United States, as well as constantly >updated maps, charts and diagrams channeling information which >could presage an attack.

The U.S. military has had its own system of military air traffic controllers for well over a half century now. Who looks at their air traffic data on a minute-by-minute basis? What radars feed into the military air traffic control system - which is every bit as large as the civilian FAA air traffic control system? Doesn't NORAD get this radar data from military controllers?

You won't find any mention of MILITARY air traffic controllers or control networks in the 9-11 Commission Report. Just doesn't exist I guess, like swamp gas saucers or something.

In reading declassified ADC Histories I found that all the way back in 1952 the Air Defense Command recognized the crucial importance to its mission of integrating FAA (then called CAA) air traffic data into its search for hostile aircraft on a minute-by-minute basis. Hence ADC set up joint AF-CAA Air Defense Control Centers (ADCC's) where this was done on a continuous minute-by-minute basis. How else are you going to tell what is a civilian aircraft and what may be a potential enemy aircraft? It is a total waste of military resources to send up fighters to identify every blip on the radar when the vast majority of them are civil aircraft, as the ADC realized in 1952. The obvious solution was to continually feed in civilian air traffic info into military air defense centers so they could tell which was "ours" and which were the unidentified "bogey" and that is exactly what they did in the ADCC's beginning in 1952.

Distinguishing civilian airliners and aircraft from potential hostile aircraft has always been a crucial function of U.S. air defense prior to NORAD's creation and since its establishment. This is nothing new that suddenly came into existence purportedly only after 9-11.

What has happened with this obviously essential joint FAA-AF function established in 1952 and why are they all pretending to create the same thing all over again as if this is the first time it has been done?

>"There were no procedures in place to mitigate the kind of >threat we saw on that day," Navy Cmdr. Mike White said at the >joint headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Yes there were! This liar is cleverly mixing and confusing the issues of shooting down a hijacked airliner with getting fighter aircraft to the vicinity of aircraft in trouble. Don't tell me that a fighter pilot without explicit orders to shoot down an airliner but seeing an airliner heading into the second World Trade Center tower with the first one still in flames would not

have tried something to stop the second airliner, perhaps even tried to tip the airliner's wings to bump it off course.

The real issue is the lies and deception about who knew what and when did they know it, and why the F-16's and later the first F-15's were all flying at only 1/3 of top speed. Who ordered them to effectively "stand down" by dragging their feet with such ridiculously slow speeds??? Why doesn't anyone with clout ask these questions and demand real answers?

>He said that had now changed, thanks to expanded air patrols,
>radar coverage, information sharing and intelligence
>coordination - as well as a determination to shoot down
>civilian aircraft if necessary.

<snip>

>Shoot Down Orders

>The [9-11] commission also cited confusion and poor coordination
>between NORAD and the civilian Federal Aviation Administration,
>saying they had been unprepared to deal with such an attack. On
>Sept. 11, 2001, the order to shoot down the hijacked planes did
>not reach ready fighter jets until the last attacked airliner
>had crashed.

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Oh please, you are going to tell me that if the F-15 pilots from Langley AFB, Virginia, had put on full thrust to get to Washington, DC, in timely fashion instead of dawdling at 1/3 speed, that they would have done nothing while the errant airliner flew towards the White House and Capitol then veered off towards the Pentagon??? That's just a bunch of lying crap.

Why were fighters scrambled from 150 miles away in Norfolk, Va., instead of right from the Washington, DC, area at Andrews AFB??? Only later in the morning were fighters sent aloft from Andrews' 113th ANG Wing (at 10:38 AM). So the fighters were there and could have been used earlier (but it took a worried Secret Service to order them up). It's a simple question but it has never been answered and at this rate 3 years later it is likely never to be answered.

At least with the Washington National UFO incidents of 1952 we know why the F-94's had to be scrambled long distance from New Castle AFB, Delaware, instead of from nearby Andrews AFB where they were normally based. It was because of runway repairs at Andrews, the fighters had been temporarily restationed at New Castle.

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Belzil

From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 20:47:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:15:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Belzil

I have been investigating animal mutilations for 8 years now and have been to nearly 100 incidents. I am not going to argue about what several of you wrote about mutilations in the last few days.

I want to make a few observations about what is going on, here, in Canada.

It was mentioned that most of the mutilated bovine females had given birth a couple of weeks prior. In my investigations, the 50 or so cows that were mutilated, that was not the case. The calves, in all cases, were a few months old.

There has never, never been a report in any mute case here, that black helicopters were seen or heard.

If there is a connection between mutilations and BSE, time will tell. All the animals that I have investigated were all perfectly healthy, many were eating when mutilated.

Where does that leave us with the other mutilations that I have investigated like a cat, a two-day-old Lamb, an elk, a moose, a dog. Also a Buffalo that I was never able to go to?

I have found animals whose blood tests came back as hemoglobin in several cases, as well as collagen. Other samples show radiation etc., and in some cases magnetic field changes.

In my 2 hour presentation I have the pictures and a lot of information. I am a rancher and I raised purebred Herefords most of my life, which has been a plus for me in my investigations.

Fern Belzil

St Paul,
Alberta, Canada

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 04:02:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:21:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 15:57:23 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>Nowhere have I said that the idea that Chiles-Whitted saw a
>>spaceship is "inherently irrational", merely that there are more
>>likely explanations for the sighting.

Why is the lousy Chiles-Whitted sighting being singled out for all this attention? The existence or non-existence of the UFO phenomenon does not hinge on this very poor 5-10-second sighting, which has very little to distinguish it from a brilliant meteor fireball, as I pointed out way back in 2001 on UFO UpDates:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/sep/m20-009.shtml>

Chiles and Whitted were not trained experts in visual observation, no matter how many hours of flight time they had, and they provided no data such as angular elevation and azimuth and exact reconstructed timing that might be convincing that they had expertise in visual observation, especially short duration events such as meteors. Nor were they astronomers so they were not experts in meteoritics.

But Dr Lincoln LaPaz was a trained expert in visual observation, in fact one of the world's leading experts in short duration meteor observations whose accuracy was proven by actually finding the fallen meteorites. And LaPaz had a multiple-witness long duration Daylight Disc observation of a 200-foot rapidly maneuvering white ellipsoidal UFO Daylight Disc traveling at close to 1,400 mph peak velocity on July 10, 1947, for approximately 2.5 minutes, where the distance was established by the object disappearing into a cloud bank at known distance then reappearing 5 seconds later.

LaPaz's sighting and that of the 7-minute triangulated observation of the 200-foot hovering then hypersonic black flying wing accelerating into earth escape velocity (25,000 mph), sighted by the world renowned U-2 and later SR-71 aircraft designer Kelly Johnson and his top Lockheed designer-engineers and test pilots from two separate ground and air positions about 30 miles apart and unaware of each other, on Dec 16, 1953, are far more substantive UFO observations than the pathetically weak strawman case of Chiles-Whitted, indeed they are just about the best UFO visual observations in history. Why don't we talk about this strongest evidence for the UFO phenomenon instead of the weakest?

Or how about the triangulated Daylight Disc sighting of the 500-foot metallic Saturn-shaped hovering UFO over the suburbs of the

Pentagon by top DoD official in charge of R&D, the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, who saw the object hovering then suddenly take off into space until disappearance by distance, at what I calculate as approximately 36,000 mph average velocity. Unbeknownst to the Pentagon official because Project Blue Book lied to him, the AF found that the pilot of the Capitol airliner the official had seen in the sky during the UFO sighting and whose plane he used as a visual distance reference in the sky for comparison with the UFO, that pilot had also seen the UFO -- and from a totally different direction at right angles, thus providing triangulation which proves the accuracy of the Pentagon R&D official's calculations (such as the 6 Full Moons angular size, plenty large enough to see tremendous detail during the 50-second sighting and eliminate IFO explanations). The R&D official had used instruments to reconstruct the angular details of his sighting and reenacted it to get the precise timing.

Let's discuss the best evidence not the worst evidence shall we? Enough is enough with these convenient strawmen cases so easily knocked down or bogged down in swamp gases of confusion and hot air controversy.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled - Gerstrom

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Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 14:01:44 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled - Gerstrom

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:14:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2004 06:52:35 -0700
>>Subject: Secret US Watch Post Overhauled

>>Source: Reuters Alertnet Foundation

>><http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N03483623.htm>

>>09-06-04

>>FEATURE-Learning from 9/11, secret US watch post overhauled

>>By Caroline Drees, Security Correspondent

>>CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colo., Sept 6 (Reuters) - Buried inside a
>>mountain beneath 2,000 feet (600 metres) of rock, a top-secret
>>watch post scans the skies around the clock to make sure America
>>is never again caught off guard by an attack like Sept. 11's.

>>Designed as a Cold War sentinel against Soviet bombers, Cheyenne
>>Mountain Operations Center near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and
>>the military units it supported were unprepared for the 2001
>>attack.

>ROFL! It never ceases to amaze me how the media can sure as heck
>tell us and everybody on Earth about that 'Top Secret Base'.

>Like Area 51. All that time and money and manpower to keep it
>secret and it ends up in movies, TV shows, comic books and model
>toy kits.

>Next thing ya know 'Cheyenne Mountain' will end up as some new
>action kit toy set with secret Generals and Colonels with 'Kung
>Fu grip'.

And we still have had no answer to the question why the whole
NORAD in Cheyenne Mountain was turned off on 911. How many have
been dragged into a military court for negligence?

Yours,

Ole Gerstrom
Denmark

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 08:15:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:41:37 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaeser

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:52:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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Re: What's New With John Ford? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 07:32:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:46:33 -0400
Subject: Re: What's New With John Ford? - Lehmborg

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:17:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: What's New With John Ford?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: AlienViewGroup.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 09:06:24 -0500
>>Subject: What's New With John Ford?

>>John Ford, the reader recalls, was the strident Suffolk county
>>New York "UFO nut", TOO many years ago now, who "tried to
>>murder" a political rival, John Powell, by putting radium in his
>>household tooth paste.

><snip>

>>John Ford, accused of conspiracy to murder, and then locked in
>>an institution for the criminally insane facilitated by his
>>belief in the ufological, is very likely crazy_now_, just under
>>10 years into this, very likely criminal, false imprisonment. It
>>doesn't_help_that he looks like Elmer Fudd, has a voice like
>>Daffy Duck and was as stridently litigious as Yosemite Sam is
>>angry and bellicose... it doesn't_matter_either! John was
>>likely just one more easy victim of the criminally arbitrary, a
>>pawn of a criminal aristocratic elite, and just another crushed
>>bug for the boss of a corrupt political machine.

>>What's new with John Ford?

>Alfred and Listers,

>According to the most recent letter that I have received from
>John Ford, he has indicated that he is in good spirits and seems
>optimistic about an early release.

>He expects a transfer to what he describes as a 'civil' hospital
>in the next year or so, and then from there expects to be
>released in two or three years.

Early release? Maybe.

I should mention that the County of Suffolk, if not the State of
New York, owes John Ford a box car full of money for egergiously
destroying his civil rights!

A hungry lawyer out there in CyberSpace could strike a blow for
the rights of Americans and make his name on this case alone -
it would seem - there's enough money there for a whole platoon
of lawyers, a _foundation_ of lawyers.

By all reports his legal council has _not_ done him any favors
thus far.

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Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Connors

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Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 06:39:10 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:56:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Connors

An interesting thread, indeed! From a review of the fourth compilation in the audio history of Ufology series to the Kenneth Arnold case, Pelicanism and Chiles-Whitted case. Who would have thought! <G>

Just a reminder that the "CE IV: An Audio History of Alien Abduction and Animal Mutilations" MP3 disc is still available to researchers.

Also, you may wish to consider the fifth in the series that was just released entitled, "ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald," which contain over 11 hours of rare audio material.

Help the audio preservation project with your donations. The CE IV disc, containing over 25 hours of material, is available for consideration at:

www.fadeddiscs.com

Well, that sews up this part of the thread, so let the current seam continue. <LoL>

Wendy Connors
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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 08:58:42 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Keep hitting any stonewall, especially an unjust one, in the
same place and it crumbles with some eventually...

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 10:18:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 17:00:13 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 08:15:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:52:31 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>I wonder what Mr Richardson hopes will be achieved by yet another
>>investigation into this case.

>>Does this Governor genuinely believe that:

>>1. The wreckage of an ET craft has been in US govt custody for
>> 57 years, and still top secret?

>>2. The actual bodies of ETs are likewise still in US custody
>> for all this time?

>>3. A ton or more of official documents on the case is still
>> under wraps after all this time?

>>Someone ought to put these items to him, point blank. If he does
>>not accept all 3, there is no point in taking it any further,
>>since you cannot have a Roswell ET crash without the above
>>consequences to follow.

>IMO, Gov. Richardson is jumping onto the same bandwagon that the
>late Cong. Steven Schiff was riding when he requested the GSA
>investigation you refer to. But I'm not sure you read all of the
>supporting articles related to that investigation, which clearly
>showed their frustration in trying to research that event and
>obtain information from the Air Force. Since I happen to work at
>the U.S. House I was in contact with Schiff's staff during their
>probe and it was clear that the GSA was very limited in what
>they could obtain. As with everything else in this city,
>politics is the name of the game, and there's no political
>future in chasing ghosts or ufos.

>I happen to believe there's probably a large amount of
>information and material related to the event that remains
>undiscovered, or hidden away in secret (as conspiratorialists
>would have us believe), but I'm also not convinced that the
>Governor will have any clout to get it released. It's hard to
>specifically ask for records that you can't identify, and the
>destruction of records related to that time period in Rowell
>stymied the GSA's effort in 1996 which left them with more
>questions than answers. Richardson will hit that same brick
>wall, but who knows for sure until he tries.

I have no idea why CD has trouble with the idea that wreckage,
bodies and paperwork can be kept under wraps for 57 years. For
example, last November at the Eisenhower Library in response to
my question, one of the archivists indicated that they still had
about 300,000 pages of classified material.

Ike left office in 1961. There are thousands of square miles of the USA that can't even be flown over, and one can't hide some wreckage and a few bodies? There are also many places where nuclear weapons are stored... without visitor tours being conducted.

Let's get real.

Stan Friedman

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Is There Anybody Out There?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 09:49:35 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 17:03:12 -0400
Subject: Is There Anybody Out There?

NASA, SETI, Jodie Foster, Hostile Environments, Outer Space &
Under Da' Sea

<http://www.rednova.com/news/stories/1/2004/09/07/story103.html>

They sure piled it on in this story.

It's all over the place from outer space to the bottom of the
sea.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

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Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 11:44:34 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 17:06:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 20:23:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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As an aside to the C-W case, Jenny Randles' report was skewed
due to her lack of knowledge of how pilots pilot, and the
dynamics of flight etc. She is in good company.

Don Ledger

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

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Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

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>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 04:02:41 EDT
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>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 15:57:23 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>Nowhere have I said that the idea that Chiles-Whitted saw a
>>>spaceship is "inherently irrational", merely that there are more
>>>likely explanations for the sighting.

>Why is the lousy Chiles-Whitted sighting being singled out for
>all this attention? The existence or non-existence of the UFO
>phenomenon does not hinge on this very poor 5-10-second
>sighting, which has very little to distinguish it from a
>brilliant meteor fireball, as I pointed out way back in 2001 on
>UFO UpDates:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/sep/m20-009.shtml>

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>But Dr Lincoln LaPaz was a trained expert in visual observation,
>in fact one of the world's leading experts in short duration
>meteor observations whose accuracy was proven by actually
>finding the fallen meteorites. And LaPaz had a multiple-witness
>long duration Daylight Disc observation of a 200-foot rapidly
>maneuvering white ellipsoidal UFO Daylight Disc traveling at
>close to 1,400 mph peak velocity on July 10, 1947, for
>approximately 2.5 minutes, where the distance was established by
>the object disappearing into a cloud bank at known distance then
>reappearing 5 seconds later.

>LaPaz's sighting and that of the 7-minute triangulated
>observation of the 200-foot hovering then hypersonic black
>flying wing accelerating into earth escape velocity (25,000
>mph), sighted by the world renowned U-2 and later SR-71 aircraft
>designer Kelly Johnson and his top Lockheed designer-engineers
>and test pilots from two separate ground and air positions about
>30 miles apart and unaware of each other, on Dec 16, 1953, are
>far more substantive UFO observations than the pathetically weak
>strawman case of Chiles-Whitted, indeed they are just about the
>best UFO visual observations in history. Why don't we talk about
>this strongest evidence for the UFO phenomenon instead of the
>weakest?

>Or how about the triangulated Daylight Disc sighting of the 500-
>foot metallic Saturn-shaped hovering UFO over the suburbs of the
>Pentagon by top DoD official in charge of R&D, the Special
>Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research &
>Engineering, who saw the object hovering then suddenly take off

>into space until disappearance by distance, at what I calculate
>as approximately 36,000 mph average velocity. Unbeknownst to the
>Pentagon official because Project Blue Book lied to him, the AF
>found that the pilot of the Capitol airliner the official had
>seen in the sky during the UFO sighting and whose plane he used
>as a visual distance reference in the sky for comparison with
>the UFO, that pilot had also seen the UFO -- and from a totally
>different direction at right angles, thus providing
>triangulation which proves the accuracy of the Pentagon R&D
>official's calculations (such as the 6 Full Moons angular size,
>plenty large enough to see tremendous detail during the 50-
>second sighting and eliminate IFO explanations). The R&D
>official had used instruments to reconstruct the angular details
>of his sighting and reenacted it to get the precise timing.

>Let's discuss the best evidence not the worst evidence shall we?
>Enough is enough with these convenient strawmen cases so easily
>knocked down or bogged down in swamp gases of confusion and hot
>air controversy.

Brad,

I am omitting discussion of the Chiles-Whitted case here in order to focus on your three examples of strong cases. They certainly are. But you often cite cases from your personal files or records that others have no way of seeing for themselves and verifying independently

For example, the fact of a July 10, 1947 astronomer sighting has been known for a long time, but not the details you report and the identification of the key witness as LaPaz (which clearly does make it a very strong case).

I was aware of the Kelly Johnson sighting, but where can people read about it?

The giant Saturn-shape UFO over the Pentagon area is the most spectacular of all, and this is the first time I ever heard of it. What is your documentation and where can I read the full report? For that matter, what was the date?

- Dick

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:08:42 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>The governor obviously is just not 'with it' over Roswell, but
>wants to make some noises. Why not similar noises over The San
>Augustin 'crash' (a la Friedman) or the Aztec crash? Both come
>under the governor's jurisdiction.

>Having just read Larry Bryant's latest, pathetic, letter to the
>Roswell Daily Record (Open letter to the Gov.), Richardson will
>doubtless realise the stupidity of the whole affair, and keep
>well away.

Yes, he should understand that the Roswell officers were
fascinated by a bunch of weather balloons and radar targets with
balsa sticks. The ones of the Mogul 4 balloon train which was
never launched, and probably would not have reached the Foster
ranch anyway.

And the GAO was so silly to write:

"The debate on what crashed at Roswell continues".

Roswell Case closed!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

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The witness reported seeing something very much like what
Chiles-Whitted reported. Debunkers such as Hynek then was
suggested that the witness might be mistaken about the time of
his own sighting, which may have been at the time of C-W's,
thus making the "extraordinary meteor" (Hynek's phrase)
more likely. There is no evidence that the witness was mistaken
about the time of his sighting.

>>>From their entries in my UFO Encyclopedia, I have drawn these
>>names of ufologists whom their colleagues considered of good
>>character and respectability; all are no longer among us and
>>therefore can't phone their attorneys. Please pick the names of
>>those whom you judge to have been exploiting UFOs solely or
>>primarily for personal gain:

>I wasn't referring to dead ufologists. What would be the
point? The ones I have in mind are very much alive. Two or three
of those you mention are too obscure for me to know anything
about them anyway.

So you were, after all, just blowing smoke. Nobody can possibly
conclude otherwise now.

I hope that in the future we can be spared innuendo about
ufologists' motives. As we see here, John Harney's words are no
more than a poorly concealed dodge. It would do all of us well,
ufologists and their critics alike, to assume that ostensibly
sincere researchers and theorists are, in fact, sincere (even
if, from our point of view, in error about one thing or another)
-- unless we have clear evidence that they are, as John hinted,
simply out to make money, grab attention, or fool the public.
John has been able to demonstrate no such evidence, and now
essentially concedes that he has none.

Jerry Clark

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** PROPOSED FOIA EXEMPTION FOR SAT IMAGERY THREATENS ACCESS
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PROPOSED FOIA EXEMPTION FOR SAT IMAGERY THREATENS ACCESS

A proposed Freedom of Information Act exemption for commercial satellite imagery would severely restrict public access to a broad swath of unclassified government information.

The proposed exemption, already approved in the Senate, awaits consideration this month in a House-Senate conference committee.

The text of the measure, entitled "Nondisclosure of Certain Products of Commercial Satellite Operations," is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2004/s2400-imagery.html>

Almost every clause of the proposed exemption embodies notable hostility to the conventions of open government and public access to government information.

Thus, the exemption would apply not only to commercial satellite images acquired by the government, but would also broadly exclude "any... other product that is derived from such data."

This means that maps, reports, and any other unclassified government analyses or communications that are in some way "derived from" a commercial satellite image would become inaccessible through FOIA.

Not only that, but "any State or local law relating to the disclosure of information or records" would be preempted and nullified when it comes to imagery or imagery-derived information.

And more: the provision would not merely "exempt" all of this information, but would positively "prohibit" its disclosure. Government officials would be barred from releasing it under FOIA even if they wanted to.

"The use of remote sensing imagery has become a routine and important part of newsgathering, facilitating more compelling news coverage," wrote Barbara Cochran of the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA), an advocate for news media use of commercial satellite imagery, in a letter to Congress last week.

"The usefulness of such imagery in covering wars, refugees, disasters, genocides, illicit weapons, etc. is readily apparent."

But the proposed FOIA exemption would threaten this function, she argued.

"In essence, this new FOIA exemption would result in taxpayer dollars being used to preclude the media from adequately informing the public about matters of critical importance that in no way implicate the national security."

"For example, imagery of genocide or disaster sites, which the government may have obtained, may be denied to journalists investigating how the government responded to these calamities."

"Congress should not undermine the public's interest in knowing what its government is up to in its quest to protect the nation," she urged.

See her September 3, 2004 letter to the House Armed Services Committee:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/09/rtna090304.html>

DOD SEEKS RAPID ATTRIBUTION OF DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ATTACK

A Defense Department initiative known as Domestic Nuclear Event Assessment (DNEA) is pursuing the operational and analytical capacity to rapidly identify the origin of a nuclear explosion that occurs within the United States.

"Attribution is essential for the United States to appropriately respond to a domestic nuclear event (DNE)," according to a newly released portion of a Defense Science Board (DSB) study.

The DSB noted that "The requirement for attribution capability as a part of deterrence was reaffirmed in a recent National Security Presidential Directive," referring to NSPD 17.

"The bottom line is that DNEA is the most comprehensive, coordinated, and organized approach ever undertaken by the U.S. Government to identify the perpetrators of an event using a nuclear or radiological dispersal device," the DSB report stated. "It is on schedule for mid-FY06 IOC [initial operational capability]."

The previously unreported DNEA effort was described in Volume II-A of the Defense Science Board 2003 Summer Study on DoD Roles and Missions in Homeland Security, dated May 2004, which was made public last week.

See the description of DNEA on pages 48-50 of the DSB report here (157 pages, 1.5 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/dsb/homelandv2.pdf>

"The WMD threat to USG [US Government] & DOD facilities, personnel, and operations is real," according to a 2002 U.S. Southern Command internal regulation (thanks to RT):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/sc525-13.pdf>

RUMSFELD ON LEAKS, OVERCLASSIFICATION

"Our country has forgotten how to keep a secret," said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at an August 26 press briefing.

"We have such a hemorrhaging of information that's classified. Every day in Washington, D.C., and around the world," he said.

Secretary Rumsfeld went on to acknowledge the fact of overclassification, but drew no inferences as to its relationship to the leak problem:

"Now it may very well be that a lot of information is classified that shouldn't be, or it's classified for a period longer than it should be. And maybe we've got to find a better way to manage that as well." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/08/dod082604.html>

He made similar points in response to a question on secrecy from

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton at an August 17 hearing of the
Senate Armed Services Committee:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/08/sasc081704.html>

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>Source: Albuquerque Tribune, New Mexico

>http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news04/081804_news_ufo.shtml

>August 18, 2004

>Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

>By Sue Vorenberg
>Tribune Reporter

>Could Roswell be the tragic site of a 1947 alien fender-bender?

>Maybe, says Gov. Bill Richardson. Maybe not, say New Mexico
>scientists.

>Still, most say they would relish the chance to investigate if
>they got it.

>"If they find little green men, I want to watch," said Eileen
>Ryan, an astrobiologist at Magdalena Ridge Observatory outside
>Socorro.

>"The thought of an alien crash is a fantastic idea, and it does
>capture people's imaginations. I seriously doubt the incident
>was real, though."

>Richardson has brought the controversial notion of a Roswell UFO
>crash back into the mysterious orange-and lime-colored lights.

>In a forward to a new book called "The Roswell Dig Diaries,"
>Richardson said he would like to see all information about the
>crash disclosed to the public.

<snip>

To be serious, does not the said governor know about the GAO
investigation in 1995, and its negative results?

Richardson does not want to use NM funds to investigate further.
Not surprising! He wants "full disclosure" by the federal guys
instead.

He simply cannot accept that there has been a "full disclosure"
already. And all it produced was : Nothing to disclose. Nothing
to declassify. Virtually nothing at all. Period!

There just aint no ET bodies, wreckage or top secret documents
on our beloved Roswell. And that is the bitter truth.

The "full disclosure" lies in his, and numerous others',
imagination.

CDA

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September 7, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

FORMATION REPORT #11 - WADENA, SASKATCHEWAN

With a later harvest this year, finally the first formation report from Saskatchewan, the traditional crop circle "hot spot" in Canada. Three ovals in wheat/pasture grass, first found September 2. Approximately 22 metres (73 feet) long. Initial field report, survey diagram and ground photos are posted on the web site. Investigation in progress by CCCRN Saskatchewan. This is the eleventh reported formation for 2004.

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c. CCCRN, 2004

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Hi Dick,

Sorry, I just have so little time these days even to read the posts and can barely write responses. In this case I could only hastily compose a response off the cuff. I should have pointed out that more technical detail and references are available in my latest available Version 1.7 of my Comprehensive Catalog of Blue Book Unknowns, which is on the CUFOS website, though only the older versions seem to be on other websites.

>For example, the fact of a July 10, 1947 astronomer sighting has
>been known for a long time, but not the details you report and
>the identification of the key witness as LaPaz (which clearly
>does make it a very strong case).

Hynek interviewed LaPaz in his astronomer survey for Blue Book, at the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society in June 1952 and explicitly was told by LaPaz that he (LaPaz) was the astronomer UFO witness in the Life magazine article of April 7, 1952. This has been known since NICAP's publication of Hynek's report in the Grudge-BB Status Reports back in 1968.

Some of the details are simple physics calculations based on the details in LaPaz's report (most of which I do in my head since they are rough numbers anyway and don't justify the making of elaborate calculations).

>I was aware of the Kelly Johnson sighting, but where can people
>read about it?

See my BB Unknowns Catalog and Joel Carpenter's IUR article based on our joint investigation at a preliminary stage. But keep in mind the main documents are in the Blue Book files and have been available since their release in 1976. There were a few key pages the AF deliberately removed. Don Berliner copied one and the other came out in Bill Weitzel's discovery of the unsanitized AF microfilm in 1998 -- but no one put them together until still years later because the UFO community has never digested this strongest known evidence for the UFO phenomenon,

namely, the AF files. Instead the UFO community perversely attacks and disparages the AF files on the grounds that Blue Book had such poor investigations even though Blue Book generated very little of the files and simply collected them in one place from many different sources.

Many very competent observers sometimes with sophisticated tracking instruments sent excellent reports through AF channels that ended up at Blue Book, and whatever Blue Book did or did not do with the cases has no bearing whatsoever on the quality of the original reporting. Yet the UFO community seems to take the attitude that whatever Blue Book touched becomes worthless, which is a very short-sighted policy.

>The giant Saturn-shape UFO over the Pentagon area is the most >spectacular of all, and this is the first time I ever heard of >it. What is your documentation and where can I read the full >report? For that matter, what was the date?

Sorry about my hasty writeup. It was Oct 7, 1958. See Loren Gross' histories and supplements and my BB Unknowns Catalog. Jan Aldrich very kindly gathered together for me every scrap he could find on this startling and important case. I put some of my technical analysis in the latest revision of my BB Catalog. I discovered triangulation in the independent sighting by the airline pilot which Blue Book suppressed in its zeal to write it all off with a preposterous Menzelian explanation (the type that routinely violates all principles of optical physics). So naturally the AF did not notice the pilot corroboration or its triangulation, despite Ruppelt's moanings in his book that triangulated observations were just about the most important UFO data to obtain.

Indeed it is very possible that this sighting so rattled the AF that it was forced to replace Capt Gregory with an officer with stronger science background, namely physicist Capt (later Lt Col) Friend, who could more convincingly fend off DoD and Congressional inquiries (yes the AF and DoD were always at odds on many subjects not just UFO's, earlier in 1958 for example, DoD had taken over the AF's spy satellite program and put it under the brand new ARPA agency, though the arrangement didn't last long).

Brad

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Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter -

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>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 20:59:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

>There just aint no ET bodies, wreckage or top secret documents
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I beg to disagree, although I am not personally convinced that
there is any ET component to Roswell.

Bob

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Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter -

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>Subject: Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

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>To be serious, does not the said governor know about the GAO
>investigation in 1995, and its negative results?

>Richardson does not want to use NM funds to investigate further.
>Not surprising! He wants "full disclosure" by the federal guys
>instead.

>He simply cannot accept that there has been a "full disclosure"
>already. And all it produced was : Nothing to disclose. Nothing
>to declassify. Virtually nothing at all. Period!

>There just aint no ET bodies, wreckage or top secret documents
>on our beloved Roswell. And that is the bitter truth.

>The "full disclosure" lies in his, and numerous others',
>imagination.

I think the Governor is well aware of the GAO report, but you seem to be of the impression that it closed the book on Roswell, which even the GAO admitted was not the case. They were limited in the scope of information that they could ask for, and they found that information that "should" have been available had been destroyed and there was no record of who had authorized that destruction. All of this was frustrating to the GAO investigators, who spoke of it privately and it was only hinted at in the actual report. Former Congressman Steven Schiff considered taking this to the next level, which would have required backing from others in Congress, and this issue was overcome by other events that took everyone's attention.

What is forgotten by many is that the Air Force feared the outcome of the GAO investigation and began their own probe into the Roswell event in 1995 at about the same time as Schiff's GAO request. Most people fail to realize that the compartmentalization of information can result in very limited awareness of highly classified events or projects.

I believe there's little argument that something happened in Corona that caused the Roswell Army Air Base to send Jesse Marcel Sr. and Sheridan Cavitt to the ranch to see what the "debris" was. This event is fairly well documented, but it's now been shown that the US AAF (and later the Air Force) changed it's story several times as to what had crashed. Indeed, the 1995 Air Force investigation seems to be as much in the dark about the event as most UFO researchers, so one has to assume that they also failed to find any records pertaining to the event.

The approach that the Sci-Fi Channel has taken in this is the first new methodology applied to this case in many years, and I'm glad that they've found an approach to take that hasn't been

done before. It didn't prove to be fruitfull, per se, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't have been attempted.

My problem with Roswell is that there is no way to prove anything without additional information (which may never be available). Too much of this tale is anecdotal and has tended to evolve through the years as the story became more and more complex. Wading through the information is becoming more difficult without becoming frustrated with the inconsistencies, and many good researchers have left the field entirely after finding that their time isn't being well spent.

But, when all is said and done, we still haven't proven what happened near Corona in July of 1947. There are many theories and beliefs, expressed by those on all sides of this issue, but the debate will continue.

Steve

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Stevenson

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 14:46:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

<snip>

>>Does everyone have to be brainless...

><snip>

>>... and why do we have to 'put up' with
>>all the disinformation and lies?

>>Could someone on the List explain without pointing out a
>>conspiracy theory?

>>Could it be that ET and associates have been given permission to
>>do what they like in our best interests one wonders?

>You yourself just stated the wildest "conspiracy theory" of all
>- that "ET and associates" are conspiring with world governments.

Hi Brad and List

Suppose I ought to explain more fully.

ET may have been given permission to do anything so long as it
is in Mankind's best interest. If it is so then I can not see a
conspiracy just a permission. A conspiracy would involve more
than that surely.

For example; ET may have said they would like to help Humans and
Earth. Point of contact Military may have said "Yes please do if
you wish."

I am not saying this is true but it could be although I know you
may point to data which is contrary.

Kind regards

Col
<http://www.colsweb.com>

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UFO Collection For Sale

From: Perry Petrakis <perry.petrakis.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 16:06:52 -0400
Subject: UFO Collection For Sale

For Sale:

On an auction basis, a unique UFO collection. Over 30 years of research in France - more than 400 UFO books in French, Spanish, English, Italian, thousands of UFO journals from around the world, news clippings, tapes and video, research material from the core of French research during some of the best years (1970 - 2000). Sold as a whole.

Make offer to: perry.petrakis.nul

Best Wishes,

Perry Petrakis
perry.petrakis.nul

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It's The Martians' Fault!

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 16:11:26 -0400
Subject: It's The Martians' Fault!

H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" is being made, again, into a major motion picture.

We just can't leave them Martians alone! We've just gotta have a Martian around!

Here we are 100 years or more later and we're still reading that book, the movies, the tv shows or some such based on Wells' vision of an invasion from the red planet.

Now we've two rovers and satellites on Mars snooping about and digging up this and scooping up that in hopes we'll find that one piece of proof that Martians exist or existed.

It would be ironic if one day we humans have scoured the Universe and found life everywhere except Mars. It would be disappointing I'm sure. We'd have to toss away all that good literature and eye candy. If there aren't Martians maybe we would make some and put them there and not tell the kids so that when they grow up and venture out into space they'll find Martians. We can spend the time in between blaming Martians instead of the Boogiemans or the Tooth Fairy. Y'know give us some breathing room when those tough questions arise like,

"Hey Dad, why can't I have an increase in my allowance?" You can then use the old, "Why them Martians! It's their fault! They're messing with our economy with the Inflationatron Ray Gun!"

See, we could give parents and grandparents a good 20 years or more of easy excuses til the kids find out and then join in on the fun so they'll have some peace of mind when they have kids.

I brought all this up because I read an extremely funny story a man brought up in remembrance of his mom at her funeral. He recalled how his mom told the story of what happened during the original radio broadcast by Orson Wells' of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" 'It's a loving story that just says what America's about that I could relate to because my own mom told me about the same thing when the country was spellbound during the original broadcast of Orson Wells' radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds". I would giggle as a child listening to her talk about how friends and family got the 'shootin' irons' out and hid in the church or the root cellar or even rallied round the 'Y' awaiting the menacing legions of Martians to arrive.

It always has and still makes me giggle.

I can still make some of the old folk jump a bit if I say the word "Martians!"

I'll get cussed out and a shoe flung at me but it's worth it sometime.

I just blurt back, "Hey, it wasn't me it was them Martians again! "

Anybody remember that broadcast or have a story about what happened or has anyone on the List written a book or mentioned it on video?

Best ,

Greg

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The Good People You Meet In Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: The Good People You Meet In Ufology

One thing I always treasure about Ufology is the chance to meet people of all walks of life. It's a blessing to get to shake their hands or just get to say 'Howdy'. Some folks are so amazing they deserve stories about themselves.

Many a time I've sat and listened to a witness or abductee or researcher and have been astounded at their achievements. Many a time I ask them for an autograph!

There are so many unsung heroes and heroines amongst the public that it's a shame we don't spend more time giving them the recognition they deserve.

I would spend hours upon hours listening to WWI or WWII veterans spin their tales and would thrill at their exploits. Deeds of self-sacrifice and courage you couldn't imagine. Made me appreciate my elders and neighbors who stood up in those days.

It's really, really a treat to meet good folk.

Even today I spend time volunteering with seniors and my reward is just the chance to hear about history from the folks who made it.

So I found this story on the web about a lady I'm sure many of you have met or passed by or glanced at at the Roswell museum. People like Mrs.Kane-Doerhoefer are what makes the world a better place.

Best,

Greg

Source; The Roswell daily Record

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/090604/news08.html>

Kane-Doerhoefer's community spirit gives hope to others

Christopher Cunningham
Record Staff Writer

Although retired since 1998, Rita still manages to be one of the busiest people in the city of Roswell. A volunteer for Magistrate Court, the American Red Cross, the Roswell Literacy Council and many other community organizations, Kane-Doerhoefer's primary motivation seems to be her boundless energy.

"What am I going to do? Sit home and vegetate?" asked the spry, tanned 56-year-old in a recent interview.

Originally from Chicago, Kane-Doerhoefer has lived in Roswell since 1992 and in the Southwest since the 1970s. Nevertheless, she was quick to point out her loyalty to her hometown.

"I am a devout Chicago Cubs and Bears fan," she said. Indeed,

attached to her blouse were two small ornamental pins: a Cubs logo and a blue Chicago Bears helmet.

With a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Miami (Fla.) and a master's degree in education from Loyola University Chicago, Kane-Doerhoefer started out as a teacher. In 1974, she moved to Albuquerque to study for her doctorate at the University of New Mexico, but after graduating decided to switch careers.

"The Albuquerque school district wouldn't hire me because I was overqualified for a beginning teacher," said Kane-Doerhoefer.

She became an insurance claims adjuster in 1977, and first visited Roswell while on a business trip from Phoenix. Her experience in insurance claims, where conflict resolution is part of the job, as well as her upbeat personality, have certainly helped Kane-Doerhoefer as a volunteer mediator for the Roswell Magistrate Court.

The Magistrate Court handles minor crimes such as misdemeanors and decides civil disputes involving suits of less than \$10,000. The volunteer mediators try to help the two parties involved in a suit come to an agreement without having to see a judge.

"Then they both have a say in how the case is settled and both parties come out happier," said Tobie Fouratt, chief clerk at the Magistrate Court.

Mediators like Kane-Doerhoefer are particularly successful in this process, said Fouratt.

"She's very knowledgeable because of her background. She's very friendly, very compassionate."

A mediator must also be prepared to deal with many varieties of conflict, according to Kane-Doerhoefer.

"I hear everything from disputes about dogs to poor workmanship to 'you owe me money.'"

The mediators also reduce the strain on the legal system through their volunteer efforts.

"We save the city of Roswell countless tax dollars by doing this," she said.

Kane-Doerhoefer also works as a paid mediator for the Fifth Judicial District Court, but she donates her paycheck to charity.

Her background as an insurance claims adjuster also comes into play in her volunteer work for the American Red Cross, for whom she sometimes assesses damage after a disaster.

She also strives to be very well-informed, which also helps, according to Dara Dana, branch manager of the Rio Hondo branch of the American Red Cross, where Kane-Doerhoefer volunteers. As a member of the Disaster Action Team, said Dana, one of Kane-Doerhoefer's tasks is to explain Red Cross services to victims.

"Part of a Red Cross volunteer's job is to help get the Red Cross message out to the public, and Rita is a great spokeswoman for us.

"She's very articulate and that's one thing that's very important for our volunteers," Dana said.

Kane-Doerhoefer's education background is also useful in her career as a full-time volunteer. She is a Roswell Literacy Council board member and a reading tutor. Reading is one of her favorite activities, and she enjoys helping others learn this basic skill.

"I am a reader. I am a card-carrying member of the Roswell Public Library," said Kane-Doerhoefer.

She is concerned about many Hispanic immigrants' inability to read English, and she doesn't let her lack of Spanish-speaking ability stop her from teaching English as a second language.

"If you can't read, you can't even decipher what's in a can of soup."

Kane-Doerhoefer also spends plenty of time as a volunteer in Roswell's recreational activities. Soon after she retired, she spent four years as a tour guide at the local UFO International Museum and Research Center. And yes, Kane-Doerhoefer is a believer.

"I believe that the Roswell Incident is true," she said.

She also is involved in the many parades that occur in Roswell, and frequently lends her well-known fleet of nine vintage cars for these events. She is the chairwoman of the Pi=C3=Blata Fest parade, and her yellow 1951 Buick always makes an appearance as the lead car. Her classic vehicles also make regular appearances in the Veterans Day parades.

Even politicians have benefited from the use of her famously attractive automobiles.

"Michael Trujillo was running for county commissioner. I put him in my big yellow Buick and he won =E2=80=94 the only Democrat on the County Commission."

Kane-Doerhoefer also helps out at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair, supports the Valley Christian Academy with generous donations and this year was the co-chair for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life fund-raiser in Roswell. The relay, however, has particular resonance for Kane-Doerhoefer. Her father, sister and husband all died of cancer, and her mother was a six-time survivor of cancer before dying of the flu this year.

"We walk all night because cancer never sleeps," she said, referring to the overnight relay.

Besides her incredible energy, Kane-Doerhoefer also has a desire to give back to her community.

"I just feel like giving," she said, adding that Roswell depends on the efforts of volunteers like her.

"This city does not run without volunteers."

Getting out and getting to know her fellow city residents is something that Kane-Doerhoefer particularly enjoys about volunteering.

"I can go anywhere and talk to anyone. That's the best part about it."

"You'd be surprised how people open up when you tell them you're a volunteer," she said, referring to her reading students at the Roswell Literacy Council.

Nevertheless, community service can exact a toll on even the most intrepid volunteer. As a mediator at the Fifth Judicial District Court, Kane-Doerhoefer deals mainly with child abuse cases.

"I have seen and heard of horrific abuse of children," she said.

"It emotionally drains me. I feel so bad for these kids that can't stand up for themselves."

But, she added, her work must be done, so she does it. And ultimately, the simplest rewards make it all worthwhile.

"When someone says a mere 'thank you', that's all I need."

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The Search For Livable Worlds

Published:

Scientists eager to find life on other worlds - or at least ones that might support Life as We Know It - felt a shiver of excitement last week. Three teams of astronomers reported finding the smallest distant planets yet detected, suggesting that Earth-size planets with benign climates might be just around the corner. But there was a bit of discouraging news as well. A new calculation suggests that scientists may be looking in the wrong places for messages sent by any distant intelligent beings.

The pace of planetary discovery has been steadily quickening. A decade ago scientists did not know of even a single planet outside our solar system. Now they have found more than 100. Of course, they haven't actually seen them. They are far too distant and dim. Instead, scientists have inferred their presence from the slight wobbles their gravitational pull causes in their stars or from a slight dimming of a star's light as a planet passes across it.

Until last week, all the planets detected had been huge, gaseous blobs circling their suns at very close range. That is no surprise. The bigger and closer a planet is, the more likely it is to cause its star to wobble. But two American teams and one European team have now detected planets the size of Neptune or Uranus, some 14 to 20 times the mass of Earth. These planets, too, orbit their stars at too close a range for our form of life. But scientists say they are increasingly comfortable with the notion that there are an enormous array of planets out there, and that some of them are bound to be rocky orbs with temperatures that can permit liquid water and possibly life. Probably no Earth-size planet will be found until NASA launches a planet-hunting spacecraft in coming years.

Meanwhile, scientists searching for extraterrestrial intelligence will still scan electromagnetic waves reaching Earth for signs of a message that a far-off civilization may have sent.

The theory has been that radio waves or lightwaves are the fastest way to send messages across interstellar distances, so they are the most likely form of communication for an intelligent civilization. But an analysis in Nature this week suggests that a message longer than just a "Hi, we're here" kind

of thing would be sent most efficiently in physical form, much like a message in a bottle. That suggests that we should be looking for the alien equivalent of a letter in our own planetary backyard, analogous to the monolith left on the moon by aliens in "2001: A Space Odyssey" by Arthur C. Clarke. The only hitch is that such a message, traveling at a crawl by space standards, might have been sent 30 million years ago, and who knows whether the senders would have moved on or died off in the eons since. Best not to give up on electromagnetic messages entirely.

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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NY Times On The SETI And Planet Hunting

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/09/08/opinion/08wed3.html?ex=1095307200&en=4dc436d89ed1d709&ei=5006&partner=ALTAVISTA1>

One of these days, just one of these days the NY Times is going to catch on and ask Stanton T. Friedman to appear on the cover of their paper and let him debate the Air Force's best.

Then you're gonna see some action!

Best,

Greg

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>Bob

It is a source of never-ending wonderment how so many UK non-
ufologists (or anti-ufologists) can pronounce the ultimate truth
with such absolute certainty.

- Dick

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Filers Files #38 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
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Witnesses Are Truthful

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 as reported each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis that the over a hundred UFO reports each week represent factual UFO sightings in our skies. This week reports have been received from Mars Green Valleys, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, California, Canada, Chile, UK, Finland, and Australia. Country Stars Take Center Stage, and Shape Shifters caught on film.

Witnesses Are Truthful

Each week more than a hundred sighting reports are received by Peter Davenport at the National UFO Reporting Center. Many other reports are taken by various UFO organizations in almost every country in the world. I admit that some of these are probably mistaken identifications of mundane objects, but many are valid reports from honest people from all walks of life. I would like to point out that most of these UFO sightings are seen by more than one witness and often are seen by dozens of people. For hundreds of years science ignored similar reports of meteorites falling to the ground from space, and only over the last hundred years have these reports been taken seriously. Now the same meteorites are being tested for living bacteria. Apparently, bacteria can travel millions of miles through space and arrive safely. Therefore, the evidence is now conclusive that life can survive on most planets. Therefore, it seems reasonable to assume that space that we now know includes millions of planets most likely has other forms of intelligent life. Witnesses include pilots, astronauts, presidents, scientists and even Indian Chiefs. My experience is that most sighting reports are truthful events describing an advanced form of technology.

Travel Between Stars Takes Several Weeks

Most scientists believe the reason UFOs cannot be here is because of the great distance between star systems. NASA scientist Paul Hill in his book "Unconventional Flying Objects" provides the mathematical formulas to show that the travel time between planets in various solar systems for the occupants is less than it took for our ancestors to reach America. Although the apparent time is longer, the equations have been checked by the Langley Research Center and interstellar mission profiles can take only weeks or a few months. For example Paul Hill states, "It is possible for an interstellar trip to be very short. The trip from our nearest neighbor, Alpha Centuri, a triple star system 4.3 light years away, made by accelerating at 140 g to av/c of 0.9999 is accomplished from a standing start to a standing finish in 6 weeks, 0.115 year." (P. 272)

Mars - Green Valleys

Norman Bryden writes, " I just wanted to remind all of you not to forget about the life and running water on Mars. Below is European Space Agency image of Mars.

Maine - Triangle Shaped Formation

PALERMO - Two friends were watching the sky at 10 PM, and saw an elongated triangle shaped formation that looked like stars moving slowly overhead on August 22, 2004. It looked like a bright star as it moved towards the mountain across from Palermo. The front point dimmed, as it got further away, as if going behind a cloud. The last two points followed in the same direction as the first light. Even though it was a clear night, the lights dimmed slowly, and maintained their formation of lights that did not blink. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

New Hampshire - Zeppelin-like Lights

MANCHESTER -- There were four lights in the southern sky on August 21, 2004, at 7:04 PM. The witness stated, "These lights were quite obviously not associated with any human-made craft, given their strange movement. They moved far too slowly to be airplanes or helicopters. The four lights hovered Zeppelin-like and blinked a pale yellow light. They remained in the skies for over forty-five minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Connecticut - Disk

WOODBURY - On August 22, and we were driving home from my birthday party at 1 PM, when I saw a disk with a slightly domed roof hovering in the sky. The disk was hovering at a very high altitude and looked metallic because the sun gleamed off its surface. The witness states, "I could see enough of the craft to tell it was a disk with a slightly domed roof and I had my Mom look and told her, its a UFO. She responded "OK, cool, I believe you (in a sarcastic tone)" I turned to argue, when I looked back it was gone.

NEW FAIRFIELD - Three stationary stars were seen in a non-blinking triangle, and continuous in size, shape and orientation on August 21, 2004, at 10:30 PM. These huge lights moved slowly east and were flying at extremely high altitude avoiding all existing stars perfectly so that none were blocked out as it traversed the clear sky. The Milky Way was visible and the object made a question mark course towards the Southern sky where the lights quickly vanished before our eyes. ((NUFORC Note: We suspect that the witness may have observed the three satellites, thought to be part of the U. S. Navy's "NOSS" satellite system. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

New York - Flying Triangle

UTICA - Coming out of work the witness was walking across the parking lot, when he noticed a triangle shaped object flying overhead that lit up like stars on August 21, 2004, at 10:30 PM. He states, "There was a faint white light at each point of the triangle as it moved in a strait line with no sound. At first we thought it was a plane, but if it was a stealth fighter or bomber, it was flying sideways. The greatest length was front to back rather than side-to-side. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Pennsylvania - Light Groupings Spotted

BETHEL PARK -- On Sunday night August 22, 2004, a married couple were lying in the backyard on a comforter watching the stars at 9 PM, when they saw a bright star-like object approaching very slowly from the east, northeast. The witness said, "Look at that." It was continuing on its straight course, with no blinking lights and no sound. About a second or so later it began to grow dimmer and dimmer and then just disappeared. I would compare it to someone trimming a kerosene lamp and then extinguishing it. It was a clear night, no clouds, so it couldn't have flown into a cloudbank. We searched the skies with our eyes and binoculars but it had vanished. It was going too

slow to be a meteor and left no trail. ((NUFORC Note: If the estimate of direction is accurate, the object probably was not a satellite, since only very few satellites fly to the west. PD))

PHOENIXVILLE -- On August 23, 2004, the witness was walking his dog at roughly 11:45 PM, when he saw flashing green, red, and white lights in the northwestern sky. The object stayed in same location for 45 minutes and three additional lights were viewed through binoculars not as bright or large. Lights could be seen as rings of green flashing lights with red lights above and below the ring. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Tennessee - UFO Video

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Thanks to Kim Shaffer See video at:
<http://www.mufontennessee.org/>

Indiana - Flying Triangle

FT. WAYNE - On August 31, 2004, a senior at Indiana Tech University spotted a flying triangle on the way to school on State Road 30 towards Warsaw, Indiana about 9:20 PM. As I drove I noticed it looked funny, and was hovering over some trees off to the right of the highway. When I came up upon it, it darted over the highway into the field off to my left. As I drove up, I put my window down to see if I could hear anything such as rotor blades if it was a helicopter or engines if it was a plane. But, nothing! The object was triangular in shape, a white/blue light on each end of the triangle, and in the middle, it had a red light, that flashed white around it, almost like a strobe light. I had pulled off to the side of the road like an idiot, but I wanted to know exactly what I was looking at! Not to much traffic either on the highway that night, so it was pretty quiet outside! Very strange to say the least. The second time in as many months that I've seen a strange objects! Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Illinois - Iridescent UFO

ATKINSON - The object appeared as a dim light at around 7:50 PM, on August 22, 2004, and four observers saw it grow more intense after five to ten minutes over Northwest Illinois Sunday night. I yelled for my parents to come outside with the binoculars, and we each took turns looking at the apparent UFO over the next several minutes. It had three lights in a triangular fashion that would appear, disappear, and reappear; almost as if it was rotating in a fixed position in the sky. It continued to do this until the craft departed, leaving a vapor trail, at an angle going upward and westward. Right before it disappeared for good, my brother was the one who had the binoculars at the time, and he claimed that the craft seemed to morph into an iridescent disc of shining red, blue, green, and yellow, before zipping off. I am not sure if it was a coincidence, but at the moment

that the craft disappeared, a jet flying at a lower altitude than the craft was flying across the sky in the same vicinity as the UFO. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Missouri - Flying Stars

BUFFALO - The witness reports, "A couple of friends and I stopped on a rural bridge to look at the stars on August 21, 2004, at 11:30 PM, and noticed a blinking 'star' waving back and forth. After watching the craft dash in and out, side to side, and up and down we called my brother and his wife. After ten minutes of watching they both concluded that it had to be a UFO for the way that it was moving. They watched for an hour and noticed all of the little stars around it were blinking sporadically, moving and jolting slightly, and just disappearing. The objects seemed to be communicating with each other by blinking red or white lights or both. They would come and go and move around the sky. We watched the objects for three hours and we could see twenty moving. Eight people saw the maneuvering lights and everyone would tell you the same thing. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Nebraska - Flying Triangle

FALLS CITY - The witness was outside admiring the Milky way as it was a really clear night on August 22, 2004, at 10:55 PM, and noticed a "constellation" of three stars forming an isosceles triangle about the size of a dollar bill held at arms length was moving slowly south. It took thirty seconds to disappear behind the horizon from directly overhead. From my days of satellite watching, I could tell that it was not in the atmosphere. The three lights were as dim as the dimmest stars and hard to see at times. It also seems to me that it was blacking out stars because I was left with the impression that it was solid. I just can't get over two things; I swear that they were not moving initially, and were blacking out the stars behind them. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Colorado - Downtown UFO sighting

DENVER - The witness was on a downtown roof top loft laying his hammock on August 23, 2004, at 1 AM, when he saw a star moving. This object had to be way up there; it was a size of a small star and stopped every so often. The speed would increase and decrease every so often but not super fast. I followed it, and then another one caught my eye as they stopped. They flew at an altitude higher than a plane. I watched until the two objects flew behind a high, thin cloud that was partially over downtown. I was watching the sky for several minutes before I saw movement and the objects. No noise, no beams, nothing of that nature, they were the size of small stars, very high up, and the same color of the surrounding.

ENGLEWOOD - A MUFON member took the opportunity to Skywatch on August 23, 2004, at 2:55 PM, and saw a "fast-mover," a dim sphere traveling due south a bit faster than a jet or a satellite. Through binoculars, it was circular and reminiscent of the others I've seen recently, appearing to reflect the sun a bit. Through binoculars, it traveled into a feathery cloud, and I didn't see it come out the other side. Lowering the binoculars, I noted that the cloud was not very large at all, so it was odd that the object didn't come out the other side, and I looked but couldn't find it with the naked eye either. Just a few moments later, at 3 PM, I saw this object or another one, which suddenly appeared almost directly overhead. It was shining as bright as Vega but in the daytime sky. It remained absolutely motionless, for about three minutes. Through binoculars it appeared to be a perfectly circular, white object, with the typical thin crescent of darker "shadow" area on its side opposite the sun and remained steady and very bright. I lowered the binoculars briefly as a cloud moved into the area of the sphere, and then looked again through binoculars and saw a solid BLACK sphere moving through the cloud. I watched as the apparent color changed instantaneously. At 3.05 I noticed it had moved from its stationary position just south of an overhead wire to the north, by several degrees, and then it started heading to the east/northeast rather slowly, until by about 3.08 it had passed behind some trees and continued out of sight, now lower than halfway between horizon and zenith as it traveled away from me.

((NUFORC Note: The object moved from its stationary position just south of an overhead wire to the north, by several degrees, and then it started heading northeast rather slowly, until by about 3.08 it had passed behind some trees. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

California - Round Reflective Object

ROCKLIN -- On August 22, 2004, four witnesses were sitting on their balcony at 6:10 PM, when they noticed a circular and reflective object they thought might be a balloon. The witness states, "I pointed the object out to the three others who were all in their late 30"s to early 40"s. We watched for a five minutes and also noticed another fainter object to the right and higher. We were discussing what this might be, when I saw a reflective object fly by at high speed. When I looked up to where I originally saw the object, it was gone along with the fainter object. It was something like a translucent insect reflecting the sunlight high up in the sky, but I didn't get a good feel on their actual altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

SONORA -- Another Triangular object was videotaped by two witnesses on separate camcorders on August 8, 2004. The first two pictures below are still shots from the videos. This object was seen to come up over Lyons Bald Mountain, then go back down, only to reappear and travel from the north to the south. Video clips can be found here:

<http://www.sonorasightings.com/54610.html>. This is the third triangular object videotaped over, CA since May. The second was the daytime triangular object videotaped on June 15, 2004 []

Thanks to Mark A. Olson, D.M. www.sonorasightings.com

Canada -- Slow Moving Rectangle

VICTORIA, BC -- On August 22, 2004, a low flying dark rectangle with a white light at each end flew horizontally across Juan De Fuca Strait at 10 PM. It then slowly lifted into the upper atmosphere where the lights became faint. There was a flash and a streak of light and suddenly it was gone. It was much too white and bright to be a meteorite.

DUN CHURCH -- On the evening on August 21, 2004, four witnesses were sitting around a campfire at our cottage on Whitestone Lake looking for satellites going by at 10:41 PM. The evening was perfectly clear and there were millions of stars visible with only a little moonlight. They noticed a satellite with two more behind it in a right angle triangle formation with another trailing about at a short distance behind. All the lights seemed to be oscillating slightly as they moved, unlike satellites, which move smoothly and swiftly. The fourth trailing light began to speed up and caught up to pass the other three when it suddenly veered off to the right (south) and sped off out of sight. A few seconds later the remaining three formed an almost perfect triangle and then disappeared (the lead one-first, followed by the remaining two).

They had constant lights and I do not believe these lights were satellites since they obviously changed course and the remaining three fluctuated in speed and lacked the fluent, smooth movement consistent with a satellite. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Chile - Yes, We Saw Spacecraft

LA SERENA -- Information continues to arrive regarding the apparition of mysterious entities in the Coquimbo's Panul Sector (4th Region). The Diario La Region de Coquimbo reports, "Yolanda Santibaiz and Edmundo Ramirez both claim that on the same week of the humanoid sighting in Coquimbo, whose account appears in yesterday's edition, an unidentified flying object flew over the the area.

A pair of local residents who live on a property that serves as a repair shop at the edge of the highway told us that they had seen strange things, and that they themselves saw some sort of flying saucer in July. Edmundo Ramirez, another resident of the Panul sector, claims that such episodes occur repeatedly. It made no noise, and was elongated, and had no lights.

It arrived from the north, passing slowly over the eucalyptus trees in the La Romana sector. Then it descended along that terrain as if heading toward the sea, and then vanished. The sector [both witnesses] have indicated as the place where the vehicle disappeared is the same area indicated by the other witnesses claiming to have seen a small, glowing-red 80 cm. tall humanoid.

Eduardo Vega, his brother and two other workers of the Argandoia brick works are the witnesses to this event, which they have shared with the greatest respect and seriousness, which they hope will be reciprocated Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the Translation (c) 2004.

England - UFO Video at Air Show

Goodwood Revival Festival -- On Saturday, September 4, 2004, the vintage aircraft display began at mid-day and the second year in a row a UFO joined the maneuvers of World War II fighter aircraft. The flying display featuring Spitfires and Mustangs among other classic planes. []

For the second year in a row Simon Anderson has video taped a UFO cutting through the vintage aircraft. Thanks to Jeff Rense and Simon Anderson See full story at <http://www.rense.com/general57/ufo.htm>

Finland - Five Red Shining Ovals

LAHTI -- We went out to the balcony to smoke on August 22, 2004, at 1:30 AM, when we noticed something funny in the sky. There were five red objects flying fast from the southeast to northwest that did not make any noise. The lowest flying object changed direction while others were flying straight. They passed very quickly. The weather was clear. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Australia - Six Orange Lights

Melbourne - On August 24, 2004, the witness was having dinner at work when a work mate called to tell him to look to the south and try to make out what the objects where in the sky. The witness states, "I'm an aviation enthusiast and let me tell you these where NO aircraft since they formed two patterns of a triangular shape, and were grouped in threes at 10:10 PM.

The lights were orange and seemed stationary for a short while until they started to move slowly south. We could not make out the shape of the objects due to the intensity of the lights. I know that the object was flying below the 3000 foot ceiling cloud cover. The objects dimmed entering the clouds at: S 35deg 16min 20.5 sec E 149deg 07min 51.6sec

QUIRINDI -- Moira McGhee co-coordinator for the Independent Network of UFO Researchers (INUFOR) was contacted by several Quirindi people who had a close encounter on Sunday, August 22, 2004, with a small silvery craft in the sky and a white, sticky substance falling to earth". "This is reminiscent of a similar incident in 1998," she said. On that occasion, on August 10, 1998, Quirindi residents on the outskirts of town reported watching "about 20 silvery baubles" high in the sky for about an hour-and-a-half, with a "cobweb-like substance" falling to the ground as the objects maneuvered around. The "angel hair" reports are similar to other unexplained reports from around the world. INUFOR can be contacted on 02 4757 3848 after 7 PM.

Country Stars Take Center Stage in ET Controversy

Mike Luckman writes, "Some of the biggest names in country music have landed smack dab in the middle of a long simmering controversy about whether UFOs are real, where they come from and what they mean.

Michael Blumfield, a local country singer who records in Nashville under the name "M.D., has created a firestorm of controversy by publishing a photograph of Johnny Cash looking up at a flying saucer on the cover of his new book, "The Future: Alien Contact." Country music star Marty Stuart took the photograph some 25 years ago and claims that someone tossed a hubcap into the air to get Cash's attention. But Blumfield isn't buying Stuart's explanation. He said that the daytime disc is

identical to a classic flying saucer photograph taken by Paul Villa some 20 years earlier and is strong evidence that UFOs are visiting Earth. He also noted that Cash was buried with a commemorative guitar pick from the Merle Haggard UFO Music Festival in Roswell, New Mexico where Stuart performed.

Brumfield, whose wife, Tammy, is Lester Flatts' only granddaughter, has seen his book banned recently at bookstores in and around Nashville due to complaints by religious people who disapprove of the idea that aliens, not God, created mankind. Brumfield maintains that extraterrestrials from a 10th planet located beyond Pluto, created man and woman in their own image in a test-tube using DNA, to mine gold needed to protect their atmosphere and to build spacecraft. He believes that the gods and angels referred to in the Bible were actually aliens employing advanced technology to work "miracles" on Earth and that ancient artwork found on this planet and on Mars, support the theory of extraterrestrial intervention with humans thousands of years ago.

"The Future: Alien Contact" is Brumfield's third book in a series to tackle the UFO issue. Religious people started to attack him at his very first book signing in 2001 and have not let up since. Brumfield's latest problems come on the heels of the Merle Haggard Music Festival held last month in Roswell, New Mexico. Haggard, who shared the stage with country legend Willie Nelson, said that "If that thing (a flying saucer) did come down in Roswell, it is the biggest thing to happen since Christ." Brumfield agrees with former NASA astronauts Gordon Cooper and Edgar Mitchell that the government recovered the bodies of extraterrestrials from a crash that occurred in July 1947 in the small desert community. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has called for a reopening of the investigation into the Roswell case, saying, "People can handle the truth--no matter how bizarre or mundane." , Thanks to Mike Luckman (212) 995-0384 e-mail: Nebula2002.nul

Earthling Shape Shifters

Bill Winkler writes, Countless alien abduction episodes have revealed shape-shifting abilities of those Extraterrestrials involved with them. These have been accounted for by the abductees either through hypnosis, conscious recall or from memory "bleed throughs" over a period of time. Apparently shape shifting is a common phenomenon quite prevalent among those off-planet beings.

It is more probable than possible that Earthlings have the same innate ability to shape shift their bodies. A rather bodagscious statement! The most common reporting of alien abductions occur within the privacy of one's bedroom at night while the unwilling participant, or participants, are fast asleep. The following scene is redundant throughout the history of modern Ufology.

Two persons are asleep. One remembers, or is aided by hypnosis, that three or four small humanoids are in the bedroom. Their height is usually about three to four feet high. They approach the other sleeping partner, standing by that side of the bed. The sleeping partner is levitated up a foot or so from the surface of the bed. Slowly the ETs, together with the human in tow, move towards the window. Invariably the bedroom window is closed. Then further levitation occurs in order to accommodate the height of the closed window. Quite smoothly the group passes through the windowpane.

The remaining partner, all this time, has been immobilized. This immobilized state exists while the partner is absent from their bed. On occasion, not too often, the immobilized partner is aware, or made aware, of the return of the missing partner. Then sleep is induced. Forgetfulness is common. The couple awake in the morning and go about their business.

Not through walls or doors but through a pane of glass is the Earthling shapeshifted through. Walls contain a variety of materials such as steel, cement, wood, insulation, nails, cables, plastic and electrical wires with electricity properties flowing through them. A pane of glass is composed of one basic commodity, silica. As always, an old adage, follow the path of least resistance. In order to attain Molecular Density Disruption, it is far easier to pass through one commodity, such as silica, as opposed to going through a wall composed of

numerous products of divergent ingredients. Therefore, logic dictates it is easier to change the frequency of an Earthling for it to pass through a windowpane as opposed to a wall. A side note: Extraterrestrials, just as angels and spiritual guides, have been seen coming through walls or ceilings. As with all things in life, it's just a matter of frequency.

Evidence could be gleaned from the crime scene. A crime scene indeed! An Earthling was kidnapped. In this era of highly sophisticated and sensitive instruments it would appear logical that evidence, all but of a microscopic nature, can be gathered up and examined. From my personal experience of chairing a UFO Abductee Support Group for four years in Connecticut, the best candidates would be those Earthlings who are abducted on a regular basis. Thus, electronic sweeping up of their window sill, the floor beneath the window sill, the curtain, drapes could produce evidence of microscopic "shards" of glass.

Photography of the pane of glass, with appropriate sensitive cameras, may reveal structural changes occurring in conjunction with an abduction. X-raying the glass may reveal yet other abnormalities, such as molecular rearrangement to the glass itself.

Perhaps an Aura Camera can show a difference in a before-and-after photograph. Can the aura of the Earthling be imbedded in the glass itself? Earthlings auras changed constantly. If an aura image can be captured on a pane of glass, could it reveal changes? Could it reveal the image of black or gray? Black and gray, being the colors of depression, low energy and long-term chronic fear. Were this to be a consistent aura window-pane "reading," then could it be indicative of ongoing trauma in this particular Earthling? Could an aura imaging of the abductee immediately after an abduction perhaps reveal an ET standing there along side with the usual Spiritual Guides, as seen in those aura photographs?

Reverting back to the time of the abduction: hypnosis has revealed extensive and detailed information of the activities surrounding an abductee's captivity. Perhaps fine tuning the hypnosis to the time of the Earthling's body actually passing through the pane of glass may reveal yet further information.

Would biological examination and evaluation of abducted Earthlings reveal differences in their blood, chemical and urine samples? Are brain waves different with abductees as opposed to those not subjected to those emotionally traumatic and physiological molecular changes? <http://www.equinaut.net>

VDe Telegraaf, the largest newspaper in the Netherlands, published on September 4 an article about the renowned dutch medium Robbert van den Broeke. Robbert, 24, has already taken thousands of pictures of entities, appearances and figures. "It's a crime if I don't share this [evidence]. And I have the feeling this is only the beginning." 12 files full of pictures from another world. Thousands of negatives were sent to the one hour service; 9 out of 10 he was lucky: "I feel something, an energy, a pressure round my head and then I take pictures of them. Almost every day."

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>My problem with Roswell is that there is no way to prove anything without additional information (which may never be available). Too much of this tale is anecdotal and has tended to evolve through the years as the story became more and more complex. Wading through the information is becoming more difficult without becoming frustrated with the inconsistencies, and many good researchers have left the field entirely after finding that their time isn't being well spent.

>But, when all is said and done, we still haven't proven what happened near Corona in July of 1947. There are many theories and beliefs, expressed by those on all sides of this issue, but the debate will continue.

Steve,

Very, very well stated. I couldn't have expressed it better myself.

Nobody has a monopoly on Roswell truth. As extraordinary event or conventional one wildly exaggerated, the incident's true origin and nature remain murky. The key theories, both extraordinary and conventional, have been neither proved nor disproved, never mind thundering rhetorical assertions to the contrary.

In the end, ufologists have to decide how most productively to spend their time and focus their efforts. Barring some startling new development (in other words, something beyond yet more unverifiable anecdotes and alleged memories of events decades ago), most have decided that Roswell has gone as far as it can go.

I can understand the exasperation so often vented on this List and elsewhere. I don't agree, though, that exasperation is justified on the dubious ground that we know everything and therefore we can move on. I say, let's move on, but not because we know everything; to the contrary, move on because the final resolution is to every indication out of our hands and inaccessible. I am no Roswell expert, merely an interested outside observer, but I am certain of this much: we're going to have to live with uncertainty for some time to come.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter -

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>Subject: Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

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>>Subject: Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

>My problem with Roswell is that there is no way to prove
>anything without additional information (which may never be
>available). Too much of this tale is anecdotal and has tended to
>evolve through the years as the story became more and more
>complex. Wading through the information is becoming more
>difficult without becoming frustrated with the inconsistencies,
>and many good researchers have left the field entirely after
>finding that their time isn't being well spent.

>But, when all is said and done, we still haven't proven what
>happened near Corona in July of 1947. There are many theories
>and beliefs, expressed by those on all sides of this issue, but
>the debate will continue.

Steve,

Very, very well stated. I couldn't have expressed it better
myself.

Nobody has a monopoly on Roswell truth. As extraordinary event
or conventional one wildly exaggerated, the incident's true
origin and nature remain murky. The key theories, both
extraordinary and conventional, have been neither proved nor
disproved, never mind thundering rhetorical assertions to the
contrary.

In the end, ufologists have to decide how most productively to
spend their time and focus their efforts. Barring some startling
new development (in other words, something beyond yet more
unverifiable anecdotes and alleged memories of events decades
ago), most have decided that Roswell has gone as far as it can
go.

I can understand the exasperation so often vented on this List
and elsewhere. I don't agree, though, that exasperation is
justified on the dubious ground that we know everything and
therefore we can move on. I say, let's move on, but not because
we know everything; to the contrary, move on because the final
resolution is to every indication out of our hands and
inaccessible. I am no Roswell expert, merely an interested
outside observer, but I am certain of this much: we're going to
have to live with uncertainty for some time to come.

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

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Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

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>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 08:15:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:52:31 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>Someone ought to put these items to him, point blank. If he does
>>not accept all 3, there is no point in taking it any further,
>>since you cannot have a Roswell ET crash without the above
>>consequences to follow.

>
>IMO, Gov. Richardson is jumping onto the same bandwagon that the
>late Cong. Steven Schiff was riding when he requested the GSA
>investigation you refer to. But I'm not sure you read all of the
>supporting articles related to that investigation, which clearly
>showed their frustration in trying to research that event and
>obtain information from the Air Force. Since I happen to work at
>the U.S. House I was in contact with Schiff's staff during their
>probe and it was clear that the GSA was very limited in what
>they could obtain. As with everything else in this city,
>politics is the name of the game, and there's no political
>future in chasing ghosts or ufos.

>
>I happen to believe there's probably a large amount of
>information and material related to the event that remains
>undiscovered, or hidden away in secret (as conspiratorialists
>>would have us believe), but I'm also not convinced that the
>Governor will have any clout to get it released. It's hard to
>specifically ask for records that you can't identify, and the
>destruction of records related to that time period in Rowell
>stymied the GSA's effort in 1996 which left them with more
>questions than answers. Richardson will hit that same brick
>wall, but who knows for sure until he tries.

True the GAO (not GSA) did admit records from that time period,
and other time periods, had been destroyed. But are we really to
believe that important records pertaining to the discovery of ET
life visiting planet earth (of supreme and lasting interest to
scientists the world over) were simply destroyed?

The obvious conclusion to me is that the disposed of records
were harmless personnel/admin stuff that was of no interest to
anyone.

By all means let the governor try. But when he fails (as he
will), are we going to have yet another hue & cry about the
'great cover up'?

I predict he will quietly drop the whole case.

CDA

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Allan

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Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Allan

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>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:03:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:38:29 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:08:28 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

<snip>

>>>Its chief weakness
>>>seems to be that it supposes that Arnold's estimates of speeds
>>>and distances were highly inaccurate.

>>No, it's chief weakness was that it was scientifically
>>impossible. Pelicans can't outfly a plane on a parallel course.
>>This has nothing to do with Arnold's estimates of speed or
>>distance. Even if Easton's "pelicans" were right outside
>>Arnold's window, they couldn't move forward of Arnold's
>>position and finally disappear in the distance ahead of his
>>plane because, duhhh, pelicans can't outfly a plane.

>Yes, but the accuracy of Arnold's account is disputed. Nobody
>suggested that any birds could fly faster than his plane.

I am baffled.

I have always assumed that Arnold's UFOs were flying
approximately at right angles to Arnold's direction, not
parallel to it.

On what grounds does David Rudiak say they were flying on a
parallel course to Arnold?

See numerous source notes on case, particularly Arnold's own
write-up in the Arnold/Palmer book.

CDA

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A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 16:59:19 -0400
Subject: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

Hello all,

A Picture or Video is Worth a Thousand Words.

As I can see the Mexican Air Force is not going to fly or present any test from the FLIR video of march 05, 2004.

I was hoping to fly over the Gulf of Mexico this summer and have the opportunity to film the Cantarell oil field in good weather conditions and it happened days ago.

I was flying from Mexico City to Cancun over the Gulf of Mexico on Sept. 03 and I get some nice shots very similar to the FLIR "lights" of the Mexican Air Force Video from march 05, 2004.

The next day, on Sept. 04, I returned back to Mexico City and again I took some nice pictures and video.

I hope the images are enough convincing for you as hey are for me. If you need more information I'll be glad to answer any questions.

COORDINATES AT THE TIME THE VIDEO WAS RECORDED

LAT N20d 34.8 LONG 093d 27.1

DATA

SEPT-03-2004.

FLIGHT 583 from Mexico City to Cancun.
Capt. Alejandro Franz
Co-pilot: William Orive
Airplane: MD 82 (N8031LF)
Equipped with GPS-FMS
Altitude: 33000 ft
Heading 075d (Average)
Speed: MACH .78, 450kts (Average Ground Speed)

SEPT-04-2004.

FLIGHT 926 from Cancun to Mexico City.
Capt. Alejandro Franz
Co-pilot: William Orive
Airplane: MD 88 (XA-AMS)
Equipped with IRS FMS
Altitude: 31000 ft
Heading 249d (Average)
Speed: MACH .78, 450kts (Average Ground Speed)

CAMERA:
SONY HANDYCAM
DCR-TRV18- MINI-DV
DIGITAL ZOOM 120X
LENS: CARL-ZEISS-VARIO-SONNAR

VIDEO 01

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/

See latest information and images:

Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs
they are oil well gas flames!

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/FLIR_CONCLUSION.html

Regards,

Capt. Alejandro Franz
director.nul

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Inside the Capitol Bodies Wreckage & Machinery

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Inside the Capitol, Bodies -- Wreckage -- Machinery!!!

Dam Acne Syndicated Columnist

Aug 30, 2004, 17:36

SANTA FE =97 Gov. Bill Richardson appears to be headed for more trouble with his latest request for full disclosure by the federal government of everything it knows about Andy Roberts. While allegedly out for a Sunday spin one sunny afternoon, Roberts crashed his flying saucer and the incident led to claims by the military that the wreckage was found near Roswell in 1947.

Richardson made his request in the foreword of a book about a recent archeological dig at the crash site by scientists from the University of New Mexico. Both the dig and the book were sponsored by the Porn Channel. Richardson says he wants to get to the bottom. Your reporter thinks he means Roberts=92 bottom but we didn=92t dare ask him. But whatever happened, he wants the case reopened and our best scientific investigation to be conducted.

That sounds suspiciously like what Richardson wants done with the Nick Pope case. He thinks modern scientific methods should be able to reveal secrets that historians for more than two years have not been able to find.

The sheriffs who want to dig up Nick and his teddy bear to compare their DNA, now have brought Dr. Henry Lee into the case. Lee, a nationally known spoon bender, has been asked to find Nick=92s blood on a carpenter's bench he might have been laid on, since the grave digging project still is in limbo.

I am interviewing other nationally known forensic scientists and soon will have some possibly surprising information for you about what they think of Dr. Lee's qualifications and research methods. He claims a PhD in spoon bending and fork tuning at Leicester Metropolitan University but it appears he cheated by only using forks with two prongs. The standard minimum is three.

Possibly, Richardson can get away with asking that the Roberts/UFO investigation be re-opened without harming his reputation. The late Rep. Steve Schiff, of Albuquerque, seemed unharmed by his request for a congressional investigation into the art of toe-nail clipping. He even got some action out of the government. The Air Force switched its scissors explanation to cuticles before closing the case again.

But Schiff had such a button-down reputation that he survived any image problems. Richardson's quest for Pope=92s bones, followed by a search for UFOs, however, may cause some chuckles around the state and nation from those who don't see eye to eye with our governor. It's not that he's a kook, but he may be just plain stark staring mad.

The use of science to prove what one wants to find has cast a

shadow, lately, on the scientific community that worries serious scientists. After all, science is supposed to be used only for finding good things. Science should not be used to find nasty things or more importantly, things that scientists don't like. Recently, in Russia, scientist Yuri Labvin announced that a research team he heads intended to find evidence that the tooth fairy was involved in the tremendous blast that levelled hundreds of square miles of Siberian forest, without leaving any money. Mean bastard.

Labvin said that the intention of the expedition was to find remnants of an alien spaceship. And whadda ya know? A week later, they found one. An "extraterrestrial technical device" inside which was a figure allegedly resembling Andy Roberts were recovered and taken to a laboratory for study. As this was some 8,000 miles away from where Roberts supposedly crashed, it casts doubt on the complicity of laboratories in such pseudoscientific hoaxes and is becoming a concern. Roberts however was known to favour hoaxes but this shirley was going too far.

To his likely detriment, Richardson has also picked up on Los Alamos National Laboratory director Pete Nanos' characterization of scientists who don't follow security laws as being "Ufologists." That's what he called them on Don Imus' morning talk show recently. It is surprising that Imus didn't call him on it, since Imus grew up on a ranch and fancies himself. Oh well. At least he doesn't fancy Andy or Nick.

It may not have bothered Imus, but in =93I=92m Off With The Fairies=94 Country, which includes much of New Mexico, those will be fighting words come next election. Bloody ufologists.

Richardson isn't running this time. Instead he=92s decided to walk. But that won't keep Republicans from walking against him if it can help them. UFO Updates candidates from throughout the state ran against "Dave and Andy" even though they represented districts a hundred miles away. Back in the '80s, Republican legislative candidates still were running against Georgina Bruni even after she had left the office.

With Rimmer and Harney no longer affective on the ufological scene and Tim Good long gone, ufologists have to find an unworthy opponent some-where. And it might as well be old Bill.

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FLOATING RED ALIEN SEEN
NEAR COQUIMBO IN CHILE

"Mysterious creatures were seen by numerous witnesses in an area near the city of Coquimbo in Chile. According to the reports, they resemble small humans that float through the air without making a sound."

"Francisco Vega, a laborer at the El Pelambre mine, was in the company of his brother, Eduardo, and two other employees of the Argandota Ceramics Co., in the Planicie de Panul sector, a location adjacent to La Herradura de Coquimbo."

"At a distance of some 20 meters (66 feet), Francisco witnessed what appeared to be a small 'monkey' that was approaching them, walking upon the plain. Upon looking at it more clearly, he saw that it was a humanlike creature dark red in color."

"It had a very bulky head, was no taller than 80 centimeters (2.8 feet), and looked like a gas bag because it was so fat. My initial impression was that it resembled a rugby player," said the witness, according to the Chilean press."

"Only a few seconds went by, and I shouted very loud to my son, my brother and the workers'," so that "'they should realize what I was looking at,' he added."

"The surprise experienced by the four men was even more complex when they watched the strange being hurtle over the plain, remaining in the air for several minutes."

"Later, they said, the creature began heading towards the men at slow speed, finally vanishing. The event occurred in July of this year (2004)."

Eduardo Vega reported, "'It was around 10 a.m. when my brother Francisco, who was around 20 meters (66 feet) away from the three of us, shouted desperately, 'Come! Come!' I got scared, and we ran over. He pointed toward the spot, and that's when we saw the humanoid figure. It stood 80 centimeters tall. Shiny, red. Its head was large, but we couldn't make out any eyes or mouth. The figure looked like a small person, a child perhaps wearing a diver's suit, with its arms close to the torso and its legs together.'"

The alien was "'some 20 meters from us and 20 meters off the ground. My brother Francisco says he was walking at first and then he took off some 20 meters into the air. Twelve to fifteen minutes went by. Out of this time, the

figure was motionless for seven minutes. It didn't move at all."

"The gentlemen who were with us--they noticed that some sort of sparks or lights were coming out of the head of the image or person. I would say that they were like the sparks that come out of certain exhaust pipes when they are hot."

"Yolanda Santibanez and Edmundo Ramirez both claim, and startled some, by saying that during the same week of the humanoid sighting in Coquimbo, there was an unidentified flying object over the area."

"A pair of local residents who live on a property serving as a repair shop at the edge of the highway told us that they indeed have seen strange things and that they themselves saw some sort of flying saucer."

"Yolanda Santibanez recalls that it was during the month of July (2004) in the late afternoon that she and the other witnesses observed a strange phenomenon in the skies, as she describes it."

"Yes, it was July," Yolanda said, "I couldn't tell you the exact date, but we saw an object in the sky over La Romana. It had an elongated shape, black or grey in color, and it slowed and expanded. It seemed to float while it assumed a square shape and, when it remained like this, it seemed to have things like wheels and such. At no time did we feel afraid, because we were accompanied."

"Edmundo Ramirez, another one of the Panul residents, claims that such episodes occur regularly and offered some details about them."

"The object that was seen in July appeared suddenly. It made no noise, such as engine noise, for example. It was elongated but kept getting longer and had no lights. The time was about 5 or 6 p.m. Some other people who were home also saw it. It arrived as if from the north, passing slowly over the eucalyptus trees in the La Romana sector. Then it descended along the terrain, as if heading towards the sea, and then vanished. Luckily, it didn't approach us, and the dogs didn't bark, either."

Coquimbo is a seaport city located 320 kilometers (200 miles) north-northwest of Santiago de Chile, the national capital. (See the Chilean newspaper La Region de Coquimbo for September 1, 2004, "Eyewitness describes encounter with strange creature;" and for September 2, 2004, "Yes, we saw a spacecraft at Panul." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez para estos articulos de diario.)

UFO ACTIVITY INCREASES IN COLOMBIA AND PERU

On Sunday, August 15, 2004, "a spectacular UFO flew over the coastal city of Cartagena" in northern Colombia. "The object was brilliant and silvery, oblong and had no wings. It was seen by hundreds in the perfectly clear blue sky."

The UFO was photographed. Readers can view it at the Web site of the Colombian research group, Contacto OVNI. Just go to this URL: <http://www.epagos.com/contacto-ovni>.

Elsewhere in South America, a UFO flap has broken out in Peru's department (state) of Huari.

"Luminous UFOs were seen during July and August (2004) over four communities in Huari," reported Peruvian ufologist Monica Gaetano de Silva. "At each sighting, there were several strange lights in the sky. The objects appeared over Uco, Paucas, Anra and Rapayan. One large luminous disc aimed a bright spotlight at the ground and played it over the fields. The farmers celebrated the arrival of the UFOs because they consider them a sign of good fortune."

"The police have questioned the eyewitnesses and say they will determine the source of the mysterious lights. But, so far, there have been no arrests." (Muchas gracias a William Chavez de Contacto OVNI y Monica Gaetano de Silva para estas noticias.)

(Editor's Note: Rapayan is the site of a "skyscraper," a five-story stone building reared by an unknown pre-Columbian civilization. It was first explored by Peruvian archaeologist Dr. Hernan Amat Olazabal in the late 1970s.)

STUDENT VIDEOTAPES UFO
IN JACKSON, MISSOURI

"At about 7:30 p.m. on (Wednesday) August 11 (2004), Zach Stanfield was taking his dog outside of his Jackson, Missouri (population 11,947) when he spotted something strange in the clouds of the evening sky. He quickly ran inside to grab his binoculars, which revealed a more detailed view of...well, he didn't know what. He went back into his house for his hand-held DVC video camera and filmed away."

"'I really don't know what it is,' says Zach, while talking on the phone to his cousin, Audrey Stanfield, while taping."

"'It's black.' Pause. 'Round, it's round,' he says."

"'What is it?' he asks."

"What the video captured was about five minutes of a 35-minute episode in which a dark shape hovers in a tight holding pattern of small circles above Stanfield's yard. Suddenly, the subject makes its way east across the evening sky before disappearing into the dark clouds of oncoming night."

"On the tape, the object makes its revolutions, the shadowy shape shifting from a round dot to a rounded bar resembling a penny as it rolls on its edge in circles on a surface. But the coin-shaped object was rolling on an invisible plane in the air a good distance above Zach Stanfield's house."

"'Sure it's not a plastic bag or something?' asks Audrey, now standing beside the cameraman, watching the object hover."

"'Why would there be a plastic bag up in the clouds?' shoots back Zach, 'You wouldn't be able to see it that high up.'"

"'What else could it be?' Audrey asks."

"Larry Davis isn't sure, either. Davis has spent the last 12 years looking at objects in the sky as Cape Girardeau Regional Airport's chief air traffic controller. Viewing the videotape, he could only guess."

"'It could be one of those Mylar discs,' he said, referring to the popular flying toys that are actually disc-shaped balloons made of metallic plastic and filled with helium."

"The problem is, Davis said, that the video just shows the shape in the vast sky, so it's impossible to gauge the distance and size of the object. Mylar discs are usually about 50 inches (125 centimeters) in diameter."

"Difficult to explain how something as light as a Mylar disc--which weighs little more than an ounce--could hover in the same area and avoid being blown away. However, Davis said it is possible that the metallic plastic could conduct enough heat from the sun's rays to create convection heating that would produce the effect. Davis also said that thunderstorms can create an updraft that could catch such an object and keep it in one area."

"But, for all the possibilities, he isn't sure of anything."

"Jim Dufek and Fred Jones of Southeastern Missouri State University's communications department aren't sure what the disc was, either, but they are sure that the tape is legitimate."

"'Whatever it is, it's real,' Jones said, watching the tape in the university's video room."

"'There's nothing deposited on it,' Dufek said, 'I don't see any pixel breakup around the object. There's no superimposing.'"

"All Zach knows for sure is that he, Audrey, his neighbor Judy Hoffman and Hoffman's mother-in-law, Carmen Hoffman, saw an unidentified flying object in the sky over Jackson."

"'Do you think it's a saucer?' Audrey asks on the tape as the sky darkens. 'Like a flying saucer?'"

"'If it's that high up, it's got to be big close up,' Zach replies."

"'It's perfectly round,' Audrey says, 'Uh, Zach, that's weird.'" (See the Southeast Missourian for August 31, 2004, "High school student's video--UFO over Jackson?" Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this newspaper article.)

TRIO SPOTS A UFO IN
LANCASTER, OHIO

On Saturday, August 28, 2004, three witnesses, "a 34-year-old man, his 36-year-old friend and his 17-year-old son," spotted a UFO over Lancaster, Ohio (population 35,335).

The trio "spotted the object before a thunderstorm hit the area...an unusual object in the skies over Lancaster, Ohio."

The 34-year-old male witness reported, "This may sound nuts, but right before the storm here at around 7:30 p.m., I saw something right over the city of Lancaster, no lights at all. It looked like a V but did not move up or down, but it did drift from northeast to southeast, against the wind, before coming to a stop, seeming to stay in place. It was a very dark shape."

"At first I thought it was a parachute, but who in their right mind would jump with a thunderstorm in their face? The object made no sound at all, and I watched it for seven to eight minutes."

Ohio ufologist Kenny Young reported, "The 34-year-old witness worked as an electrical contractor for ten years, and also added that the object 'looked at times like it would invert, looking like a rectangle during the rotation, and then looked like an upside-down V.'"

In an email interview with Kenny Young, the witness "said that he was standing on West Fifth Avenue and looking east, directly over Lancaster, when watching the unusual object. He lost sight of it when the clouds 'overtook' it and openly inquired, if the object was a balloon, how come it did not move with the wind?"

"The claimant also felt that if the object had been somehow tethered, it would have been situated over the Anchor Hocking Glass factory on about 1,000 feet (300 meters) of rope."

"At 10 p.m., the witness contacted the Lancaster City Police and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Neither group could supply additional information and had received no reports."

Lancaster is on Ohio Route 22, located 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Columbus. (Many thanks to Kenny Young for this report.)

CROWD WITNESSES A UFO
OVER EUGENE, OREGON

On Tuesday, August 31, 2004, at 11 p.m., eyewitness Aye reported, "My friend called me and said the news said there was a UFO over Eugene (population 137,893). KEZI-TV showed it with a zoom-in from the camera on the 11 p.m. news. He (the newscaster) said it had been up there for a couple of hours, and that the news room had been getting calls on it since 9 p.m."

Aye and another friend hurried "to where it was reported. There were a few people in the parking lot. They pointed it out to me."

The UFO "initially was very dim with light pollution and large. We brought a camera and a pair of binoculars."

"It moved a lot, then hovered, and we were able to get a better view of it. We watched it for the next 20 to 30 minutes while more people from town streamed in. It was too faint for our camera to pick up, but with the binoculars there was much clarity."

"The object would move a lot, then hover in one place for about five minutes or so, and then move in another direction and then hover again. You could tell it was hovering by its stationary position" with relation to "the background stars. When it moved, sometimes it was slow and sometimes very fast. Total movement over the 20 minutes encompassed about 90 degrees of the sky."

"Eventually it moved rapidly down and farther off and went over the horizon. This seemed like a controlled movement and not like it crashed. If the object (had) moved normally, it would've been mistaken for an airplane."

"With the binoculars, it had various lights in a triangle shape. A red one up top, and a green one on the left and sometimes another green one or a red one on the

right. The green light would sometimes be very bright and other times quite dim, perhaps as the light pointed in other directions. At one time it started flashing a large blue light in the middle, for a total of four lights."

"A family arrived right after it went over the horizon, and they said they had been watching it in the next city over (Springfield, Oregon--J.T.), which would indicate that it was not a local parking lot visual hoax" or optical illusion. (Email Form Report)

TWO UFOs SIGHTED NEAR FALLON, NEVADA

Eyewitness D.K. reports, "I live on the Paiute-Shoshone Indian Reservation about four miles (six kilometers) north of the Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nevada (population 7,536). We are approximately 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Reno, 400 miles (640 kilometers) northwest of Las Vegas and 300 miles (480 kilometers) north of Area 51."

Last week, D.K. "was outside trying to get a picture of the jets flying over the house when I saw two UFOs flying in the opposite direction. The jets take off to the north and then turn and fly east. When they fly over my house, they are going from west to east. I heard them and I ran outside and I just missed them. I was contemplating waiting for more when I looked up directly overhead and saw what looked like two round saucer-like objects heading west. I remember thinking that they actually looked like the logo for Japan Air Lines."

"I know this sounds crazy, but it looked like a Star Trek Klingon vessel with a see-through ring of light around it. That's why I originally thought they were disks. It was actually a white glow around them."

"I've seen white triangles, black triangles, silver orbs, glowing orbs of different colors, but I've never seen anything like these!"

"One of them was doing loops around the other. I called for my wife to come out, and she saw them as they faded from view." (Many thanks to Frank Running Elk for this report.)

UFOs BUZZ MEXICAN OIL REFINERY

On Saturday, August 28, 2004, at 10:11 p.m., "an unidentified flying object and six luminous spheres were detected flying over the Pemex (Petroleos Mexicanos--S.C.) facilities in Tapachula," a town in Mexico's state of Chiapas.

According to Pemex official Juan Carlos Zuniga Rodriguez, "the craft, having the shape of a circular plate the size of a commercial airliner, performed flight maneuvers over the Petroleos Mexicanos Storage and Distribution Terminal at an altitude of about 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) at abnormal speed with direction changes."

"A variety of photographs were taken. Upon developing them, it was discovered that at least six luminous spheres were flying over the same area at the same altitude, although smaller in size than the (circular) craft."

"All of the material was presented to (Mexican ufologist) Jaime Maussan who immediately commenced the verification of the photos' authenticity by means of digital devices."

Maussan "stated that the tests yielded positive results including a central object made of unidentified metal and which appeared to be coated with a small amount of radiation similar to that of the spheres. In other words, the authenticity of the photographs was corroborated."

"Zuniga Rodriguez said that UFOs have been frequent in the region around the oil facilities and points out that the site is "adjacent to the Izapa archaeological region, close to where the (Mayan) 'Tree of Life, Creation of the Universe' stele is located."

"There are also reports of fly-overs in the vicinity of Mount Tacana, the inactive volcano which separates Mexico from Guatemala." (See the Mexican newspaper El

Universal de Tapachula for August 29, 2004, "Six UFOs reported over Tapachula." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Jose Martinez para esto articulo de diario.) (Editor's Comment: There might be an underground alien base at Mount Tacana similar to the one reputed to be located in the volcano Mount Popocatepetl, which is located just west of Puebla.)

DUCKS FOUND MUTILATED IN PONCE, PUERTO RICO

"During the early morning hours of Saturday, August 28, 2004, the Marin family of barrio Brisas del Caribe (sector) of Ponce," a large city in southern Puerto Rico, "were shocked to find the ducks they raised in their backyard slain by an unknown assailant."

"The family's youngest son, in charge of feeding the animals, made the sad discovery."

"When asked if any noise had been heard," investigators Jose A. Martinez and Reinaldo Rios "were told that neighbors' dogs had been restless, including the marin family's own dog. The Marins believe that perhaps all of the animals were attacked, since they had gone off to the San Juan (International) Airport at the time and, upon their return, were faced with their son's sad news about the animals."

The ducks "presented a number of puncture marks near the tail, where the genitalia is located. One of the ducks was decapitated. Another had its head and bill shattered. A third survived the massacre but was wounded in one of its thighs; the puncture mark was barely visible."

"The most significant find, that it was the night of the full moon. This is an important factor in Puerto Rican mutilation cases."

The investigators "asked Mr. Bruno Marin if he had seen strange lights in the area. He told us that, a few years ago, lights and saucer-shaped objects were seen over the area. Apparently, from what Mr. Marin tells us, this is a real UFO hot spot," Martinez reported, "We checked out the animals with our own equipment, and they were found to be free of any hazardous, radioactive or toxic substances." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para esta historia.)

SIX CROP CIRCLES FOUND NEAR WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

"One dairy farmer" in Wausau Township, Wisconsin "thinks there may be a paranormal explanation to the crop circles in his barley field."

"Scott Worden, 37, had two paranormal investigators inspect six crop circles Saturday," August 28, 2004, "that were found (Monday) August 23 (2004) by a farmhand."

"He won't say whether he believes in the paranormal, but he doesn't dismiss the idea."

"Everybody thinks I'm nuts, but I just want to know what caused it. I know cows more than I know circles," Worden said."

"He runs the farm with his brother, Tim, and dad, Darrell."

"Crop circles, most of which are found to be explainable hoaxes, can be formed with a rope, a board and a couple of people." (See the Country Journal of Hayward, Wisconsin for Monday, August 30, 2004.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 16:04:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 09:37:49 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 18:10:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 08:15:36 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 19:52:31 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>I happen to believe there's probably a large amount of
>>information and material related to the event that remains
>>undiscovered, or hidden away in secret (as conspiratorialists
>>>would have us believe), but I'm also not convinced that the
>>Governor will have any clout to get it released. It's hard to
>>specifically ask for records that you can't identify, and the
>>destruction of records related to that time period in Rowell
>>stymied the GSA's effort in 1996 which left them with more
>>questions than answers. Richardson will hit that same brick
>>wall, but who knows for sure until he tries.

>True the GAO (not GSA) did admit records from that time period,
>and other time periods, had been destroyed. But are we really to
>believe that important records pertaining to the discovery of ET
>life visiting planet earth (of supreme and lasting interest to
>scientists the world over) were simply destroyed?

>The obvious conclusion to me is that the disposed of records
>were harmless personnel/admin stuff that was of no interest to
>anyone.

I can imagine that just about every American on this List will
be as amused as I am at our British friend's naivete about the
capacity of our government to keep secrets and to manipulate
public opinion. Still, I am touched that the vision of American
governance we were taught when we were in second grade still
lives - overseas, at least, though it's long vanished from
America's civic faith.

There may be a case to make against Roswell, but this isn't it.
Even if you swallow whole the Air Force's current version of
what really happened, it managed - by its own admission - to
keep a secret for a very long time.

I'm sure Christopher's touching belief in the virtue of official
Washington, with its so often demonstrated desire to be open and
honest, is a sincere one, but I'm afraid that's as much as can
be said for it. For my part, I promise not to regale Listfolk
with confident claims about what the British government is and
is not capable of.

Jerry Clark

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Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 18:12:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 09:39:36 -0400
Subject: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'?

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5897539/>

The MSNBC story about the NIDS research has a cool 'UFO Quiz' near the bottom of the story. It's an interactive quiz to test one's knowledge of UFOlogy. I got all but one question correct. It was a question about the 'Heaven's Gate' group. I'm glad I missed that one.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Cattle Mutes - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 17:30:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 09:42:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - King

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

><snip>

>Suppose I ought to explain more fully.

>ET may have been given permission to do anything so long as it
>is in Mankind's best interest. If it is so then I can not see a
>conspiracy just a permission. A conspiracy would involve more
>than that surely.

>For example; ET may have said they would like to help Humans and
>Earth. Point of contact Military may have said "Yes please do if
>you wish."

>I am not saying this is true but it could be although I know you
>may point to data which is contrary.

Hi Colin,

Hypothetically...

I accept your theory as the truth, and our government had contact with ET intelligence, and made an agreement with said intelligence, and did not reveal this information, and held those involved to confidentiality under penalty of death, and allowed this ET intelligence to do things (good, bad...) to its citizens.

You have not only described a conspiracy of the highest order, you have made quite an adequate case for treason and gross violation of the Constitution, ethics, morals, and the trust a people must have for its government.

Our country was founded...partially...as a result of taxation without representation.

If black budget programs exist which provide for ET "projects" on American citizens without their express knowledge and acquiescence, I think another revolution might be indicated. Surely this would rank above tea on the taxation without representation scale.

This is why... since I accept your comments as the truth...I must accept that they will never be proven. Those that try to reveal it will be silenced either by force or by ridicule. Those that sue for access to documentation will be hamstrung by compartmentalized obfuscation. An occasional tantalizing tidbit will be unearthed to steer the curious away from the truth, and no one would know of it is real or manufactured. No secret would be as strenuously and viciously defended. No whistleblower's account would be as quickly and creatively explained away. Even Presidents who ask too many questions would be silenced. Keeping this secret would be much more important than any one individual.

Not hypothetically...

Based on past and current events, your theory seems plausible, yet it requires that I resign myself to its never being proven.

An insoluble paradox... unless we go the revolution route, and even that holds no guarantees.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 20:13:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 09:47:49 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 15:24:21 -0700
>Subject: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>Hello all,

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<snip>

>I was flying from Mexico City to Cancun over the Gulf of Mexico
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>The next day, on Sept. 04, I returned back to Mexico City and
>again I took some nice pictures and video.

>I hope the images are enough convincing for you as hey are for
>me. If you need more information I'll be glad to answer any
>questions.

<snip>

>VIDEO 01

>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/

>See latest information and images:

>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs
>they are oil well gas flames!

>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/FLIR_CONCLUSION.html

>Regards,

>Capt. Alejandro Franz
>director.nul

Wow! Just when I thought this was going to be a boring week!

Thanks Capt. Franz for going that extra mile on this long too
dragged out story. This is what should have been done as soon as
the story broke or when the Mexican Air Force first encountered
this situation.

Yet, I'll wait 'til the experts roll in and look over your
evidence as there's something missing I can't put my finger on
yet. Might just be I've read something the wrong way.

Best ,

Greg

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In Plain Sight

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 22:1:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 10:59:40 -0400
Subject: In Plain Sight

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 14:48:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 04:02:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 16:04:12 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

I have noted the discussion between Dick Hall and Brad Sparks concerning three outstanding cases which Brad cited:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m07-019.shtml>

When I had much more time, I was able to consult the Project Blue Book microfilms and helped Brad compile a working document of interesting Project Blue Book cases. This has involved extensive screening of many of the "explained" case in these files.

An initial list, now refined by Brad several time, can be viewed at CUFOS:

<http://www.cufos.org>

In doing the research for this project the works Loren Gross were also consulted. In preparing his history series he also made extensive use of the Project Blue Book files and reviewed both explained cases and "unknowns."

>From this research a few observations can be made:

- 1) In some cases, local investigations by the government activity involved were well done and highly competent. The same cannot be said the analyses of these cases.
- 2) A number of Project Blue Book unknowns are neither good cases nor very interesting. It is possible to easily suggest possible explanations for some cases on the list. However, summaries of the 701 unknowns appear on the Internet and in books, and people believe these cases have special significance.
- 3) Many AF UFO cases explained as balloons were indeed balloons, however, there are enough cases in which such an explanation is doubtful that such cases should be reviewed.

The Project Blue Book microfilms are costly to purchase and it is difficult to find microfilm equipment to view the cases. Perhaps these are the reason that very little is heard about such cases. It might also be the case that since Project Blue Book is held in low esteem by many researchers, the feeling

might be that these cases, especially "explained" are not worthy of any attention.

In an effort to increase access to the Project Blue Book files, we have proposed that the microfilms be scanned into searchable text which can be placed on the Internet or sold on DVD's. So far most of the technical problems have been worked out. Such ambitious projects usually fall by the wayside. However, easy access would probably stimulate research by more people who could like Brad, Loren, and Joel come up with bits and piece hidden here and there, and also see relationships which others have missed.

Significant UFO information is hidden, then, in plain sight among the mass of Blue Book case files!

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VHS Of Norwood Presentation Available

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 05:40:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 11:23:18 -0400
Subject: VHS Of Norwood Presentation Available

New VHS Video NOW AVAILABLE
UFO REPORT Vol. 4

The latest edition of the video series UFO REPORT is now available, it is a MUST SEE! The high-quality professionally produced video, containing 4-segments, is 1-hour in length.

Segment ONE is a 35-minute presentation by Kenny Young from the June, 2004 Tri-State MUFON Symposium at The Kenton County Public Library. Young lectures on the legendary 1949 Norwood, Ohio UFO / Searchlight Incident, first reported by Leonard Stringfield, and for the first time presents breaking new information on this case that is courtesy of a late informant formerly with the 123rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.

Segment TWO is a look at the controversial Centerville, Ohio incident of March, 2004, containing the dramatic 9-1-1 tapes along with commentary and analysis. Segment THREE is an abbreviated rundown of Midwestern US UFO sightings of 1993 narrated by John Stephenson, and segment FOUR presents the disturbing Morehead, Kentucky "Screaming Woman" incident of November. This clip was directed by Donnie Blessing and narrated by Jeff Shire and contains dramatic reenactments of the occurrence, along with actual 9-1-1 emergency tapes provided by the Morehead, Kentucky police.

The video, available in VHS tape format, is available for \$20.00 (covers duplication and mailing costs) by check or money order to:

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1680 Emerald Glade Lane
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Re: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'? - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 08:59:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2004 11:26:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'? - Lehmberg

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 18:12:37 EDT
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><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5897539/>

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>missed that one.

I was oddly pleased that I got a quick and easy hundred; what was interesting, though, was the mainstream accreditation of the Thutmose III days long sighting of foul smelling craft in his sky as real history.

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net

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CCCRN News: Latest On Matsqui, BC Formation

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 10:08:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 06:11:43 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Latest On Matsqui, BC Formation

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

September 9, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

UPDATE - MATSQUI, BRITISH COLUMBIA CORN FORMATION

A preliminary field report, survey diagram, ground photos and scan images of the "expulsion cavities" and "sliced nodes" deformities from the first Matsqui cattle corn formation are posted on the web site.

Many such pronounced anomalies found in this formation, similar again to those in the nearby Abbotsford and Agassiz formations from last year. Whether any of these can be attributed to an aftereffect of the corn being mechanically flattened (by people) is something that needs to be examined much more closely; the CCCRN British Columbia team has done it's own experiment of manually flattening a small area of corn plants in the same field, a long ways from the formation itself, to be studied over the next few weeks for any similar changes.

The formation was also surveyed to be 53 metres (174 feet) long, with alternating lay patterns within the two crescents.

CCCRN News is the e-news service of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, providing e-mail updates with the latest news and reports on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada, as well as other information on CCCRN-related projects and events, sent free to your e-mail

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c. CCCRN, 2004

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 10:51:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 06:29:13 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 15:24:21 -0700
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>questions.

<snip>

Did you actually get a visual sighting of the oil flares?

If so, can you guess why the crew didn't?.

Terry

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Re: Filers Files #37 - 2004 - Smith

From: Jim Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 13:30:05 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 06:32:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Filers Files #37 - 2004 - Smith

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 01 Sep 2004 13:07:09 -0400
>Subject: Filers Files #37 - 2004

>Filers Files #37 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
>Vice President of Skywatch International
>September 1, 2004

<snip>

>Saturn - Cassini Satellite Sees Lights

>R. David Anderson writes, I have been comparing Saturn Cassini
>Images # 00007211 and Cassini Image # 00007442 that JPL received
>on July 22, 2004. This bright object has moved thousands of
>miles in a short time. There are many other interesting images
>sent back to JPL from Cassini near Saturn. You can change the
>image number(s) yourself... in order to see other images of this
>object above and near Saturn.

>"Of course NASA will come up with another explanation for these
>pictures like dust specks, cosmic rays, flaw in optics, and the
>like. They may have a more difficult time explaining this one
>because the object will be in one frame and then not even be in
>the next frame, and moves radically in the next frame all the
>way to the bottom". A large fast moving lighted object in space
>would appear to have its own propulsion system. See the
>following web site for numerous JPL images showing movement.

><http://www.thecomingoftan.com/illuminated-object/illuminated-object.html>

Even the meagerest investigation shows that this object is a Saturn moon.

Look at the image database at:

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/multimedia/images/raw/index.cfm>

to look at each moon that was targetted.

Look under "IAPETUS" and you will find the following image among many:

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/multimedia/images/raw/casJPGBrowseS02/N00007717.jpg>

It is practically identical to the "alien spacecraft" images Mr. Filer and Mr. Anderson purport.

But if you want alien looking things try:

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/multimedia/images/raw/casJPGBrowseS02/N00006614.jpg>

which is the moon MIMAS

or:

<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/multimedia/images/raw/casJPGBrowseS01/N00004641.jpg>

for the moon PHOEBE.

These are truly weird, but perfectly natural.

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HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 09-09-04

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Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 09-09-04

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Newsletter Release: September 9, 2004

New York Thruway Northbound Football Field Sized Boomerang (UFO)

Date: 1975
Time: Approx: 8:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 20+
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Boomerang.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was a truck driver on a trip from NYC to Albany. The fastest way was to take the thruway upstate. As I was driving I noticed that I really couldn't get much on the CB and the AM radio was more static than anything else.

Sometime around 8:30 or so I started to notice that there were occasional cars pulled off to the side of the road and even some in the median.

As I pulled under an overpass I saw this thing floating over the road about 100 feet above the roadbed. I slammed on the brakes and almost jackknifed right there!

It was approximately the size of a high school football field, but not quite as wide. It had lights on each end and in the middle with blue square lights all across the back end of the wings.

I managed to get out of the cab of the truck and was standing in front of my truck looking up at it when a NY State Trooper pulled up and got out of his cruiser. He and I stood there for maybe two or three minutes just looking up. We noticed that there was absolutely no sound at all and that it didn't fluctuate or "flutter" and that it just floated in the air. We saw structure, that is we saw the body of the vehicle. No rivets or seams, just the silver/grey color of the body. The trooper called out to me and asked if I was seeing the same thing he was and I assured him that I was indeed seeing the same thing.

Then suddenly it moved over the Hudson River, made a slight turn kind of facing up, and then the next second - literally one second - it was gone.

That's it. Total time was about 5 minutes, no more.

The CB radio came back and so did the AM radio. From there all the way up to Albany I tried to make people believe that I saw what I saw. No one believed me then and I don't think anyone believes me now. Still, I saw it. I'll never forget it. From time to time I have a dream that I'm seeing it again. But only in a dream.

Additional Information:

Q. Can you please describe the weather conditions at the time of

the sighting. Was it Overcast? Raining? A clear night? Full moon?

A. "From what I can remember, it was fairly clear. I don't remember the moon at all, but I think that it was in the sky."

Q. In what part of the sky was the UFO located? North, South, East, West? On the horizon or straight overhead or somewhere in between?

A. "I was headed north and it was just above me. The trooper and I stood right underneath the thing."

Q. Can you please describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind?

A. "There weren't any airports around. I don't think I saw any air traffic at all before I saw it."

Q. The lights that were located on the ends, could you tell me what color these were please ?

A. "The lights on the ends were blueish/white and were steady in brightness. They were kind of like the new halogen lights on some of the newer cars."

Q. Also what color was the light that was in the middle of the craft ?

A. "Almost the same color as the ones on the end, but brighter."

Q. Seeing the craft so was so low to the ground, did you feel anything unusual from it. Dizziness or a feeling of being light headed ? Or anything else that you found out of the norm ?

A. "This going to sound a little weird, but we (the trooper and I) both felt light on our feet."

At the time of the sighting, or just afterwards, did you happen to notice any aircraft showing up in the skies ? if so did they follow the same flight path that the object took ?

A. "I only saw one airplane about 5 or 10 minutes later. It was a small, single-engine Cessna or Piper. I don't think it sat more than 4 people, it was that small."

Q. Was there any other kind of light source coming from the craft ?

A. "No, I didn't see any portholes or windows on it."

Thank you very much to the witness for the report.

Moscow, Russia Three Triangles Hovering Over Lake

This UFO sighting happened about a few years ago. My mother and uncle went fishing somewhere over 50 miles from Moscow, Russia. I was born there, and now we live in California. It happened by midnight, on the 2nd day they were staying by a huge lake. My uncle went in the tent to get something, and my mom decided to take a walk along the lake, which was about 20 feet away from the tent, when she saw some strange triangles hovering in the air above the lake. They emitted these strange bright lights, and moved in various directions above the lake. There was more than 3 triangles. My mom stood there for a few minutes, stunned, then ran back to the tent and called my uncle. By the time they got to the spot my mom was standing at, the UFOs were gone.

Another UFO sighting happened in 2003, when my grandparents went to France due to a business deal. They drove in their car all the way there. On the way back, once they entered the freeway, my grandmother noticed a huge strange object, similar to the ones my mom saw at the lake. It was 10 times larger than a Boeing 777 aircraft! It hovered in midair for about 7 minutes, emitting different lights like red and green. It disappeared as it had appeared.

Thank you very much to the witness for relating the sighting

reports.

Swan Lake, B.C. Ball Of Orange Light

Date: 2003
Time: 11:00 p.m.

About a year before, I observed a ball of orange light travelling under rain clouds, maybe only two hundred feet at a very rapid rate, south down the valley over Swan Lake, just North of Vernon, BC. It traveled over Vernon, then angled to the right, out of sight. It was around 11:00 p.m.

My rational explanation at the time was that it was the jet nozzle of a smallish jet aircraft, travelling without running lights - for what ever reason. There seemed to be a small orange trail from the ball, suggesting a jet thrust/burn. I didn't associate it with anything extra-terrestrial.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Kaufman, Texas Dark Object Suddenly Changes Directions

Date: January 10, 2004
Time: Daylight sighting

Hi Brian

I was going through some of my old tapes, Jan 2004, and I found a clip of a UFO I remember well. I was taping the sky at the time and I noticed something dark in color moving across the sky going to the west. I thought it was a plane (because of the speed it was going) and I got on it just to see for sure. I got about three or four seconds of it and before I could zoom in on it, I caught my toe on something and nearly fell. After I recovered, it was gone. I know it wasn't a bird because it was the tenth of January and I don't think a bird could do what this did. It was going on a straight path for a while, then did a complete reverse turn and zipped back to where I saw it first, and continued back on it's original path. I didn't know if you would be interested in something that far back or not, since you really can't tell what it is, only what it does.

Thank you to the witness for the report, footage and photos.

Video clip Dark object Traveling One Way, Then Dramatically Changes Direction 1.18mbs:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1805>

Edmonton, Alberta Corporate Jet Pilot Sighting

Date: May 10, 2004
Time: Between 12:18 -12:28 a.m.

"I am a highly experienced Corporate jet pilot operating out of the West Coast of British Columbia. I was a crew member on our Company aircraft during the early morning hours of Sunday, May 10, 2004 on a flight from Syracuse, New York to Calgary, Alberta. No passengers were on board, only the 2 pilot crew. As we approached Empress, Alberta and preparing for descent, we noticed a very bright light in the Northwest sky at about 12 degrees above the horizon. As the bright light (same intensity as Venus or Jupiter) travelled Southeast bound and came closer it "seemed" to transform into approximately 9 objects.

The other pilot maintains that there was more like 12 objects. For the record, our cruising altitude at this time was 39000.' The salient feature was that the 3 trailing objects were approximately 1/3 of the brightness of the forward numbers which, as stated, were at least as bright as the planet Venus. The objects appeared to be flying in an organized formation and at a very considerable speed. I estimate roughly 700 -1000 Nautical miles per hour and possibly very much faster. Both pilots agree the duration of the event was about 15 seconds.

There was no apparent trajectory and the lights appeared to maintain a perfectly level altitude throughout the duration.

We were in perfectly clear conditions over the entire prairie region and at the time of the occurrence. I have seen hundreds of meteors during flight at night and have the absolute conviction this was NOT a meteor, nor a meteor breaking up.

This because of a total lack of trajectory. At the time I believed the objects were flying at approximately 10,000' and at a distance of perhaps 5-15 Nautical miles at their closest point. As many would understand, distances and altitudes at night can be extremely hard to judge with certainty but the preceding estimate is the best I can suggest. The time of this event was not written down. Working backwards from the known landing time at Calgary I maintain the approximate time of the event was 12:23 a.m, Sunday, May 10/04 with a fudge factor of plus or minus 5 minutes. THEREFORE, best estimate is the sighting occurred between 12:18 -12:28 a.m. This occurrence was definitely spectacular enough that I would have believed numerous aircraft would have asked Edmonton Centre what this was. Being early Sunday morning, air traffic would certainly have been the lightest of the week. Surprisingly, NO calls emanated from any aircraft. And we decided we should clam up as well. The following is noteworthy: I have carefully worked the internet (hbccufo) to try and discern if other reports came in that night over southern Alberta. One will discover not less than 6 reports, some spectacular, that occurred at, or near Edmonton during our time frame. I am hard pressed to think other than that most, or all, of those described events are linked to the phenomenon we observed."

HBCC UFO Note: I spent some time talking to the witness on the telephone and the person notes that: (Pilots words: (If one considers there is linkage to these events (ours to one or more of the other 3), and considering the others apparently involve low altitude movements (close to treetops) it all becomes very very intriguing). Now wonder what really did take place that early morning now knowing that these lights were making low altitude movements "close to treetops" ! A very credible witness with some other amazing reports he has told me.

I would like to thank the witness for the report and taking the time with me on the telephone.

Spallumcheem Valley B.C. Small Orb

Date: August 15, 2004
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Small orb

Full Description of event/sighting: I've seen two sets of pictures on Rense, now, just like the one I saw.

Watching a chemtrail being laid down, heading SW, I noticed a bright spot, or dot, that was tracking the plane perfectly, just 'below' the trail. It was not reflected sunlight, it seemed to be emitting light, somehow. Bright point of light at great distance.

It tracked the plane for several minutes before disappearing behind a natural cloud. When the plane emerged, there was no object following it.

Most notable was the perfect tracking movement of the object.

Additional Information:

The airplane was laying a chemtrail/contrail and the object was approx: two fingers away from the aircraft. The airplane was heading SSW, the object didn't alter its' trajectory or distance from it, very steady and exact tracking. That was what got my attention in the first place. The plane flew behind a wispy cloud, but was obscured, then the object. Only the plane emerged from behind the cloud.

Thank you very much to the witness for the report.

Kaufman, Texas Another Large Orb Close To Jet Airliner

Date: August 31, 2004
Time: Approx: 11:00 a.m.

Hi Brian

I was taping this jet with trail today when I noticed this orb coming toward the jet. It was moving very fast so I couldn't wait to download it to see what it did. It was about 11:00 a.m. this morning (08-31-04) and started out with a blue sky when I got this. As the day went on, the "guys in the skies" dumped heavy on us. Anyways, the orb appears to get into the jet trail and spends quite a bit of time there before it leaves. I made a frame-by-frame slideshow from start to finish for you. This was amazing to me because others I've seen usually go over, under, or through in a straight line. You can see the orb between the trails in several frames before it leaves. It appears to either go over or through into the trails, not under, best as I can see. If it is really in those trails as it appears to be, that orb has to be at least 40 or 50 feet across because those trails are huge. If you decide to use this, let me know and I'll send you the clip also. I've got a couple more things of interest I'll send you too.. Later my friend.

P.S. The jet was heading south and the orb was coming from the east heading toward the west.

Video clip Large Orb Close To Jet Airliner 696kbs
<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1802>

Thank you to the witness for the report, footage and photos.

Grande Prairie, Alberta Star Like And Possible Visitation

HBCC UFO Note: Warning !!! Parts of this report some may find disturbing as it has certainly bothered me to know a young child is going through something? I will be making some enquiries to see what I might be able to find out and to pass along the information to the parent. Permission was granted to post this story in hopes others who are experiencing this type of thing will come forward.

Date: September 5, 2004
Time: 11:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Star like.

Full Description of event/sighting: I have written to you before regarding a similar sighting out at my in-laws farm. We spotted two star like objects moving at an incredible speed. This time I write to you because I saw the same thing while sitting outside my Grande Prairie home.

My husband and I were sitting out on our roof gazing up at the sky because it was such a clear night... all the stars were shining so brightly. It was amazing. Then I spotted a star coming from the east and moving west. It traveled across the sky and entered a cloud formation... the only one we could see... and then in seconds came out where it had entered and traveled east again. The whole event lasted about 5 or 6 min. My husband had heard my story of the sightings in Doe river, outside Dawson Creek... but when he finally saw what I had tried describing... he was in awe... he verbally went over the possibilities... a plane? no... travels much too fast and there were no lights or sounds... a satellite?... ..no... satellites do not maneuver that fast from one direction to the other... We could only explain it as being a UFO.

As for the object I told you about... we could see no tail... flashing lights... or any other strange things. The cloud it went into appeared to be a normal cloud... but it was the only one in the sky and it was large. There was no light emitted from the cloud at any time. There were no other aircraft in the area

either.

A couple of nights later, we had some friends visiting us from Dawson Creek. We were telling them about our experience and they suddenly became very excited... they had been camping just outside Dawson Creek when they too had seen a similar event at around the same time.

Now, I really do believe we have seen alien spacecraft... especially since my daughter has started talking about people visiting her in her room. She is turning 4 in October. She is very perceptive and has always intrigued me with her abilities to "know" things that she shouldn't... and see things she shouldn't. I have always thought she had some paranormal ability. She is very coy with it also... she portrays herself as not having a special gift... but she is very open with me about it. Going back to the visitors in her room... I have begun to wonder if she is in fact being visited by aliens. My husband and I rarely talk about aliens in front of her... but she has explained a particular occurrence to me in detail that made my hair stand on end.

About 1 year ago, I had a vivid dream. In my dream, I had gotten up and went to the kitchen to get a glass of water. I looked out the window and saw a saucer like object hovering over my neighbors house. I ran for my kids rooms to get them with the intention of hiding because I felt we were in danger. I do not remember much of the rest of the dream other than trying to find a place to hide and settling on the storage room in my basement... then I woke up and it was 10:00 a.m., I never mentioned my dream. About a week later, my daughter came to me and looked deep into my eyes... and said "Mom, you didn't hide in the right place and they found you... I was under the table and they didn't see me." She walked away leaving me shocked and scared. I followed her and asked her questions about what she was talking about and she wouldn't tell me anything else. And she still hasn't told me more. How did she know this? Could it be it really happened? or is she again exhibiting ESP or has so.

(Removed) picked up on my subconscious? Anyways... I hope that this information helps in your quest for answers... because I too am beginning to need answers. Good luck to you Brian.

Additional Information:

Now getting to my daughter...

I have noticed some things over the past few years in regards to "strange marks". She often has unexplained bruising. They often appear on her arms and legs in oblong shapes... such as fingers... our finger print shapes.

Also... very recently... she woke up with sore genitals. I gave her a bath and she said the water made it hurt more. I asked her if I could look and see... so I would know if she needed to see a doctor, or just had a rash or something. When I looked, she had a small piece of the inside of her vaginal lip missing... very close to the vaginal opening. At first I thought someone had "touched" her and I asked a series of questions. She was very open and seemed genuine when she said no one had abused her. I believe her.

I shrugged it off as maybe she had scratched herself in her sleep... but it seemed very unusual. Another thing I find odd... she has developed allergies in the past 8 months... but she never stays allergic to the same thing. One day she can't be around dogs or she swells up and gets itchy, but a week later she's out playing with them. Or one day she can't have eggs, but the day after she eats them and she's fine. This occurs in numerous instances.

Another thing that gets me, in the past year she often wakes up and vomits, and then is fine for the rest of the day. I have had all these things checked by a doctor and no answers.

Now, I am a very concerned parent... and I ask my daughter about things in a manner she will understand, but is point blank. Such as, every morning I ask her if she had any dreams. Often she comes to me without my asking because the ratio of bad dreams is about 70%. She often dreams of the same things... fire.. "bad guys" "bad animals". I have tried asking her if she thinks some

dreams are real, but I don't think she really understands.

As for myself, I don't recall any other vivid dreams such as that one. I too often have unexplainable bruising and injuries. I have woke up with a sore knee on one occasion... .sore neck... and various other things. I have never had a "scoop mark". I have woken with the feeling of having had my throat scraped though... like I was missing tissue on the inside of my throat. The pain would disappear after a few hours.

Sometimes a person begins to feel like they are imagining things. But you have to stop and ask yourself... out of all the possibilities... what category does this fit into? I myself don't really know. But I have a feeling that there is more to all this then I've been told.

Take care Brian.

Thank you very much to the witness for the report.

Kaufman County Object Filmed Around Chemtrail/Contrail

Date: September 6, 2004
Time: Approx: 6:30 p.m.

Hi Brian

I'm glad I was taking pictures of chemtrails this afternoon and evening. I think it was about 6:30 p.m. today, .09-06-94, .I was videoing a chemtrail that had just been laid. I noticed something bright on the northeast end above it, but by the time I started taping, it was in front of the trail. I taped it till I lost it in the tree. Whatever it was had a short little trail behind it. It was heading west coming from the east. I thought this was odd because I've been skywatching regular now for about a year and I've never seen a plane with a short trail, they either have a long trail, about ten times the length of the plane, or they're laying a trail across the sky, or have no trail at all. It was about 7:52 p.m. when I saw a flash in the northeast sky, I had my camera then and I pointed toward where I saw it and snapped it. I saw that I captured something bright to the left of the chemtrail but didn't notice the one in the chemtrail until I downloaded them. The bright one was still catching the sun, but the chemtrail was blocking the other one from being lit up. These were heading nearly due north. To me the picture shows the UFOs aren't planes, and they also have short trails as in the video clip. The video and picture were taken in Kaufman county, 20 miles east of Dallas, Texas. Brian, I'm sending you the video clip and a copy of the un-retouched picture of the objects and some blowups of the objects.

Thank you to the witness for the report, footage and photos.

Video clip Kaufman County Object Filmed Around
Chemtrail/Contrail 9.75mbs

To view clip:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1806>

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
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>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>I haven't found any cases
>>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information
>>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very >
>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists
>>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the
>>evidence is compelling.

>John,

>The above is truly an extraordinary claim and frankly nonsense.
>The professionals at Battelle Memorial Institute who prepared
>"Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (Copy available, but beware,
>it is loaded with data) found that they had to label 689 of the
>3201 cases (21.5%) they examined as UNKNOWN completely separate
>and distinct from the 298 (9.3%) which they listed as
>INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

>Furthermore they did a quality evaluation of all the cases and
>found that the better the quality of the case the MORE likely to
>be listed as UNKNOWN. They must have had tough criteria because
>only 9.6% were listed as EXCELLENT, yet 35.1% of them were
>UNKNOWNs while only 18.3% of the 525 POOR cases and 15.6% of the
>1298 Doubtful cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. A further 26.6% of
>the 1070 Good cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. The better the
>quality the more likely to be UNKNOWNs.

>Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are
>no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable,
>and that the problem was poor quality.

>I suppose one solution as to how you could make such an
>extraordinary claim, backed by no data, is that you have only
>looked at a few poor cases and have rushed to judgement by
>extrapolation to a grandiose claim.

It is odd that Stan Friedman places so much reliance on this
50-year old report (presumably because it is the only official
report that gives the slightest support to his own beliefs).

Stan has always insisted that it is on-the-spot investigations

that count in ufology (i.e. get out of your armchairs, folks).

The Battelle study was based on reports and investigations already done by the USAF. The researchers at Battelle did not personally investigate one single case. They did it all the chi-square tests 'from their armchairs'.

But Stan still accepts their statistics.

However, their conclusions disown their own statistics. How does Stan account for this volte-face?

In some instances they even reversed the USAF solutions and decided cases were unknowns. And their 12 'good unknowns' are, quite frankly, garbage. (The USAF only lists 6 of these as unknowns).

Allan Hendry has shown up the shortcomings of this Battelle/USAF report in "The UFO Handbook". But Stan never, repeat never, mentions this critique.

CDA

[I have only just noticed John Harney's reply after writing the above].

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Coppola's Abduction Mini-Series: The 4400

From: Victor Viggiani <zland.nul>
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Subject: Coppola's Abduction Mini-Series: The 4400

Readers,

Will the Abduction phenomenon get yet another shot at the reality factor or will it become another fluff factor in the media's attempt to deaden our probative instincts about significant social issues?

There is every reason to believe that the abduction phenomenon is beginning to engrain itself in media sub-strata by occupying the consciousness of major film makers. As evidenced by Francis Ford Coppola's new 5 part mini-series supposedly due to air in Canada on the Space Channel September 22, 2004, one begins to wonder what compels renowned film makers to dabble in this stuff of the most bizarre.

Why would the USA Network and NBC Universal be so interested in such marginal and allegedly specious subject matter?

Simply entertainment you say. Quite so.

Socio-political agenda building or financial pragmatism? Flip that coin to find it has only one heads.

Series by line quote:

"From Executive Producer Francis Ford Coppola's production company, American Zoetrope, comes a haunting new limited series: THE 4400. Over the last century, thousands of people have gone missing. Suddenly and inexplicably, 4400 missing people are returned all at once, as they were on the day they vanished. Unclear what this world altering-event means, the government investigates the 4400 to piece together where they've been and why they've been returned. It quickly becomes apparent that their presence will change the human race in ways no one could have ever foreseen."

The jury is still out on the political capital Francis Ford Coppola's effort will fashion for himself and his investors among the media and the general public. Will the mini-series The 4400 be just another clever flick or something of a wedge to fracture the reality-box of the cosmically impaired?

It will be most interesting to see if the ideological and sociological impact of this UFO/ET related series is again out weighed by the all powerful production-for-profit-motive of a prominent film maker and his backers.

Or, could it be that Francis Ford has another agenda?

The effects of TAKEN by Mr. Spielberg seem to have fallen and be forgotten. If Mr. Spielberg truly considered the abduction phenomenon and truth in government real issues, he'd have spoken out when, and after, the awards were given out. We heard only the crunch of dollar bills folding into the pockets of producers and sponsors.

The 4400 who knows? Mr. Coppola what say you?

Put it on TV to obfuscate or engender sustained social

discourse?

Most TV programs are seemingly sequential hunks of information that are about 6 or 7 commercials away from the final credits and the eternal abyss of public forgetability. (Definition of a commercial: One to three minutes of sight and sound designed to make one forget the last 12 minutes and to prepare the intellect to repress the next 12 minutes. The same can be said of the News unless it's happening outside your front door.)

The consciousness of the viewing public is being experimented upon to deaden its probative awareness to create the belief that the ET issue, along with most other highly poignant social issues like the destruction of the Rain Forests, the depletion of the Ozone layer and Sexual Tourism, is simply fodder for mindless TV consumption and not the stuff of legitimate socio-political activism that must be taken for fear that our days as a species are numbered.

Will something like The 4400 break this barrier? Who knows?

If nothing else it is a very splashy web site:

<http://www.usanetwork.com/series/the4400/>

Victor Viggiani

[In Canada starts Wednesday September 22nd at 10:00 p.m. Eastern on Space channel:

http://www.spacecast.com/shows/specials/the_4400.asp

--ebk]

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 21:24:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:25:40 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 16:04:25 -0500
>Subject: Re:

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 18:10:51 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>True the GAO (not GSA) did admit records from that time period,
>>and other time periods, had been destroyed. But are we really to
>>believe that important records pertaining to the discovery of ET
>>life visiting planet earth (of supreme and lasting interest to
>>scientists the world over) were simply destroyed?

>>The obvious conclusion to me is that the disposed of records
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>>anyone.

>I can imagine that just about every American on this List will
>be as amused as I am at our British friend's naivete about the
>capacity of our government to keep secrets and to manipulate
>public opinion. Still, I am touched that the vision of American
>governance we were taught when we were in second grade still
>lives - overseas, at least, though it's long vanished from
>America's civic faith.

>There may be a case to make against Roswell, but this isn't it.
>Even if you swallow whole the Air Force's current version of
>what really happened, it managed - by its own admission - to
>keep a secret for a very long time.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

Of course, the crash in New Mexico of something else - something the US government does have control of - and which after fifty years it still doesn't want anyone to know about, is another matter altogether!

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

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 01:37:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:33:01 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 15:24:21 -0700
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UFOs & Media Request

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 13:59:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:37:52 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Media Request

Hello all,

I need some information before I answer the message below, suggesting a TV interview, something I avoid. Those often turn into 'roast the crackpot' affairs more for chuckles than anything else.

Does anyone know about, or has anyone had any experience with Sean McGinn (Associate Producer/Researcher) or his "Tactical to Practical" show by Edelman Productions on the Discovery Channel?

Thanks

- Larry

From: Sean McGinn <smcginn.nul>
To: webmaster.nul
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 12:01:25 -0700
Subj: UFOS -- Media Request

Hello Mr. Hatch, I came across your website while doing research for a story on searching for life in the universe for The History Channel's Tactical to Practical television program. I was wondering where in the country you are located, and if you do interviews.

Sean

Sean McGinn
Associate Producer/Researcher
"Tactical to Practical"
Edelman Productions
<snip>

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Re: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 03:53:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:40:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'? - Hatch

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 18:12:37 EDT
>Subject: Did You Take The 'UFO Quiz'?

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5897539/>

>The MSNBC story about the NIDS research has a cool 'UFO Quiz' near the bottom of the story. It's an interactive quiz to test one's knowledge of UFOlogy. I got all but one question correct. It was a question about the 'Heaven's Gate' group. I'm glad I missed that one.

Hello Greg:

My browser has an aggressive Ad-Blocker, which may be preventing me from getting to the UFO Quiz on the MSNBC page you gave.

Can you give a URL directly to the quiz itself? I looked all over but don't see anything to click on, just a thin bar mentioning the quiz.

Thanks

- Larry

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaiser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:42:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:50:19 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaiser

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 21:24:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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John,

I have to ask how you can support this as a statement of fact,
rather than "rational conclusion". Any evidence to support this
would be greatly appreciated by many researchers who'd like to
reduce the noise level in this genre.

Steve

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:10:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 09:04:51 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

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>>>UpDates List!

I guess I don't follow the reasoning here. Maybe it would make
sense if UFOs were crashing everywhere and constitute a public-
safety problem. I see no reason to believe that, unless John
knows something I don't. If the crash of an ET spacecraft,
Roswell has proved over time to be an exceedingly rare event.

>>>I'm sure the US government is skilled in duplicity, and holds
>>>many secrets, but the crash of an extraterrestrial spacecraft in
>>>New Mexico is not one of them.

According to you. As for me, I find the proposition not
incredible, at least on a theoretical level. (On the other side
of theory, actual evidence is - if not exactly nonexistent - not
terribly compelling, either.) It all depends, of course, on how
such a secret is handled and how it is hidden. Beyond that, if
one were so inclined, one could argue that the secret hasn't
been kept; all kinds of people who were there, or who knew

somebody who was there, have spoken out. At least some of them appear to be sincere.

In that sense, Roswell remains "secret" only because the U.S. government continues to conceal the documentation that would validate the unconfirmed oral testimony. Beyond that, because of its fantastic nature, the secret keeps itself because elite media, which routinely seek to expose secrets, dismiss the notion as too outlandish to take up. Thus, elite opinion pushes Roswell to the fringes and thereafter uses its position on the fringes as a reason to continue to ignore it.

My political problem with Roswell has nothing to do with the to - me unconvincing argument that such a secret couldn't be kept, at least in the sense John seems to mean. Rather, it's that nothing on all sorts of levels of official policy, not to mention post- World War II history, strikes me as plausibly consistent with the hypothesis of a crashed ET spacecraft and access to its extraordinary secrets.

I think it's hard to dispute that events in the world over the past six decades give us no reason to suspect that they were in any way influenced by a crashed UFO and all that would follow (such as, just to start with, breakthroughs in aviation and weapons technology) from it. In other words, the reality of ET wreckage and technology is not discernible by inference from other developments. I suppose that a Roswell proponent could argue that the material was so advanced that even now scientists and engineers studying it remain baffled by it. Maybe, but it's hard for me to believe that after all this time our scientific understanding remains that primitive.

In any event, my point is that Roswell discussion, in which I am agnostic to the bone, is by its nature speculative and, I believe, has proved ultimately unproductive. For now we would do well to resign ourselves to continuing ambiguity and uncertainty, in my opinion, and move on.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Coppola's Abduction Mini-Series: The 4400 -

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 08:41:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:21:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Coppola's Abduction Mini-Series: The 4400 -

>From: Victor Viggiani <zland.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 12:28:46 -0400
>Subject: Coppola's Abduction Mini-Series: The 4400

<snip>

>Will something like The 4400 break this barrier? Who knows?

It already was shown in the USA. It is well done with excellent actors. It is not a UFO abduction story at all, but borrows from the Schwarzenegger "Terminator" ideas by having time travelers doing the abductions and sending the altered abductees back to change the course of history and prevent armageddon.

Bob

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Secrecy News -- 09/10/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 09:58:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:23:21 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/10/04

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** PRESERVE FREE ACCESS TO PATHOGEN GENOMES, PANEL URGES
** A CALL TO PATRIOTIC WHISTLEBLOWING

ACTING DCI ENDORSES INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE

For the first time, a sitting Director of Central Intelligence has given his conditional endorsement to routine annual disclosure of the size of the national intelligence budget.

"If there is a separate appropriation for the foreign intelligence program, the National Foreign Intelligence Program, as distinct from the current arrangement where that appropriation is buried in the larger Defense Department bill, I think it would make some sense to declassify the overall number for the foreign intelligence program," said Acting DCI John E. McLaughlin, testifying before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on September 8.

"I would not go so far as to declassify the numbers for the individual agencies," as the 9/11 Commission unanimously recommended.

"But I don't think that declassifying the top line would be a major security threat," Mr. McLaughlin said in response to a question from Senator Joe Lieberman. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/s090804.html>

This is a remarkable reversal on the part of the CIA, which has made budget secrecy an article of faith, contending that even half-century-old intelligence budget figures would damage national security if disclosed. (Aggregate intelligence budget figures from 1997 and 1998 were released under pressure of litigation.)

In making his statement, the Acting DCI abandoned two flimsy but longstanding CIA arguments against intelligence budget disclosure: (1) the "slippery slope" argument, referring to the claim that if the total budget figure were disclosed, the government would then be powerless to stop other, more sensitive budget disclosures; and (2) the claim that sensitive programmatic information could somehow be discerned by hostile analysts from the annual increases or decreases in the total budget figure.

Acting DCI McLaughlin's support for budget disclosure was, however, conditioned on the establishment of a separate budget appropriation for the National Foreign Intelligence Program.

This reflects the CIA view that the current concealment of intelligence spending within the Defense Department budget is itself an "intelligence method" that must be protected, and that routine annual disclosure of the budget total would lead to exposure of exactly where the funding is concealed.

But this is a circular argument that amounts to saying that the budget must remain secret so that it can remain secret. Aside from that, it is objectively false: prior declassifications of intelligence budget totals in 1997 and 1998 could not be "reverse engineered" so as to locate exactly where the funds were hidden in the Defense budget. (We tried.)

Interestingly, Mr. McLaughlin expressed support for declassification of the national intelligence (NFIP) budget rather than the aggregate total of all intelligence spending.

But by leaving out tactical and joint military intelligence spending, this form of disclosure would actually be more revealing of the national intelligence budget than the aggregate figure; it would provide a finer level of detail, or "granularity."

"We have not heard a compelling argument for maintaining overall classification," said 9/11 Commission member John F. Lehman, at a September 7 hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"The American public would be shocked if they knew the misallocation of resources between HUMINT and other aspects of our intelligence budget," he said. "They need to know that.

How can you carry on a debate on the floor of the Senate without talking about those kind of gross numbers?" See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/ssci090704.html>

INTELLIGENCE REFORM ACTIVITY

Bipartisan legislation was introduced in the Senate this week that would implement nearly all of the 41 recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

A summary of the 280 page bill is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/911act-summary.pdf>

The introductory statements of Senators McCain, Lieberman and others may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/s2774.html

The White House endorsed the creation of the National Intelligence Director with full budget authority over the National Foreign Intelligence Program. See this White House fact sheet:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/wh090804.html>

OPEN SOURCES ON LASER ENRICHMENT IN SOUTH KOREA

South Korea's acknowledgment that it conducted experiments involving the laser enrichment of uranium four years ago (and earlier experiments with plutonium) came as an unwelcome surprise, particularly since these appeared to be a violation of the country's obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

But a considerable amount of information has long been available in the public domain regarding South Korea's interests and capabilities in the field.

A survey of that information was produced in 1996 by independent researcher Mark Gorwitz. See "The South Korean Laser Isotope Separation Experience":

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/rok/sklis.pdf>

Related source materials, including publication abstracts and patents, also compiled by Mr. Gorwitz, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/rok/sklis-sources.pdf>

DOCUMENTING ATROCITIES IN DARFUR

The U.S. State Department has published a new documentary account of atrocities committed in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The Secretary of State said this week that the systematic abuses constitute genocide.

The new report, entitled "Documenting Atrocities in Darfur," was produced by the Department's intelligence organization, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR). It is available here:

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/36028.htm>

PRESERVE FREE ACCESS TO PATHOGEN GENOMES, PANEL URGES

Unrestricted access to the genetic makeup of lethal biological agents serves the best interests of science and public health, according to a new report from the National Academy of Sciences, and existing policies should not be modified to limit such access.

To see the issue as a choice between security and openness involves "a false dichotomy," the NAS authors wrote. "Openness has enhanced security in the past and is the best way to ensure security in the future."

"The committee believes firmly that the policies currently in place for genome data -- immediate release and free access -- are correct because openness is essential to maintain the progress needed to stay ahead of those who would attempt to cause harm."

See this September 9 news release:

<http://www4.nationalacademies.org/news.nsf/isbn/0309093058?OpenDocument>

The full text of the new report, "Seeking Security: Pathogens, Open Access, and Genome Databases," is available here:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309093058/html/>

A CALL TO PATRIOTIC WHISTLEBLOWING

A group of whistleblowers led by Daniel Ellsberg yesterday called on government employees to "expose governmental wrongdoing, lies and coverups" by leaking documents, including classified documents, that reveal such misconduct. (The call for leaks excludes several narrow categories of classified information such as the names of intelligence officers under cover that are protected by statute.)

The initiative "aims to change the norms and practices that sustain the cult of secrecy, and to de-legitimize silence that costs lives." See:

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

While unauthorized disclosures of government information are essential to daily news gathering and are obviously morally justified in various circumstances -- "an expression of a higher loyalty," as Ellsberg put it -- they can also place the leaker in legal jeopardy.

Even the unauthorized disclosure of unclassified information may in some circumstances entail criminal prosecution.

"The improper release of such information can be prosecuted as a crime under the general theft of government property statute 18 U.S.C. section 641," noted David Berry of the National Labor Relations Board office of the inspector general in a journal article last year.

See "Theft and Misuse of Government Information," Journal of Public Inquiry, Fall-Winter 2003 (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/jpi-theft.pdf>

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Also, as I recall, the altitude was much greater than that of the drug interdiction plane, was it not? Greater altitude means much greater field of view.

Stan Friedman

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>As I can see the Mexican Air Force is not going to fly or
>present any test from the FLIR video of march 05, 2004.

<snip>

>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs
>they are oil well gas flames!

>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/FLIR_CONCLUSION.html

>Regards,

>Capt. Alejandro Franz

"O Captain! My Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up-for you the flag is flung-for you the bugle trills;
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths-for you the shores
a-crowding;
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces
turning:"

--"O Captain! My Captain!" by Walt Whitman

Hello Alejandro, List,

Thank you for your excellent example of thorough, unrelenting
research in the face of hostility from the supporters of the
case.

There are still two things that puzzle me slightly, even though
I am satisfied that you have identified the cause;

1. Surely the Mexican military were quite capable of doing
exactly what you, Richard Gemmell, James Smith, and Laurent
Leger did without enlisting the help of people whose only skill
is entertaining fools? The Mexican military also refused the
offer of assistance from skilled scientists - were they afraid
that the truth would be uncovered by them (but not by the
"useful idiots")? What exactly was the motivation of the
military in this pantomime?

2. Did your aircraft have on-board radar? If so, did it detect
anything? The radar information taken separately from the FLIR
images is interesting, but without the FLIR correlation, purely
anecdotal.

"I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference."

Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

--From "The Road not Taken", Robert Frost.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: In Plain Sight - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:17:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:34:07 -0400
Subject: Re: In Plain Sight - Maccabee

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 22:1:24 -0400
>Subject: In Plain Sight

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 14:48:07 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>The Project Blue Book microfilms are costly to purchase and it
>is difficult to find microfilm equipment to view the cases.
>Perhaps these are the reason that very little is heard about
>such cases. It might also be the case that since Project Blue
>Book is held in low esteem by many researchers, the feeling
>might be that these cases, especially "explained" are not worthy
>of any attention.

>In an effort to increase access to the Project Blue Book files,
>we have proposed that the microfilms be scanned into searchable
>text which can be placed on the Internet or sold on DVD's. So
>far most of the technical problems have been worked out. Such
>ambitious projects usually fall by the wayside. However, easy
>access would probably stimulate research by more people who
>could like Brad, Loren, and Joel come up with bits and piece
>hidden here and there, and also see relationships which others
>have missed.

>Significant UFO information is hidden, then, in plain sight
>among the mass of Blue Book case files!

I agree with the "hidden in plain sight" statement.

Back when I was visiting the (old) national archives in the
halcyon days of my youth (28 years ago!), back in the days when
you could actually walk to the shelves which held the 98(?)
rolls of microfilm, I discovered numerous cases that were
mind-blowing.

I also discovered that the Air Force Office of Special
Investigation files were combined with the Blue Book files.

The AFOSI files contained some information not found in the BB
files. Of importance to me, at the time, was the fact that the
AFOSI section of the microfilm records contained the details of
Case 10 of Special Report #14, one of the best simple-visual,
multiple-witness-sightings, ever.

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:17:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:54:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 17:30:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

<snip>

>If black budget programs exist which provide for ET "projects"
>on American citizens without their express knowledge and
>acquiescence, I think another revolution might be indicated.
>Surely this would rank above tea on the taxation without
>representation scale.

<snip>

If you want to see this spelled out in detail read the magnum
opus by 'Victor Norgarde - Dr. John Brandenburg - "Morningstar
Pass" (1st Books, 2003).

If you can ignore the poor editing you will find an amazing
story - fiction - which starts from the assumption of an
agreement with aliens and plays out the consequences of that.

The magnum opus is 711 pages long, so if you start reading we
won't expect to see you on UpDates for a while.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 20:01:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:26:11 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 16:04:25 -0500
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>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>True the GAO (not GSA) did admit records from that time period,
>>and other time periods, had been destroyed. But are we really to
>>believe that important records pertaining to the discovery of ET
>>life visiting planet earth (of supreme and lasting interest to
>>scientists the world over) were simply destroyed?

>>The obvious conclusion to me is that the disposed of records
>>were harmless personnel/admin stuff that was of no interest to
>>anyone.

>I can imagine that just about every American on this List will
>be as amused as I am at our British friend's naivete about the
>capacity of our government to keep secrets and to manipulate
>public opinion. Still, I am touched that the vision of American
>governance we were taught when we were in second grade still
>lives - overseas, at least, though it's long vanished from
>America's civic faith.

>There may be a case to make against Roswell, but this isn't it.
>Even if you swallow whole the Air Force's current version of
>what really happened, it managed - by its own admission - to
>keep a secret for a very long time.

>I'm sure Christopher's touching belief in the virtue of official
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discussion of what secrets US govt officials are capable of
keeping under wraps.

As regards the UK govt doing a similar act of destroying

valuable papers about ET visits (if this evidence were discovered in, say, the Rendlesham or Berwyn cases), I would say that such action is, quite simply, unthinkable. Nor would any responsible scientist, whether in government or not, disagree.

Perhaps Nick Pope can give his views.

You are perfectly free to say what you like about what the UK (or any other) government is capable of covering up and lying about. Don't hesitate about 'regaling' listfolk either.

A certain Mohammed al Fayed is still besotted with the idea that his son Dodi and Princess Diana were murdered by MI5, with Prince Philip in on the plot. (All to stop a possible interracial marriage in the Royal Family, you see.)

Can you beat that, Jerry?

Regards,

Christopher

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New Resource For Whistle-Blowers

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 15:32:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:30:37 -0400
Subject: New Resource For Whistle-Blowers

A New Public-Service Resource for Whistle-Blowers

By Larry W. Bryant

Current and prospective whistle-blowers (including the UFO-coverup genre) have a new resource.

It's being provided by former Vietnam-era whistle-blower Daniel Ellsberg. His specialty web site:

<http://www.truthtellingproject.org>

offers these "insider" heroes of truth-telling not just safe harbor, empathy, and commiseration but also a manifesto, a suit of rhetorical armor, and a reservoir of how-to-tell-and-survive tips and tools of the whistleblowing craft. The site's public-service potential should attract most government-reform advocates/practitioners from all quarters - including the public sector, academia, and the privately funded think-tank community.

Focused mainly on soliciting, grooming, and coaching a new crop of whistleblowers being spawned by the policies, events, and principals of the Iraqnam fiasco, this citizens' avenue to the hidden truth about government/corporate mal-/mis-/non-feasance deserves our support.

What's more: were several new whistle-blowers of the Ufological kind to emerge from this web site's operations, let's hope Ellsberg would devote a sub-page to their genre and revelations. We could call it the Jesse Marcel Memorial Whistle-Blower Sub-page.

NOTE: for a Sept. 10, 2004, Associated Press feature story on the Ellsberg project, visit the following link:

<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines04/0712-04.htm>

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

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Mexican Air Force Video Transcript Un-Cut?

From: **Capt. Alejandro Franz** <alfafox.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 14:45:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:39:17 -0400
Subject: Mexican Air Force Video Transcript Un-Cut?

Hello all,

I am working on the Mexican Air Force video semi-edited audio-transcript from the 32 minutes video obtained from:

<http://www.pixcells.dk/mexico/mexicoDODstream.wmv>

I say "semi-edited" because the above video link has many cuts and I don't know if somebody has the un-cut or the original copy on DVD. I am trying to do my best.

Here is the first part and you'll see in other transcripts how many important words expose how the C26A crew knew the RADAR was not working well - also how unprofessional they behaved in their cockpit communications.

There was and still is a cover-up!

Any comments are welcome also I would like to have some help from those who speak Spanish here on the List and could detect any mistake.

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<http://www.alcione.org/CAMPECHE/Pozos%20petroleros.htm>

Regards,

Capt. Alejandro Franz
director.nul

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 22:56:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:47:41 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:10:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 21:24:42 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>Of course the American government can keep secrets for a long
>>period of time, but surely only about matters over which the
>>American government has a large degree of control. Unless the US
>>government had come to some sort of deal with the Roswell
>>entities (I know some people do believe this, but not, as far as
>>I know, Jerry Clark) they had no control over where and when the
>>next UFO crash or controlled landing might take place. As Greg
>>Boone so wittily explained in his excellent 'reductio ad
>>absurdum' argument on this List a week or so back, such a cover-
>>up would require the co-operation of all other world
>>governments - even ones totally hostile to the US - scientists,
>>astronomers, engineers, biologists, doctors, and thousands of
>>military personnel. In fact almost everyone who's not on the
>>UpDates List!

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But of course, if the Roswell crash had been that of an
extraterrestrial craft, the government at the time would not
know how rare such events would turn out to be (although there
are plenty of people around here who don't seem to think such
crashes are at all rare). The US government could not be sure
whether or not the USSR had been in contact with a similar craft
and its crew

<snip>

>My political problem with Roswell has nothing to do with the to
>- me unconvincing argument that such a secret couldn't be kept,
>at least in the sense John seems to mean.

I'm not sure what you mean by "in the sense John seems to mean".
Keeping a secret means just what it says, doesn't it? Knowing
something and not letting anyone else find out about it.

>Rather, it's that
>nothing on all sorts of levels of official policy, not to
>mention post- World War II history, strikes me as plausibly
>consistent with the hypothesis of a crashed ET spacecraft and
>access to its extraordinary secrets.

>I think it's hard to dispute that events in the world over the
>past six decades give us no reason to suspect that they were in
>any way influenced by a crashed UFO and all that would follow
>(such as, just to start with, breakthroughs in aviation and

>weapons technology) from it. In other words, the reality of ET
>wreckage and technology is not discernible by inference from
>other developments. I suppose that a Roswell proponent could
>argue that the material was so advanced that even now scientists
>and engineers studying it remain baffled by it. Maybe, but it's
>hard for me to believe that after all this time our scientific
>understanding remains _that_ primitive.

Here I am in total agreement with Jerry, and this is an issue which Peter Brookesmith has discussed recently in Magonia. The main argument against Roswell is historical. We would be living in a very different world if Roswell had happened as it proponents believe. Apart from anything else, the number of scientists in a vast range of disciplines who would be plunged into full-time analysis of the wreckage, the propulsion systems, the materials, the biological remains, would soon become obvious within the academic world any beyond. Everyone from nuclear scientists to linguists would be involved.

I would go further, and say that this broad historical argument indicates that there has been no contact of any kind between earth-bound governments and any extraterrestrial intelligence, or even that any government has positive proof of the existence of ET. I am sure that for instance the whole history of the Cold War and US - USSR relations would be quite different if either power had been in contact with extraterrestrials.

>In any event, my point is that Roswell discussion, in which I am
>agnostic to the bone, is by its nature speculative and, I
>believe, has proved ultimately unproductive. For now we would do
>well to resign ourselves to continuing ambiguity and
>uncertainty, in my opinion, and move on.

I don't quite see how, having said what you said above, you can call yourself agnostic on the issue, as you have presented the prime argument against the conventional Roswell narrative. But be that as it may, as far as I'm concerned, case closed, thanks to Jerry.

--
John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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"What The Bleep Do We Do Now?" Review

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 19:44:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 11:09:53 -0400
Subject: "What The Bleep Do We Do Now?" Review

<http://www.suntimes.com/output/ebert1/wkp-news-what10f.html>

This review of the new movie/documentary about quantum physics is reviewed by veteran film critic Roger Ebert from the Chicago Sun Times.

Not only is the review funny but I thought of the folks on this List who know their protons from their mesons.

The key thing in Ebert's review is whether he understood what was presented by the several scientists.

Anyone here on the list see this flick yet? Did they get their physics right or did they fall to convention about the unconventional.

Best,

Greg

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>discussion of what secrets US govt officials are capable of
>keeping under wraps.

Christopher,

In other words, take the whole question out of any sort of
necessary context. Nice try, but sorry, I wasn't born yesterday.
In any event:

This is precisely the sort of naive question that caused me to
write in the first place. I confess that I fail to understand
why you, a non-American without any observable understanding of
how the U.S. government works its secrets, would wade into this
discussion with confident pronouncements, using the absurd
analogy of a grieving father's conspiracy theory as if you were
actually scoring a point or even being coherent.

The answer to your question is such an obvious one that I briefly
considered not answering it because it is, frankly, too obtuse to
merit a response. But I have decided to soldier on and provide it
for you. Here it is:

Of course not.

I take it we are to believe there are only two options: (a)

turning documents over to a reporter or other official agency or (b) shredding them. Americans watching the current effort to retrieve documents about Bush's military record - a potentially explosive political issue - from a manifestly unwilling administration (which continually declares it's turned over everything, until somebody finds crucial documents that weren't) will see a ready example of how this works. And with the Bush military records, the document deficit continues even after all kinds of smart, well-connected people and trained journalists spend anywhere from months to years trying to uncover them - which (except for the GAO search and the Air Force's self-serving enterprise) they certainly haven't done with Roswell.

This is not, as apparently you would have it, a defense of Roswell, the pros and cons of which can be debated on other, more cogent grounds. What I object to is your foolish insistence that records on vital matters - especially vital matters - can't be hidden even from the most determined prying eyes. There are good reasons to question Roswell as ET-related event (I discussed one of them in a response yesterday to John Rimmer), but yours isn't one of them.

Jerry Clark

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
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Wonderful! What duplicitous parrying. What deft obfuscation. I
suspected this is going to be inserted deeply into your adipose,
and then broken off like a Plexiglas shard. Neat trick faintly
suggesting Stanton Friedman is the only one guilty of this
pelicanistic tactic, a tactic Friedman has warned us about for
years. It makes me wonder about the real value of Hendry's
paper, his assessment of Battelle/USAF, and Mr. Allan's
revelation in it's regard.

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Well, yeah. But under the circumstances obtaining in the early
Cold War, no imaginable government on earth would not have
kept a crashed spacecraft a deep secret. It would simply hope
that its enemies didn't have access to the same material. More
than that, it would use its intelligence facilities to find out
if the Soviets (or whoever) were keeping their own comparable
secrets.

The Roswell event, whatever it was about, remains an intriguing
historical mystery. Far from closed, the case looks more
puzzling than ever. Documents that have yet to come to light
will presumably tell us - or our children and grandchildren -
what lies behind the veil. Every instinct tells me (though I'd
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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 18:00:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:55:02 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 01:37:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 15:24:21 -0700
>>Subject: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

<snip>

>Can you say how far you were from the l field?

117.39 Nutical Miles

Go to: <http://pollux.nss.nima.mil/calc/gcsail.html>

1.- Input flight Sep 04 airplane GPS coordinates:

LAT N 020 43' 4''
LONG W 090 30' 0''

Related video:

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/campeche03_0001.wmv

2- Input AKAL-C coordinates:

LAT N 19 23 57
LONG W 092 02 20

Image: http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/akal_jnl.jpg

3.- Airplane's heading was 249 degrees.
Airplane's altitude 310000ft.

4.- Time 00:42 UTC (19:42 local time) -6 hours DST

5.- Result:

Great Circle Distance:
117.39457581815384 nautical miles

Initial Course:
227.8955268939641 degrees true

6.- Airplane's angle difference:

Airplane heading 249
Az 227.89 = 21.1 degrees

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NAMES	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
AKAL-J	19 deg 25min 41 sec N	92 deg 04 min 31 sec W
AKAL-C	19 deg 23min 57 sec N	92 deg 02 min 20 sec W
NOHOCH-A	19 deg 22min 06 sec N	92 deg 00 min 14 sec W

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 15:38:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:57:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Sparks

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 22:37:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 19:52:06 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>Allan Hendry has shown up the shortcomings of this Battelle/USAF
>>report in "The UFO Handbook". But Stan never, repeat never,
>>mentions this critique.

>What was it someone said, "If the public don't know, don't tell
>them"?

This is the same Allan Hendry who in the same book The UFO Handbook proved he literally does not know his azimuth from his apex. He should have asked someone instead of pretending to know.

Hendry had at least two Ph.D. astronomers he could have consulted literally at hand (his own wife Elaine and J. Allen Hynek himself) to straighten out his azimuth-elevation and other scientific-technical confusions, but he obviously never did so. That in itself is exceedingly strange. That these two astronomers in his house and office never caught these howling errors is believable, however, because his book is so poorly organized (a number of sections are confusingly repeated in different places in the book) - and boring - that it is a difficult read, plus Hynek was not much into critical analysis like that.

All the months he investigated UFO cases for CUFOS are rendered highly questionable or largely nullified now because of Hendry's utter confusion about azimuth and elevation angles, and no doubt many other technical issues he was way in over his head about and had no business lecturing others on in his greatly flawed book (I have pointed out a number of other howlers in his "analysis" of IFO's and UFO's years ago where he tries to claim, contra Battelle, that the UFO's are just like the IFO's, where he didn't know what the hell he was talking about and got a number of things confused and mixed up, or tried to force-fit IFO and UFO categories to look "the same").

What?? No discussion of the strongest multiple-witness/triangulated UFO visual cases on record, which I previously posted on this thread, such as:

World renowned astronomer and meteoriticist Lincoln LaPaz, July 10, 1947 (4 witnesses 200 ft object maneuvering at up to 1,400 mph in and out of cloud bank at known distance).

World's leading aircraft designers and Cal Tech aerodynamicist in the Kelly Johnson-Lockheed triangulation case of Dec 16, 1953 (7+ air-ground witnesses, 200 ft hovering object suddenly accelerating to 25,000 mph into space).

Top Pentagon R&D official's Oct 7, 1958, triangulated observation (2+ air-ground witnesses, 500 ft hovering object suddenly accelerating to 36,000 mph into space)??

I could add many other cases like these.

You have lots of comments about other old cases such as Arnold and Chiles-Whitted in 1947 and 1948 respectively (both spectacular meteor fireballs as Klass correctly argues and in Arnold's case he was the first to discover back in 1993). But you are strangely quiet now on LaPaz, Kelly Johnson and Townsend (Pentagon R&D). You can't say they were nutballs or esoteric religious cranks or poorly educated Brazilian sailors anchored off a remote island. They were the world's leading experts on astronomy, meteoritics, aircraft design, aerodynamics, visual observations, experimental test piloting of advanced aircraft, with inside knowledge of leading edge advanced R&D aircraft and missile designs in classified projects (or were personally involved in such projects such as Kelly Johnson's now famous ultrasecret CIA U-2). You could not possibly pick out a better set of UFO observers, as these are the best possible UFO observers one could ever conceive of. If you dispute that then name any better top world experts to be witnesses!

Brad Sparks

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:59:29 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:14:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 22:56:24 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:10:14 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>I guess I don't follow the reasoning here. Maybe it would make
>>>sense if UFOs were crashing everywhere and constitute a public-
>>>safety problem. I see no reason to believe that, unless John
>>>knows something I don't. If the crash of an ET spacecraft,
>>>Roswell has proved over time to be an exceedingly rare event.

>>But of course, if the Roswell crash had been that of an
>>extraterrestrial craft, the government at the time would not
>>know how rare such events would turn out to be (although there
>>are plenty of people around here who don't seem to think such
>>crashes are at all rare). The US government could not be sure
>>whether or not the USSR had been in contact with a similar craft
>>and its crew

>Well, yeah. But under the circumstances obtaining in the early
>Cold War, no imaginable government on earth would not have
>kept a crashed spacecraft a deep secret. It would simply hope
>that its enemies didn't have access to the same material. More
>than that, it would use its intelligence facilities to find out
>if the Soviets (or whoever) were keeping their own comparable
>secrets.

So it wouldn't have been much of a secret then, would it?
Presumably the Soviet's intelligence facilities would have told
them about strange events at Roswell. The clue, of course would
be in the bit you snipped from my previous reply (as always):
the disappearance from the academic scene of a great number of
American scientists and technicians in a wide range of
disciplines. This is, after all, how the US government
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weapons in the 1940s.

>The Roswell event, whatever it was about, remains an intriguing
>historical mystery. Far from closed, the case looks more
>puzzling than ever. Documents that have yet to come to light
>will presumably tell us - or our children and grandchildren -
> what lies behind the veil.

You have some evidence for the existence of these documents,
have you? Or is it just wishful thinking and 'instinct'?

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>be pleased to be wrong) that this will not happen in the
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It may be just because the incident was so comparatively trivial
that the details are unclear, that no great paper-trail was
created at the time, and once the initial story had blown over
the whole matter was forgotten until a few ufologists
resurrected it over thirty years later.

Any 'confusion and ambiguity' is limited to the small, frenetic
world of ufology and ufologists. In the larger world, the world
of historical events, nothing of great importance happened at
Roswell - certainly nothing involving unknown technology. From
your previous posting, advancing the 'course of history'
argument, it's clear that you agree with this, but once again
you just can't bring yourself to kill off a mystery, so we have
to await future disclosures from some unknown source at some
unknown time.

And don't you just hate it when politicians say "it's time to
move on"? It usually means they've lost the argument.

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

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 17:42:46 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 10:14:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 22:56:24 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:59:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 13:12:45 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

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From which they can etched onto gold painted tablets and
ensconced in the Pelicanist temple at CFI headquarters, along
with the relics and fetishes of Philip Klass.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 22:31:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 13:20:17 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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Jerry,

I am totally convinced that we ET hypothesizers (a.k.a., UFO believers), when we try to communicate with Rimmer et al. skeptics, skeptibunkers, pelicans, scoffers (whatever label they prefer) are talking past each other. It is clear beyond a shadow of a doubt that they assume (conclude, believe) that there are no truly anomalous UFO sightings; all can be attributed to mistaken observations.

In the past, I have labeled this the Deluded Observer Hypothesis (conveniently reduced to the acronym DOH, pronounced Duh or Doh!). Given their mindset, it apparently is impossible for them to get past the idea that anyone who disagrees with the DOH must be (a) crazy, (b) mercenary, (c) dishonest, (d).... They inevitably focus on known cases of misidentification and project from that to zero real evidence of "truly anomalous" events. The very terminology sets their teeth on edge.

We wonder why they are so cock-sure that everything reported can honestly and convincingly be placed into conventional pigeonholes. They seem to be outraged by the very claim that unexplained things are being seen (patterned, consistent, well-documented observations). We are totally puzzled by their notion that there cannot be unexplained things; that apparently is unacceptable in their worldview.

We keep pointing out that the ET answer is purely hypothetical and readily admit that it does not have irrefutable proof. We don't claim to know the ultimate truth, instead arguing that there is a lot of suggestive evidence that is not being properly investigated, and the ET answer (broadly defined) is certainly an open possibility. They implicitly claim to know the ultimate truth: all UFO reports can be explained as mundane or prosaic phenomena misinterpreted by the witnesses.

I would be very interested to hear from the DOH believers as to how I have misrepresented or unfairly presented their viewpoint. My conviction is that they are sincerely but sadly mistaken, but in their cock-suredness they seem unable to assume the same for us.

- Dick

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 20:15:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 13:23:44 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

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>>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 21:24:42 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>My political problem with Roswell has nothing to do with the to
>>- me unconvincing argument that such a secret couldn't be kept,
>>at least in the sense John seems to mean. <snip> Rather, it's
>>that nothing on all sorts of levels of official policy, not to
>>mention post- World War II history, strikes me as plausibly
>>consistent with the hypothesis of a crashed ET spacecraft and
>>access to its extraordinary secrets.

I discovered the top secret Roswell policy of the then AAF by sheer accident while researching a completely different non-UFO historical subject. The policy was initiated in extreme secrecy on about August 1, 1947, and lasted about two years after the threat being defended against never materialized. It was apparently not the result of any crashed ET spacecraft or alien corpses or machinery being found at Roswell, but something of sufficiently disturbing importance as to trigger radical efforts to meet the military threat thought to come from deep space.

So the AAF/AF thought there was such a threat from space, but it was a thought, a tentative conclusion, which was soon thrown out, and evidently was a source of deep embarrassment, a debacle, a scandal, which the AF did not want to have publicly exposed. A crucial interagency jurisdictional dispute had arisen immediately after Roswell came to light, resulting in the AF losing direct control of the Roswell site investigation, but remaining on the sidelines in charge of developing the military response (functions that were highly compartmented for security reasons and not normally shared between these hostile competing agencies anyway). The agency that analyzed the residue was evidently unable to make any sense of it and buried the matter, much like the Brazilian Ubatuba magnesium which is unexplainable, makes no sense, yet is not clearly ET in origin either, a mystery easily buried.

Then a new policy of covering it all up was instituted as a counterintelligence psych war project in 1949, because the AF was deeply worried that Donald Keyhoe might have uncovered the Roswell secret in his wide-ranging UFO investigations for True magazine. Keyhoe had not uncovered the Roswell secret but the AF had no way of being sure of that (e.g., Keyhoe had uncovered the "green fireballs" story but said later he had withheld it from his True article because of security concerns). Nor did the AF

have any way of knowing that Keyhoe might not uncover Roswell in the very near future, for all the AF knew Keyhoe might have been hot on the trail of Roswell, given that he was the country's leading reporter working on the UFO subject at that time, and that was something the AF did know (that Keyhoe was the leading UFO journalist).

Roswell crashed saucer/alien body stories were floated to discredit Keyhoe in advance of any disclosure he might make and to cause him trouble in the meantime. It remains a question whether these Roswell stories that were floated were completely false or whether they were partially true and too much fact about Roswell leaked out with the fiction in the AF's hasty and panicky effort to blunt Keyhoe. My preference is that the Roswell stories leaked to discredit Keyhoe were almost completely false, but I admit I cannot be sure of that at this point. More investigation is required and is time-consuming and slow because of lack of resources, and difficult because of stonewalling by the government agencies involved, as well as because of the passage of time (50+ years now).

>>I think it's hard to dispute that events in the world over the >>past six decades give us no reason to suspect that they were in >>any way influenced by a crashed UFO and all that would follow >>(such as, just to start with, breakthroughs in aviation and >>weapons technology) from it. In other words, the reality of ET >>wreckage and technology is not discernible by inference from >>other developments. I suppose that a Roswell proponent could >>argue that the material was so advanced that even now scientists >>and engineers studying it remain baffled by it. Maybe, but it's >>hard for me to believe that after all this time our scientific >>understanding remains that primitive.

>Here I am in total agreement with Jerry, and this is an issue >which Peter Brookesmith has discussed recently in Magonia. The >main argumant against Roswell is historical. We would be living >in a very different world if Roswell had happened as it >proponents believe.

Well Roswell didn't happen as proponents or as skeptics believe. Neither side really wants to know - at best they make lip service demands for turning over signed confessions and such that do not exist and they know damned well could not reasonably exist. I cannot get my work published because neither pro-UFO or anti-UFO wants it to see the light of day and I am unwilling to piecemeal several hundred pages of book manuscript material into hundreds and hundreds of UFO UpDates postings or whatever.

As I said above, Roswell was hot with the AAF/AF for about two years, the top secret policy initiative collapsed when the military threat never materialized, and a policy of covering up the whole thing ensued. No breakthroughs in technology, no "different world" resulted from that brief postwar period of perceived (or some could say "imagined") military threat. We already knew that the AAF/AF briefly believed UFO's were ET in the postwar era and that fact did not result in a "different world" or in any breakthroughs in technology. So this top secret Roswell military policy reaction is a new spin on an old story, illuminating why and how that early ET conclusion came about, at least in part.

And we already knew that in late 1948 and 1949 the AF attitude gradually turned chilly towards UFO's. So this new light on a top secret military response to Roswell that turned sour in 1948 helps explain that already known historical fact about the developing anti-UFO hostility in the AF in that early time period.

>Apart from anything else, the number of >scientists in a vast range of disciplines who would be plunged >into full-time analysis of the wreckage, the propulsion systems, >the materials, the biological remains, would soon become obvious >within the academic world any beyond. Everyone from nuclear >scientists to linguists would be involved.

Not if Roswell happened as I have been finding, an anomaly in the desert, scorch marks with no wreckage, no bodies, no machinery. Extraterrestrial but ambiguous as to whether meteoritic "extraterrestrial" or moon-based / alien "extraterrestrial."

Ubatuba gives us a good historical analogy. Suppose a little piece of Ubatuba magnesium metal had been found at Roswell (I'm not saying it was, this is just a "thought experiment" as Einstein liked to say). Suppose a scientist at a secret agency who had spent time analyzing the metal had the sudden urge to take it upon himself to ruin his career by leaking it to the world through the news media. What could he say? Let's imagine an interview dialogue between the scientist and the reporter:

Scientist: I have a tremendous discovery to announce. I believe I have found a piece of a spaceship from another planet!

Reporter: How do you know this?? Do you have a spaceship in your lab?? What does it look like?

Scientist: Well, no I don't have a spaceship in my lab, it's just a piece of metal the size of your thumbnail.

Reporter (visibly disappointed): Well, what is it made of?

Scientist: It's made of magnesium and a few other things.

Reporter: How does that prove it came from outer space? Is it something that could be manufactured here on earth?? Did you see the spaceship crash?

Scientist: Uh, no I didn't see the ship crash. But I don't believe it was made here on earth.

Reporter: How do you know anything crashed? When and where did it happen?

Scientist: I don't know because the military is keeping it under tight wraps and our agency does not cooperate much with the military anyway. I don't know where or when it was found or when it must have crashed because no one will tell me that, I don't have security clearance or need-to-know apparently. It must have been recently I think. Somebody above me in my agency may know all that.

Reporter: So you don't know of any eyewitnesses to a crash of a spaceship or anything about where and when it allegedly occurred?

Scientist: No I don't. But I have - or had - the piece of metal!

Reporter: Does the metal say where it came from? Does it have a label on it of some kind? How do you know it came from outer space? Is it part of a machine?

Scientist: Uh, no label or writing on it, no working parts of any machinery. But the magnesium has strontium and barium in it!

Reporter (looking clearly confused): Does strontium and barium only come from outer space or can you find them on earth??

Scientist: Well they are found in abundance on earth but no one I know ever puts strontium or barium into very pure almost 100% pure magnesium metal!

Reporter: Is this something you could produce in your lab?

Scientist (sounding a little desperate): Well, yes, but that isn't the point! ...I would stake my reputation on this!

Reporter: Dr. So-and-So do you have any photos or lab reports to back up your allegations and why hasn't your agency publicly revealed this story if it is as you claim?

Scientist: All the lab reports and photos are locked up in my lab under tight security! They are highly classified and I can't take those out or I'd be arrested. I have no idea why this hasn't been announced to the public. They don't confide policy matters with me. I'm just a lab scientist. But I would stake my reputation on what I found!

Reporter: Do your lab reports say this metal came from another world?

Scientist: Well, no, it's just a bunch of numbers in the lab

reports. We were told not to speculate or draw conclusions, and only discuss conclusions with superiors verbally, not with co-workers at all under any circumstances, for security reasons, as you can well imagine. But the conclusions are obvious!

Reporter: Obvious to you anyway. But all your proof is conveniently locked up under tight security, you say, and it's all just your word, your reputation, no witnesses, you don't even know where on earth this alleged metal was found. And as for your "reputation" I checked with your agency and they say you were fired months ago for mental instability and a drinking problem, that you were only a technician not a full-fledged "scientist."

Scientist: That's not true! I was just in my lab yesterday. I am the Branch Chief! I was never fired!

Reporter: Dr. So-and-So you will have to take that up with your agency, or former employer. Do you have any evidence to back up your wild story? Any proof of what you say, any proof that some alien metal even exists or where it came from?

Scientist: It's all in my lab! Please believe me! I am not mentally unstable and I never drink, ask my wife!

Reporter: Doctor, is it true that you are separated from your wife and that she has filed for a divorce? I am a reporter and I have to check out the facts very carefully before I publish especially when the story is as sensational as this and seems to depend solely on your word and reputation alone. So your reputation is crucial and from where I'm at it looks rather tarnished to me. Your agency won't back your story and claims you became a bit deranged.

Scientist: I am telling you the truth I swear!!! The agency is lying!

Reporter: So you admit the agency does not support you?

Scientist: You are twisting my words! Ask my wife she will support me even though we are having some difficulties right now.

Reporter: Has your wife seen the alleged metal?

Scientist: Of course not! It's highly classified, I cannot even discuss it with her. It's not "alleged" metal, it really exists! I had it in my hands, please believe me.

Reporter: So your wife knows nothing about the purported space metal?

Scientist: (Sputters) B-b-b-b-u-t-t-t-t.....

Reporter: I have to get onto other matters, Doctor, thank you for your time.

Scientist: But... but... what about my story???

Reporter: What story? Without proof there is no "story," sorry.

Obviously no scientist in his right mind is going to wreck his career on a lark, to reveal highly classified information about something that makes no sense and is confusing, a mystery. A Ubatuba-like little piece of metal can be studied and studied to death (as Ubatuba magnesium has been for almost 50 years) and it still proves absolutely nothing, even though still technically unexplained. And here if there were merely some anomalous burn residues in the desert at Roswell that could be explained maybe with some difficulty as a highly unusual meteorite phenomenon, it would be even less substantial than what I portrayed in the Scientist-Reporter Dialogue (above).

>I would go further, and say that this broad historical argument
>indicates that there has been no contact of any kind between
>earth-bound governments and any extraterrestrial intelligence,
>or even that any government has positive proof of the existence
>of ET. I am sure that for instance the whole history of the Cold
>War and US - USSR relations would be quite different if either
>power had been in contact with extraterrestrials.
<snip>

>I don't quite see how, having said what you said above, you can
>call yourself agnostic on the issue, as you have presented the
>prime argument against the conventional Roswell narrative. But
>be that as it may, as far as I'm concerned, case closed, thanks
>to Jerry.

Roswell is hardly "closed". But neither the pro-UFO community or
the anti-UFO skeptic-debunker community wants to hear about it,
because it doesn't support either side's simplistic pet
theories.

Brad Sparks

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Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 09-11-04

From: **Brian Vike** - HBCC UFO <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 18:00:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 13:27:42 -0400
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 09-11-04

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Newsletter Release: September 11 , 2004

Queens, New York Rounded Triangle With U.S. Markings

Date: 1993 or 1994
Time: Between 3:00 - 3:30 a.m.

I read one of your recent reported sightings and it reminded me of something strange that happened. It was the sighting that happened in the UK with the craft over the hospital. I read it on Rense.com. Anyway about a week ago I was walking my dog about 3-3:30 in the morning and I didn't see nothing, but I heard something. It sounded like something massive was passing overhead but I couldn't see it. The strange thing though it was a sound you had to focus your attention on. Reading about that sighting reminded me of the incident. Another weird thing is that on that same block 10 years ago I saw an anti gravity craft. Well when I described it to someone with a site that's what they said it was. I saw it very clear, it was about 40-50 feet up in the sky. Just a few feet above a 3 story building. It was so visible that I could make out the writing on the side, it said U.S. It was shaped like a rounded triangle and had rocket type things on the bottom but it was flying sideways. I followed it till I couldn't see it no more. It was loud too. Funny thing I was the only outside at the time. It's weird because I live in Queens, New York and it's not a quiet place. But I will admit it really slows down at night almost dead-like. So this was probably in 1993 or 1994. Can't recall the exact date. The time was between 9 and 10 pm.

Well that's all I can remember right now. If you have any questions feel free to me.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

=93Weird=94 Photo - Beam Of Light And Possible Figure ?

Newspaper article and photo.
<http://www.prrecordgazette.com/story.php?id=3D116160>

Also story and additional location pictures can be found at my website:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1834>

HBCC UFO Research Note: I became aware of this story due to the kindness of one of the residence from the area who passed the story along to me. Also he ran out and took the below four pictures of the area where the beam of light was filmed. I would like to extend my many thanks to the fellow for doing this.

Also after I received the story I immediately called the newspaper to enquire about the story. I left my contact information with the paper in hopes the reporter who wrote the story would contact me. He did not 15 minutes or so after I left

a message. The reporter and I had a nice conversation about the article. He confirmed that he did go to the Photo Lab where the picture was developed and they folks at the photo lab told him that the picture was not tampered with, and not the product double exposure or of any technical defect that they could think of.

Note from fellow who took location pictures for me: Just came back from the site here are some reference pics the building that at the time of the pic was not there it was just breaking ground is the Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness.

Vernon in Connecticut Flickering Lights

Date: 2004 (continuing)
Time: After dark.

Message: Hi. I don't know if this means anything to you or not, but we didn't know who else to contact with regard to what we've seen lately. Over the past year we have seen strange flickering lights over Vernon in Connecticut. They seems to vary in number depending on the clarity of the night sky. However, they remain in a symmetrical pattern at different heights. Over a period of hours they move gradually higher and higher until they can no longer be seen. They only appear on clear nights when most stars are clearly visible. After watching them for a period of hours my husband and I have noted them moving higher and higher until no longer visible. They kind of sway like in a hovering motion. Initially we thought they were helicopters but they made no sound. There is a direct flight path on the route that they take up and it appears that when a plane enters their line of sight that that move quicker in altitude as if to get out of the way. Have you heard of any other such sightings and how can this be explained in a logical fashion as we're really quite scared. Please get back to us if you've heard of anything similar.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Phoenix, Arizona Night Orbs And Large Triangle

Date: April 2004 (continuing)
Time: 2:55 a.m. - (Triangle) 3:53 a.m. - (Bright Night Orb)

Hey Brian! How are you today? Hope all is doing well.

When I first talked to you in June I told you about the night orbs and the big triangle I recorded. I just realized that you never saw it! I am sending you these two clips that are awesome.

The first clip is the big triangle. I was out in the morning hours walking my dog as I have been doing for weeks. Since April of this year I have been recording these lights in the sky on a regular basis but this night was special.

I usually get single orbs that look like stars but disappear and re-appear anywhere in the sky and move in straight lines. Some are brighter than others, some flash, some fast and some slow. This night was different.

At first I thought I was seeing things but since I recorded it I couldn't have been. I thought for the first time I was getting 2 orbs at once but it was actually 3 in a triangular formation. It came from the South and was moving about 20-30 mph(guess). Altitude is unknown because it looked like 3 stars in a triangular formation so it was hard to tell. It was heading right for me and than veered to the East.

The sighting lasted just over 5 minutes until I lost it in the clouds some 15 miles away. The funny thing about this was that during the recording I thought there were only 2 orbs so most of the video shows the 2 lights in the front but since I panned back a few times to show the object passing by the stars I noticed that there were 3 lights in a triangular formation. That's the clip I am sending you.

The other clip is a bright orb captured around the same time but the night after. I captured over 30 or more of these single orbs

but this one is the brightest. Also on the night that I taped this single bright orb I captured 7 of them in one half hour! Coming from all directions all different speeds. Pretty cool.

I hope you enjoy the clips and give my best to all, Thanks again,

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.

Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip #1 Night Triangle Phoenix, Arizona 3.00mbs
Video clip #2 Bright Night Orb Phoenix, Arizona 3.58mbs

To view video clips please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1828>

Phoenix, Arizona Sky Worm

Date: August 25, 2004 Time: 1:01 p.m.

Brian, I am sending you a clip of these worm-like objects I am getting on tape lately. This is the first one I captured a few weeks ago. They start out like this but eventually gain altitude and turn into balls, weird.

I just want to let you know a few things about these worms in the sky. For one, I thought it may be a kite but there is no string. Second, it went directly over my house and stayed over it for 20 minutes just moving a few feet here and there but staying in the same general area over the house. Also I don't know of any kites that turn into a ball and then head off somewhere.

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For all I know I may be wrong. There may be a logical explanation for this weird worm in the sky but I have several of them on tape from different parts of the valley up to 45 miles from my house. So it's not just over my house. I also noticed that they are around when there are chemtrails present and we've had them the past few days.

I thought it may be a plastic bag from a grocery store but I followed one for almost 2 hours until I ran out of road. It never raised in altitude (so it seemed) and when it slowed down it looked like a worm on pavement. When it decided to move it rolled up into a ball and went on its way. Like I said it did this for at least 2 hours that I saw it. Stopping, moving, stopping, moving. Very subtle, very hard to see if you don't focus the right way. I mean, it's 108 degrees outside who wants to be outside? Again, weird...

But all this stuff is weird and maybe someone can let us all know what is actually up in our skies. I'll catch up with you later.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.

Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip Sky Worm Phoenix, Arizona 3.33mbs

To view the video clip:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1833>

Phoenix, Arizona Object In Vicinity Of The Plane

Date: August 28, 2004
Time: 12:39 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I took this video about a week ago and forgot to send it to you before I went out of town.

I spotted this object by accident. I was following an airplane with my camera when I saw a light reflection in the vicinity of the plane. I panned back and saw this object heading North at a fast pace and I knew this was not a plane. It had no wings as you can see and it was spinning. It must have been over 10k ft.in altitude and speed is unknown. The winds that day were West to East about 5-10mph but this object look silver metallic and you can easily see it rotating so balloons are ruled out. It was also moving very fast(much much faster than the breeze) and on a straight path North.

There was no erratic behavior no right angle turns and no stopping on dimes with this object. It just kept going on a straight course North. I wish it was more but I think this is still a good sighting.

Hope all is going well. Thank you Brian.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.

Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip Extremely Bright Orb Phoenix, Arizona 2.08mbs

To view the video clip:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1813>

Kodiak Island, Alaska Stationary Object Over Coast Guard Base

Date: September 8, 2004
Time: Between 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

Dear Brian, I'm here on Kodiak island, Alaska. Yesterday we went river fishing for salmon nearby the Coast Guard base, COMSTA -- Communications Station--and I lay on my back in the warm weather watching contrails from departing Anchorage jets flying SW towards Hawaii or the Philippines (?). Anyway, I noticed the SAME exact silvery dot maintaining a precise location in the sky while the contrails drifted and the lower clouds scurried over the mountain tops. I thought a weather balloon would drift, even a short distance in mild weather (It was almost windless) but I thought it peculiar anyway. It may well have been a weather balloon. Still, it was in the contrails and out but never moved anywhere across the sky. Too high for a tether too--!

Additional Information:

Dear Brian---As a sometimes reader of Rense.com and contributor, I find myself questioning the chemtrails aspect. And having watched the flight pattern of the Anchorage jets as they heading SW over the island on that brilliantly sunny day (with a few low clouds), it was then I noticed the "shiny dot." The late afternoon sunlight reflected off it--Had to have been about 2-3:00 p.m. and lasted about 2 hours. As I said, I was watching my brother cast for silver salmon (he got his limit) while I slapped at bugs. Reclining on the bank seemed to offer a respite from the bug onslaught-lol. Anyway, I watched the silver dot suspended there and it didn't move. Now the high altitude contrails didn't blow away either but simply expanded and grew thinner. The dot must have been quite high because it was obscured but did NOT disappear within the contrails. If it was a balloon though it would have floated even a little way and it did NOT move one way or another. However, the contrails (3-4 jets passes at intervals of 8-10 minutes) did move, widening and growing thinner, as contrails do. The dot was still visible in the same place. Now, where we were fishing was at Buskin Lake surrounded by antennae, which I believe are part of the COMSTA Kodiak coast guard base. Here is what I found on google about the lake and antennae. Website can be found at:
<http://209.165.152.119/radios/commsta.html>

I'm former USAF and my brother was US Marines. I didn't point out the dot to him because he was enjoying himself and has bad

eyesight--lol---I had hoped the dot would zig and zag--always wanted to see a UFO, so that is why I checked it from time to time. When we left it was still there, 2 hours at least, in the same spot. Even windless skies aren't without a trace of wind in the upper levels, I don't believe, but it was hard to tell the elevation. The few lower clouds were moving across the tops of the mountains, as I noted.

Thank you very much to the witness for the excellent report.

Escondido, California Red And Green flashing Lights

Date: September 9, 2004
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Last night I saw another inexplicable light in the sky. I was on the phone to my sister in Sacramento for about 90 minutes last night. As you may recall, I live in Escondido, about 30 miles north of San Diego. For part of the time I was on the phone, I was sitting in a wicker chair on my balcony, which faces west. I often see aircraft. There is a local airfield about 15 miles west of here, and corporate and private aircraft are always coming and going. I am a mile from our local hospital, and often see medical helicopter flights quite close-up. Sheriff's helicopters are also a common sight. In the late afternoon I even see a fair number of hot-air balloons, several miles in the distance.

Last night, as I was sitting on the balcony talking with my sister, I became aware of a light which I first presumed was Jupiter, and then I thought it was an aircraft because it appeared to be flashing red and green lights. I didn't pay any attention at first, until I suddenly realize that it was not moving at all, simply hovering. It was high up, and too far away to be heard even if it was an aircraft. I went inside and grabbed my binoculars, and tried to bring it into focus as I described to my sister what I was seeing. Through the binocs, it seemed to be a cluster of lights, which irregularly flashed red and green. I watched it for approximately ten minutes. This was about 8:30 PM. Later on, I walked back into the apartment. After hanging up, I walked back outside to look for the object. It was gone, and I could see Jupiter in the approximate location where the object had been.

There were a few high clouds, but the night was otherwise clear. Was I seeing some atmospheric distortion of Jupiter? I simply don't know. I do know that the red and green flashes were coming from opposite sides of the object, which is why I initially assumed it was an airplane. It did not move at all, the entire time I was observing it. My binoculars are quite strong, but not enough to get a fix on any structure. Just the flashing lights. I have no idea what I was looking at, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't Jupiter, as I see Jupiter nightly, and have never seen it flashing lights before.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Sumner, Washington Short Blimp Like UFO

Date: September 10, 2004
Time: 9:22 a.m.

Hi Brian!! I'm so excited because I seen another UFO this morning-September 10, 2004...I was on my way to work which is about 10 minutes from my house. They just opened a road that leads from Hwy 167 to 142nd Avenue East in Sumner, Washington. I decided to try this new road and it was 9:22 a.m., I was happy to see that this new road cut a few minutes when I put my blinker on to turn right into our driveway. Suddenly I noticed a white sort of long (maybe like a short blimp) object traveling in the cloud stream...it was pretty white but made me wonder if it were a plane but I couldn't see any wings on it but then that really didn't mean much because sometimes its hard to tell if objects have wings depending on the angle...anyhow, I'm watching it and it's floating strangely and begins to descend just a little but enough to tell me that it wasn't a plane. It stays in the cloud stream and gets less white to where I can barely see

it against the cloud it was in. It heads to the ridge (I guess East) of Lake Tapps where the 8th Street intersection is and it gets real bright for about 3 seconds then dims down to a faint spot, comes out of the clouds and gets bright again, now heading South towards Sumner - it remains bright for maybe 2 seconds and then dims down so dim that it's hard to see - looks like a faint spot that almost isn't there and then it completely disappears! I'm so glad I tried this new road today because if I would've went the other way, I might not have seen it. Hope you are well - Take care

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report.

Phoenix, Arizona "Bag-Like" Object Turns Into Orb

Date: September 10, 2004
Time: 4:03 p.m.

Hey Chief! Today was weird. I am sending you 2 clips, both have serious distortions on the video itself. A lot happened today but when I played back the video it looks like the camera vibrated vigorously and a black line appears at the top of the video even though the camera was on the tripod and fairly still.

The first clip was of a "bag-like" object that somehow turns into an orb. When I started to tape this first object it acted like a worm in the sky. But after 15 minutes of this object meandering in the sky it took the form of a ball-like object and looked like all the other orbs I've taped. So now I am confused. Or am I lead to believe that this is a bag but it is actually something that takes the shape of a worm than changes back into an orb to travel?

The clip shows the object moving to the left and back to its starting position very fast. Now as this is about to happen the shaking begins and the clip is almost impossible to see but if you watch it over and over you can see the motion clearly. On T.V. it's very obvious because the screen is big but on the computer it's a little more difficult to see, but you can tell.

The second clip is of another worm-like object flipping over and over and over and over and over, never stopping the flipping motion even for a second! This went on the whole 20 minutes I saw this. I align the camera so a tree branch is in view for a reference and out of nowhere (where else?) another reflective silver-metallic objects streaks right by it to the left side of the object. (facing me)

Again the camera starts to vibrate and gets distorted when another object appears. Luckily I was able to get this object passing by because there were two more right after it but the camera vibrated and you can't see them unless it's on a bigger screen or T.V.

There were plenty of chemtrails today and I am starting to see a pattern with these sightings and these weird worm-like objects appearing by chemtrails. That's a whole other theory I don't wish to get into right now. Crazy today.

Hope all is well,
Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.
Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip #1 Sharp Turn Orb Phoenix, Arizona 2.96mbs
Video clip #2 Sharp Turn Orb Phoenix, Arizona 2.68mbs

Video clips can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1827>

Toronto, Ontario Over Clay Hills Caledon

Date: September 10, 2004
Time: 11:48 p.m.

It's 11:48 pm Fri. September 10, 2004. I've been out on my deck looking in the east sky and there it is plan as can be, it's

giving off lights as bright and obvious as an airplane. But it's not! It's a star ship. It's been moving closer and it's doing the up and down and quick circular motions. I have seen it a couple of times in the same location off and on for a week. Last weekend my 75 year old mother saw the same thing on Friday night but not Saturday. The stars were all still in the same location. Anyway I'm located 1 hour northwest of Toronto Ont. I live 1/4 km. from what they call the bad lands or clay hills in Caledon. I have a very good view from my backyard.

Hopefully someone else saw this tonight and can confirm. Thanks.

Additional Information:

This UFO was in the northeast sky, coming straight across to the west sky directly above my head within a hour or so.

As I said it didn't take to long for it to get to my location as it did little up and down back and forth movements along the way, every once in a while it appeared to do a circular motion. (that's when the lights are obvious), I watched it for almost two hours.

=46rom a distance it almost looks like airplane light, but as it gets closer you can see the difference. It doesn't flicker like a star, it flashes, the lights appear to be going in a circular motion, bright white light, red and green. It was quite high up, But I imagine by that shape it was round or oval. I heard know sound.

I do live around 26 km north of Pearson Int, Airport and there is a small flying club just 6 km. south of me.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 07:33:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 19:20:09 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:10:14 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>So it wouldn't have been much of a secret then, would it?
>>Presumably the Soviet's intelligence facilities would have told
>>them about strange events at Roswell. The clue, of course would
>>be in the bit you snipped from my previous reply (as always):
>>the disappearance from the academic scene of a great number of
>>American scientists and technicians in a wide range of
>>disciplines. This is, after all, how the US government
>>determined that the Soviets were developing their own nuclear
>>weapons in the 1940s.

>etc. etc. etc.

>I will leave it to the rest of you to decide how much sense John
>Rimmer is making. I have said all I intend to say on the
>subject, and Listfolk are free to judge which of us has the more
>measured and defensible view.

>Just so that John doesn't whine again that I've clipped out his
>pearls of wisdom, those who are interested - and who don't know
>it already - can easily find them in the Updates archive, where
>they are preserved, in all their rhetorical glory, for
>posterity.

Thanks, Jerry. You've made my point for me.

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

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Stevenson

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Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Stevenson

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:17:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 17:30:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2004 10:15:09 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

><snip>

>>If black budget programs exist which provide for ET "projects"
>>on American citizens without their express knowledge and
>>acquiescence, I think another revolution might be indicated.
>>Surely this would rank above tea on the taxation without
>>representation scale.

><snip>

>If you want to see this spelled out in detail read the magnum
>opus by 'Victor Norgarde - Dr. John Brandenburg - "Morningstar
>Pass" (1st Books, 2003).

>If you can ignore the poor editing you will find an amazing
>story - fiction - which starts from the assumption of an
>agreement with aliens and plays out the consequences of that.

>The magnum opus is 711 pages long, so if you start reading we
>won't expect to see you on UpDates for a while.

Thanks Bruce, I too do like Sci Fi but is there a film? Films
are much better as they do not 'stick to' the relevant points
and take up less valuable time :-)

Kind wishes

Col
<http://www.colsweb.com>
PS. is there any Nooky in it?

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 12:08:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 19:23:50 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:58:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 20:01:42 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>Do you believe that documents relating to the discovery of ETs
>>visiting planet earth (i.e. probably the greatest and most
>>important scientific discovery ever made) were simply put
>>through the shredding machine as if they were waste paper,
>>whilst the 'great secret' was, and still is, intact, and known
>>only to a select few?

>>Please answer this question, and not widen it into a general
>>discussion of what secrets US govt officials are capable of
>>keeping under wraps.

>Christopher,

>In other words, take the whole question out of any sort of
>necessary context. Nice try, but sorry, I wasn't born yesterday.
>In any event:

>This is precisely the sort of naive question that caused me to
>write in the first place. I confess that I fail to understand
>why you, a non-American without any observable understanding of
>how the U.S. government works its secrets, would wade into this
>discussion with confident pronouncements, using the absurd
>analogy of a grieving father's conspiracy theory as if you were
>actually scoring a point or even being coherent.

This 'grieving father' had a big grudge against The UK govt (for
other reasons) long before his son's death.

>The answer to your question is such an obvious one that I briefly
>considered not answering it because it is, frankly, too obtuse to
>merit a response. But I have decided to soldier on and provide it
>for you. Here it is:

>Of course not.

Good. We do agree after all!

>I take it we are to believe there are only two options: (a)
>turning documents over to a reporter or other official agency or
>(b) shredding them. Americans watching the current effort to
>retrieve documents about Bush's military record - a potentially
>explosive political issue - from a manifestly unwilling
>administration (which continually declares it's turned over
>everything, until somebody finds crucial documents that weren't)
>will see a ready example of how this works. And with the Bush
>military records, the document deficit continues even after all
>kinds of smart, well-connected people and trained journalists

>spend anywhere from months to years trying to uncover them -
>which (except for the GAO search and the Air Force's
>self-serving enterprise) they certainly haven't done with
>Roswell.

>This is not, as apparently you would have it, a defense of
>Roswell, the pros and cons of which can be debated on other,
>more cogent grounds. What I object to is your foolish insistence
>that records on vital matters - especially vital matters -
>can't be hidden even from the most determined prying eyes.
>There are good reasons to question Roswell as ET-related event
>(I discussed one of them in a response yesterday to John
>Rimmer), but yours isn't one of them.

After a bit of circumlocution, you have in fact answered my
question.

Thanks Jerry. I shall now close the debate.

Christopher

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 10:33:30 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 19:27:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 19:52:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>><snip>

>>>I haven't found any cases
>>>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information
>>>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very >
>>>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists
>>>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the
>>>evidence is compelling.

>>The above is truly an extraordinary claim and frankly nonsense.
>>The professionals at Battelle Memorial Institute who prepared
>>"Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (Copy available, but beware,
>>it is loaded with data) found that they had to label 689 of the
>>3201 cases (21.5%) they examined as UNKNOWN completely separate
>>and distinct from the 298 (9.3%) which they listed as
>>INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

>>Furthermore they did a quality evaluation of all the cases and
>>found that the better the quality of the case the MORE likely to
>>be listed as UNKNOWN. They must have had tough criteria because
>>only 9.6% were listed as EXCELLENT, yet 35.1% of them were
>>UNKNOWN while only 18.3% of the 525 POOR cases and 15.6% of the
>>1298 Doubtful cases were listed as UNKNOWNNS. A further 26.6% of
>>the 1070 Good cases were listed as UNKNOWNNS. The better the
>>quality the more likely to be UNKNOWNNS.

>><snip>

>It is odd that Stan Friedman places so much reliance on this
>50-year old report (presumably because it is the only official
>report that gives the slightest support to his own beliefs).

>Stan has always insisted that it is on-the-spot investigations
>that count in ufology (i.e. get out of your armchairs, folks).

>The Battelle study was based on reports and investigations
>already done by the USAF. The researchers at Battelle did not
>personally investigate one single case. They did it all the chi-
>square tests 'from their armchairs'.

>But Stan still accepts their statistics.

>However, their conclusions disown their own statistics. How does
>Stan account for this volte-face?

>In some instances they even reversed the USAF solutions and
>decided cases were unknowns. And their 12 'good unknowns' are,
>quite frankly, garbage. (The USAF only lists 6 of these as
>unknowns).

>Allan Hendry has shown up the shortcomings of this Battelle/USAF
>report in "The UFO Handbook". But Stan never, repeat never,
>mentions this critique.

>[I have only just noticed John Harney's reply after writing
>the above].

When in industry I did read many report summaries and overviews that were totally disconnected from the data in the reports. As a physicist I choose data over summary, spin, overview and nauseum, any time. There were many things that bothered me about BBSR14 when I first discovered a copy of the privately published Leon Davidson edition at the U. of Calif. Berkeley Library in about 1960.

No authors are given and no contractor noted.

The data is intentionally obscured. I had to dig out the info from loads of tables, graphs and figures. For example, the crux of the matter should have been the simple tables I show in my lecture of categorization type and percentage in each category, and quality evaluation as a % of all sightings and what fraction of each quality grouping were UNKNOWNNS, Insufficient Info, etc. Once I did that, it became obvious that the Secretary of the USAF lied in the press release which Davidson had included. He said only 3% were UNKNOWNNS and they would have been identified as conventional phenomena or illusions if more complete observational data were available. FALSE. 21.5% were UNKNOWNNS. There was a separate Category Insuff. Inf.

Furthermore what is particularly striking is that not only was it true that the better the quality, the more LIKELY to be an UNKNOWN, but the less likely to be listed as Insuf. Info. Also the greater the duration of observation, the more likely to be an UNKNOWN. The Chi-Square analysis, much as Hendry and Allan don't like it, shows that the probability that the UNKNOWNNS were just missed KNOWNNS was less than 1%. All of these factors are exactly what one would expect if the UNKNOWNNS were really something different. A falsifiable hypothesis. Of course neither the Press release nor the silly conclusions provide any of this info.

CD chooses spin. I choose data.

Yes, the modelling was poor. Clearly the intent was to deceive. I should add that, in the early 1960s, I made frequent visits to both Battelle and FTD on a project on which I worked for Aerojet General Nucleonics.

Battelle's connection with FTD was still classified at that time. There were some very good people at both. My final report was in 2 Volumes. One was unclassified and made no mention of the highly classified 2nd volume. One of the key things missing from BBSR 14 is any discussion of highly classified reports and what would be done to get more information, national security and technological considerations, etc.. Two different people quietly and independently told me of seeing such a TOP SECRET report. Blue Book Report 13. I would like to see it.

General Bolender said reports of UFOs which could effect national security are NOT part of the Blue Book system. So where are they?

In Canada I had, under access to information, obtained a lot of reports. One referenced by number a TS report from 1947 on with lots of good cases. I requested it and was told all copies had been destroyed. I sincerely doubt it.

For those who foolishly believe that classified reports would either be released or shredded, I should note that destruction

of classified reports requires record keeping. Just letting it remain is far easier and much more likely. Remember the 300,000 classified pages still at the Eisenhower Library.

It has been suggested that if saucers were real and wreckage in the hands of the government, there would have been loads of academics rushing in to do research. NONSENSE. At GEANP in 1958 we were spending 100 Million dollars per year. Pratt Whitney was also spending about \$50 Million. We employed 3500 people of whom 1100 were engineers and scientists. We worked with Convair Ft. Worth, Oak Ridge National Laboratories... no academics here. In the early sixties Ling Temco Vought and Lawrence Livermore were working on a Nuclear ramjet.. not in academia. Also in the 1960s a number of nuclear fission rockets were ground tested by Westinghouse Astronuclear Lab, Aerojet General, Los Alamos National Lab... no academics here. I worked on Nuclear Fusion rockets at Aerojet General Nucleonics... no academics here. A few years ago I checked on the 3 nuclear weapons Labs LANL, Livermore, Sandia. The first 2 are operated by the U. of California system under contract. Each had a budget over a billion dollars and each employed about 8000 people... roughly 30% professionals. The DCI admitted to a black budget in 1996 of 26.6 Billion\$ that year. The U-2 and the SR 71 were developed by Lockheed. The Stealth was also developed in industry. There is a huge amount of money being spent on these classified R and D programs... mostly in industry and not academia. The Stealth work was kept secret for 10 years. The Navy Research Lab launched the Corona elint satellite in 1960. First public mention in 1995.

Let's get real about who does what and how much money is available and how little, if anything, is public information.

Stan Friedman

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Group Meets In Exeter To Discuss UFOs & Cultures

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 11:44:24 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 19:29:20 -0400
Subject: Group Meets In Exeter To Discuss UFOs & Cultures

"Official Explanation Blues"... Group Meets In Exeter To Discuss
UFOs & Cultures

Nice light hearted story on the challenges a group of experts
face while looking into the ETH.

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/exeter/09102004/currents/36843.htm>

What's funny is Dr. Thomas Hansen playing an original blues tune
entitled,

"The Official Explanation Blues"

Best,

Greg

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"What The Bleep Do We Do Now?" Review - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 17:58:48 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 19:31:00 -0400
Subject: "What The Bleep Do We Do Now?" Review - Dickenson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 19:44:50 EDT
>Subject: "What The Bleep Do We Do Now?" Review

><http://www.suntimes.com/output/ebert1/wkp-news-what10f.html>

>The key thing in Ebert's review is whether he understood what
>was presented by the several scientists.

>Anyone here on the list see this flick yet? Did they get their
>physics right or did they fall to convention about the
>unconventional.

Hello Greg,

Haven't seen the flick but think Ebert got what they were saying, which was "they don't understand it".

Reason? Assumptions, even by experts', can blind us to reality (see "ueftigers" in Google)

Frinstance we assume matter (protonic) is permanent and energy (photonic) is transient, whereas reality is almost other way round - i.e. even oldest, most massive thing we could think of, say the big pyramid at Giza, doesn't exist full-time. What exists is its energy-field (electrons) and, every few multi-billionths of a second, the re-cleching of its matter into "solidity".

If you could check quickly enough, most of the time it's not there! And neither are we. But something is there. That's not just the electron-field; for that, and even a photon beam, is also intermittently re-clenched, although they're more "permanent" than matter.

To pursue Ebert's film analogy, lab results in quantum experiments are like taking ten random frames from a ninety minute film and claiming to "know" the plot.

Which is why real experts (Feynman & modern others) don't claim to have a quantum "theory", just a lot of quantum facts. They know those facts can't describe the universe anymore than ten random frames can describe a film.

Wouldn't ask you to accept any of the above on my say-so, check with any young nuclear / particle physicist - (tell her/him we'll hold them accountable for their story).

Cheers

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 14:53:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:39:34 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 22:31:55 +0000
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Hi, Dick,

>I am totally convinced that we ET hypothesizers (a.k.a., UFO
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>project from that to zero real evidence of "truly anomalous"
>events. The very terminology sets their teeth on edge.

Well said as always. If we're going to call their favorite
doctrine "DOH", perhaps it's time to add a new word to the
vocabulary to characterize them. I propose that if we are to
bring DOH into ufological language, we ought to acknowledge
where that wonderful phrase comes from, giving all due credit to
that beloved mope Homer Simpson, who groans "doh!" whenever he's
screwed up, as he does every time. DOH advocates, therefore, are
"simpsonists."

Jerry Clark

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:18:44 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:41:05 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 22:31:55 +0000
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>shadow of a doubt that they assume (conclude, believe) that
>there are no truly anomalous UFO sightings; all can be
>attributed to mistaken observations.

I wonder whether Jerry would, in fact, define himself as an 'ET
hypothesizer' or a 'UFO believer', as whenever I have challenged
him on his - as I see it - perceived support for the ETH he has
vigorously denied any such belief, maintaining that unexplained
UFO reports are merely that - unexplained. No matter how often I
have tried to persuade him to admit that he does accept the ETH,
he has always indignantly rejected the allegation.

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>(conveniently reduced to the acronym DOH, pronounced Duh or
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>very terminology sets their teeth on edge.

The "Deluded Observer Hypothesis" must also apply to people who
have misidentified conventional visual stimuli, but refuse to
accept this fact, no matter how clearly it is demonstrated to
them - but I doubt that this is what Mr Hall means.

Incidentally, my suggestion for (d) - and in my view the most
likely explanation - is "must prefer an intriguing mystery to any
mundane explanation, however convincing"

>We wonder why they are so cock-sure that everything reported can
>honestly and convincingly be placed into conventional

>pigeonholes. They seem to be outraged by the very claim that
>unexplained things are being seen (patterned, consistent,
>well-documented observations). We are totally puzzled by their
>notion that there cannot be unexplained things; that apparently
>is unacceptable in their worldview.

I have in the past pointed out a number of UFO incidents which I do not feel have been adequately explained. I think that in many cases this is due to the fact that we do not have all the relevant information about these events, but that does not mean that they are not, in themselves, puzzling. I do however find it hard to accept that some iconic cases, which seem to have been adequately explained, are not accepted as such by ufologists who prefer mystery to explanation.

>We keep pointing out that the ET answer is purely hypothetical
>and readily admit that it does not have irrefutable proof. We
>don't claim to know the ultimate truth, instead arguing that
>there is a lot of suggestive evidence that is not being properly
>investigated, and the ET answer (broadly defined) is certainly
>an open possibility. They implicitly claim to know the ultimate
>truth: all UFO reports can be explained as mundane or prosaic
>phenomena misinterpreted by the witnesses.

>I would be very interested to hear from the DOH believers as to
>how I have misrepresented or unfairly presented their viewpoint.
>My conviction is that they are sincerely but sadly mistaken, but
>in their cock-suredness they seem unable to assume the same for
>us.

Perhaps one way of ensuring that sceptical ufologists (other than John Harney and myself) would enter into such a debate would be by refraining from using childish epithets such as "DOH" (we see The Simpsons in the UK too, you know, so we understand the implied insult), 'Pelicanist', 'scoffers' and, my least favourite, 'skeptibunkers'.

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

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:28:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:42:12 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:59:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>posterity.

>From which they can etched onto gold painted tablets and
>ensconced in the Pelicanist temple at CFI headquarters, along
>with the relics and fetishes of Philip Klass.

Jerry, are you happy being the straight-man feed for Alfred's
witty, Wildean apercus?

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

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Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 21:39:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:47:27 -0400
Subject: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

Fellow Listarians,

Report of Pre-Investigation of Ed Gerhman's Alleged Crash Site

As stated in a post last last Spring, I have completed an informal observation of the crash site of an alleged UFO, as located by Ed Gerhman.

Specimens and photos were taken of and from this location and will be examined further.

The area, as Ed has described it, in many posts to UFO Updates, is extremely interesting. Ed's description of the site has not, in my opinion, been overstated.

In the future, once I have the test results from the collected specimens (if feasible), I will give my full opinion as to the site and Ed's research.

Please know and understand that I have no position statement on the validity of the alien autopsy film and the controversy surrounding it. My focus is solely an historical perspective on the site as described by the cameraman and located by Ed.

Respectfully,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings -

From: **Brian Vike** - HBCC UFO <hbccufo.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:51:28 -0400
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Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota Black Triangle Sighting

Date: Summer of 1997
Time: Evening

Dear Brian: Since someone reported a 1993-4 sighting I thought I should chime in with my Black Triangle sighting in the summer of 1997, in Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota, a town 15 miles north of Stillwater in the St. Croix River Valley bordering Wisconsin, about 50 miles northeast of the Twin Cities.

My sister and I happened to be watching the X-Files without any big hoopla. The show ended she wandered over to the sliding door out onto the deck and said, "See there are those lights that I've seen before." She had told me about multi-colored spheres doing formations unexplainable by conventional technology which she had seen in the river valley a little north and also earlier in Taos, New Mexico. She was bored and went inside.

I kept on observing these "plasma spheres" on the horizon to the east and spent maybe 10 minutes comparing them to possible explanations so I could potentially rule out what I was observing. Different colored lights were hovering, making 90 degree directional changes both vertically and horizontally.

Then I realized something was slowly heading right towards me from the horizon, probably 10 miles away. I waited and a large, flat black triangle slowly flew right over our yard, right above the tree-line. I was not familiar with the black triangle sightings at this time but my immediate reaction was that it must be some secret military craft.

The object was so close I could have hit it with a rock and it flew very slowly while only making a slight humming sound. I didn't dare look away. There were lights on each its corners and the black triangle slowly passed maybe 100 feet over the roof of our house and continued on across the river valley.

My parents use to operate the local legal (removed) for the surrounding towns and one of their workers had brought in a binder of clippings from the UFO flap in the area during the 1970s. There were large round UFOs right in the paper and a cattleman had moved away because of mutilation to his cattle on his land adjacent to a federal wildlife reserve. Also that area is a military flight test area.

My dad, also in summer 1997, saw a UFO -- he said it was "bigger than the moon and had lights all around the center of it." He couldn't figure out what it was so I told him that was a U.F.O. and he refused to accept that term since he's a rationalist -- but he was listening to Art Bell at the time as well.

It wasn't until I came across other descriptions of Black

Triangle Sightings on Rense.com a few years ago that I realized I had experienced the exact same phenomenon as many others. My book reading further verified the extensive sightings elsewhere, i.e. Belgium. But not till now have I reported the sighting, as far as I can remember, and I didn't see my location marked on the map in the recent Black Triangle report.

Thanks,

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Foxboro, Ontario Cloud Formation

Date: August 31, 2004

Time: 9:10 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m. EST I went outside to let our house dogs out. I decided since there were no mosquitoes evident to sit on the front porch. It was a beautiful clear sky and the full moon hadn't come up yet. I could see many stars above and since we do not live in the city, the lights of the stars were clear. I could see the glow of the lights of the city of Belleville to the south of us.

At approx 9:10 p.m. I noticed a strange orangey object on the Western horizon above the hill to the northwest of us. I called my husband out to see this as this object was moving towards our house and it was bigger than any plane I have seen. He came out and viewed the object in the sky. Then went inside to get his binoculars. When he came out and viewed the object with the binoculars he noticed its unusual shape. "I determined that it was shaped like a snow angel with a pointed head, that is it was an elongated object with four fan-like projections at its sides.

The pointed head had a blinking light. As it approached its color changed to white." We then called our son out to view this object in the sky. He confirmed the same shape that we had both observed. It was moving from west to east and heading right over our house. All three of us viewed this object coming towards the house and its shape and size. It seemed to be a glowing cloud with a flashing light. The 'angel' shape was glowing and you could see stars through it. However at the 'pointed' end you could not see stars through it.

We also noted 5-6 aircraft all heading the same direction around the object. Some did appear to be circling the object. The object was considerably larger than any of these planes. Approximately 9:15 p.m.-9:20 p.m., the objects light stopped blinking. But, the cloud 'angel' continued to move towards our house (easterly). At this point (approx 9:25 p.m.) Gordon went back into the house. My son and I stayed out to watch this object. It was now almost directly over the house. I had the binoculars and watched as a bright circular orangey-yellow object flew out of the cloud. This object was about the size of 1/4 of the full moon.

The object headed directly north at a much faster speed than the cloud had been moving. The object appeared to be about 1/8 the size of the full moon when it reached the stars that make up the Big Dipper. It reached that position in the sky in about 30 seconds. The object then turned 90 degrees and headed back west. It disappeared moments later. The cloud disappeared within 5 minutes of the object leaving it. All planes then seemed to have left the vicinity when we looked for them again after the object disappeared. All the ones we had observed around this object that is. It should be noted here that at no time did we hear any noise from this object. We could hear and see the planes, but, not this other object in the sky. Note: It was moving laterally to its length across the sky.

Additional Information:

Hello Brian,

We are going to check out the further info indicated in your email today and tonight and will send a 2nd email regarding same before the end of the weekend.

We are going to provide the report we did for NUFORC below as

well. But, we wanted to clarify a few items regarding same.
The report will appear with ___ above and below it.

Where we live in Foxboro, Ontario we are about 1.25 hours driving time - 125km or so from the St. Lawrence Seaway on the north end of Lake Ontario. We live about 7 or so miles north of the city of Belleville (13 km). All projected flight paths for this rocket launch do not indicate that it went over eastern Ontario. If you look on a map you will see where we are.

The cloud formation did have a blinking light on it - as all the reports said. We have drawn pictures of the formation and also of the object that came out of this formation, heading north and then did a 90 degree turn west before disappearing. We found a picture of this object online recently. It was EXACTLY what we saw come out of the cloud that was over our house at the time. We can provide this picture we found upon request, we kept a copy for our records.

The cloud being explained as the rocket expelling fuel we can readily accept. But, we do not feel what we saw a 'yellow/orange orb shaped object' coming out of the cloud could have been the satellite or explained as part of the rocket either. The 'orb' pulled some of the cloud formation with it and went north, then turned west 90 degrees almost adjacent to one of the stars in the Big Dipper. It was considerably larger than the star it passed in the sky! I can almost compare it to the size of the harvest moon at some points during the fall.

Except the moon wasn't up yet and rises to the east of our house. About 45 minutes after the object disappeared the moon did rise and its color was very similar to the orb, but, it was even bigger than the orb we saw that night.

The 'cloud' came in from the west over a low rise of a hill to the north west of our home. It came directly east and came over the southeastern edge of our house as we watched it. The flashing lighted end was pointed directly south. The 'object' seemed to come from the southern end of the cloud and came directly out of the middle of it heading north. It flew at a fast rate of speed to the north and turned west and was gone in under 1 minute from leaving the cloud! This was considerably faster than any of the planes we saw overhead at the same time.

Below link are the witnesses drawings they made of what they saw and they also gave location in the sky.

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1841>

Additional Information Provided below By: Admin, SeeSat-L, satobs.org

Mr. Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research Home

Dear Mr. Vike,

My guess is that, like NUFORC, you have received numerous reports of a bright cloud seen over Eastern North America on 2004 Sep 01 at about 01 UTC (Aug 31 at 21 h EDT).

It was related to the launch of NROL-1 from Cape Canaveral, on an Atlas 2AS rocket, a couple of hours earlier.

Spaceflight Now has the ground track, which crossed North America.

<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/atlas/ac167/040824track.html>

The cloud visible over North America was the result of the Centaur's venting of excess propellant.

The strobing light effect reported by some observers was caused by the tumbling of the Centaur. Observers who had telescopes observed both the Centaur, and the satellite, which was still nearby, in a similar orbit.

Centaur propellant dumps have been seen many times over the years, most often by satellite observers and astronomers, but sometimes by the general public.

Last evening's propellant dump was particularly prominent, because it occurred at a relatively low altitude, below about

10,000 km. Most commonly they occur at about 40,000 km, and even then they are visible to the unaided eye, but not as long, and not quite as spectacular.

I posted my observation report to SeeSat-L:
<http://satobs.org/seesat/Aug-2004/0341.html>

As have several other observers:

<http://satobs.org/seesat/Aug-2004/0335.html>
<http://satobs.org/seesat/Aug-2004/0336.html>

Ted Molczan
Admin, SeeSat-L, satobs.org

HBCC UFO Research would like to extend my many thanks to the witnesses for there report and to Ted Molczan, Admin, SeeSat-L for providing all the excellent information about this sighting. Also I am looking into seeing if there might have been something else witnessed around the area.

Elgin, New Brunswick Lights Over Local Mountain

Date: September 8, 2004
Time: Approx: 1:30 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: ?

Full Description of event/sighting: I was looking out my large 2nd story bedroom window watching the stars when I saw several very slow moving mainly red and an occasional white flashing light on some indiscernibly shaped object, silent, low flying..just above the tree tops of the mountain just outside my window. It moved along the tree line for approximately two minutes then disappeared on the other side of the mountain, reappeared flew the tree line again and repeated the pattern of flight for maybe 4 or 5 minutes. Flying north west and disappeared over mountain.The lights were flashing in a way that I first thought of some sort of rescue mission. In the 4 or 5 minutes it only flew over about 1/3 of the mountain. I later saw what I knew to be airplanes flying in a similar direction but much higher, I could hear them and the lights didn't look anything like what I had just witnessed earlier.

So who knows...I've never seen anything like it and for the first time I'm visiting a UFO sighting web site.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Kaufman County Texas Unusual Bizarre Object

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Hi Brian

I was just getting ready to come in tonight when I saw this light above in the tree. I had my camera in my pocket, on and ready, and snapped one picture of it. Have no idea what it is, didn't hear any sound from it and didn't see it move. When I started to take another, it was just gone. It was about 8:00 p.m., sky was clear and I didn't see any other aircraft in the vicinity, no wind. Thought you would like to see it. Later my friend

Thank you to the witness for the report and pictures.

To view photos:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1835>

Phoenix, Arizona Barbell Object Returns

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 11:42 a.m.

Hi Brian,

I was out in the back yard saturday 9-11-04 at 11:42 a.m. When I looked up to see the "barbell" UFO again. This time it looked like it was morphing from cylinder to barbell to triangle shaped.

I was able to video tape it for about 7 min. This time it was moving from north to south in a clear blue sky. The wind was blowing from east to west. There was a tree branch blowing in the wind that was getting in the way, but I was still able to get some good video of this thing.

It moved out of site as the tree was getting in the way. I was able to get it on the 5x lens with about 70x power, (no digital)

What is going on over phoenix? Someone let me know if they saw this thing too. This thing was weird.

Thanks Brian,

Video clips and pictures are c.2004 Jeff Willes
Video clips can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1836>

Denver, Colorado Lights Moving On Of Cloud

Date: September, week of 6th to 11th, 2004
Time: 9:00 p.m.

Other sightings the last few nights as I walk in the evening as is my habit: Small cloud that I immediately thought was a "cloud ship" as some call them, under a larger "cloud ship." Probably about 9 PM that night maybe a week ago. A star like object, flashing red, blue, and white moved out of the lower cloud and straight up into the larger cloud. After several minutes 3 similar lights left the large cloud, one at a time and proceeded in a south west direction, going I suppose a moderate speed. Then the 2 clouds evaporated very quickly over a few minutes.

About 3 nights ago, saw red and green flashing object around 10:30 PM that moved very slowly in the North, much larger than a star, about 1/4 inch in size. I watch it for several minutes, and then it just poof, went out.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Caledon, Ontario Object And Aura Around It

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 9:30 p.m.

I was at my friends a couple of km.'s south of my home last night. From their backyard you could see the west sky quite well, As I stood looking in the sky, I looked out of curiosity to the east sky to see if there was any action going on in that part of the sky, but not there.

Any ways as we sat down at the fire around 9:30 pm. I looked to the west sky and there it was, I pointed it out to a couple of people and they watched as it got brighter and gave off some type of aura around it. It was zig zagging and doing circular movements, it was above a tree in the distance and we watched it drop below the tree line within 10 min. Even my friends are starting to believe when they see things like this going on. Some them made comments that it could be a starlight or airplane, But of course I know what it was and there's still people out there that have a hard time believing. (FEAR) maybe.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Denver, Colorado Huge Perfect Saucer

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.

About 7:30 PM last night (Sat.) I was leaving the store and heading west out of the parking lot. There was a huge perfect saucer, brilliantly lit (kind of light golden color) in the western sky, about 15 degrees above the horizon. It was beginning to get dusky and the sun has set and small clouds in the area were dark gray in color. This saucer is several miles away, but I can't see the mountains at this vantage point, so I am unsure of distance. It was about 2 inches in length, the height about 1/2 inch. Absolutely perfect shape, could not be a cloud. It drifted very slowly south. I watched it as I could while driving north, until the trees obscured it. I looked for it after I reached the area I live in and could drive more safely to look for it, but I could not find it again, I think the trees, etc., blocked it. The traffic was too heavy to stay in, and I did not think to pull off where I could watch in safety. But this was fun. No flashing lights, etc., just beautiful bright slightly golden glow.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Kaufman County Saucer And Plane Close To One Another

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Hi Brian

I was planning on sending this one also, but I was trying to enhance it a little so you can see it better. I didn't do a real good job, but it's some better. Anyway it was about 7:30 p.m. on 09-11-04 when I saw this small plane coming toward me starting to turn left. I took a couple pics of it, the first picture just had the plane in it. The second one appears to have a saucer above it to the right. I'm sending both pics to you with the enhanced one also to see what you think. Same details as the first one I sent except 30 minutes earlier. Check out the the top right side of the picture also, looks like a orb too.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Brian Vike

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:27:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:56:04 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Colvin

Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:35:24 EDT
From: KRohring.nul
To: fortean1.nul
Subject: FWD (TLC-Brotherhood) Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

To those who might be more than mildly interested in the "Roswell Experience" of July 1947, there is a UFO Museum in an old theater setting in Roswell. It has scads and scads of "evidence" in varying forms, including machines where you can push the button and actually hear a recording of a radio report of the "event", as well as other audio testimony and plenty of newspaper reports.

It's almost eerie to stand there in the midst of all the reports, media info and so on, and to think that our government "got caught" in a coverup, but those who caught them didn't have the where with all to pursue the cover up. The few people that confessed to friends or relatives were all transferred, or discredited. The one military medical person female nurse who "witnessed" alien bodies had a nervous breakdown and was discredited.

The government initially reported an alien craft, then rescinded that after calling out about 1,000 US Army troops to scour the countryside for miles to pick up ANY PIECE of DEBRIS, then called it a weather balloon two days later. The reports of bodies could never be proven, although the numerous buildings on Roswell Army/Air Force Base that went "off limits" were merely plain old vanilla storage areas, and one refrigerated storage area. Why ?

To not deny the existence of aliens; dead or alive; the country (The World !) would have gone into PANIC MODE big time, as there was no way for the planet to intercept or understand all those alien aircraft that had been recently reported... Why the aliens did not persist when they lost one craft ? Who knows ? Perhaps they were pacifists and couldn't continue to come back - maybe they were at the "end of their range" of exploration from another galaxy ?

Like I said, you need to visit this museum and read it all, listen to it all, review all the reports from other sources as well as the US Government sources. It will open your mind like a VERY LARGE dose of Horseradish on a roast beef sandwich - a LOT of horseradish.

I am by no means an "expert" on all this, I was just impressed with the displays at the Roswell UFO Museum, and I've visited about 4 times in 4 years.

Keith

Terry W. Colvin

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 06:43:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:37:27 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

> From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
> To: ufoupdates.nul
> Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 07:33:13 +0100
> Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 21:24:01 +0100
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:10:14 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>So it wouldn't have been much of a secret then, would it?
>>>>Presumably the Soviet's intelligence facilities would have told
>>>>them about strange events at Roswell. The clue, of course would
>>>>be in the bit you snipped from my previous reply (as always):
>>>>the disappearance from the academic scene of a great number of
>>>>American scientists and technicians in a wide range of
>>>>disciplines. This is, after all, how the US government
>>>>determined that the Soviets were developing their own nuclear
>>>>weapons in the 1940s.

>>etc. etc. etc.

>>I will leave it to the rest of you to decide how much sense
>>John Rimmer is making. I have said all I intend to say on the
>>subject, and Listfolk are free to judge which of us has the more
>>measured and defensible view.

>>Just so that John doesn't whine again that I've clipped out
>>his pearls of wisdom, those who are interested - and who don't
>>know it already - can easily find them in the Updates archive,
>>where they are preserved, in all their rhetorical glory, for
>>posterity.

>Thanks, Jerry. You've made my point for me.

And you, with no small irony, make his point for him.

Thank you.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 06:46:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:39:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 12:08:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 09:58:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>This is not, as apparently you would have it, a defense of
>>Roswell, the pros and cons of which can be debated on other,
>>more cogent grounds. What I object to is your foolish insistence
>>that records on vital matters - especially vital matters -
>>can't be hidden even from the most determined prying eyes.
>>There are good reasons to question Roswell as ET-related event
>>(I discussed one of them in a response yesterday to John
>>Rimmer), but yours isn't one of them.

>After a bit of circumlocution, you have in fact answered my
question.

>Thanks Jerry. I shall now close the debate.

That's hardly your call, Sir.

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:17:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:41:46 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:28:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:59:42 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>>pearls of wisdom, those who are interested - and who don't know
>>>it already - can easily find them in the Updates archive, where
>>>they are preserved, in all their rhetorical glory, for
>>>posterity.

>>From which they can be etched onto gold painted tablets and
>>ensconced in the Pelicanist temple at CFI headquarters, along
>>with the relics and fetishes of Philip Klass.

>Jerry, are you happy being the straight-man feed for Alfred's
>witty, Wildean apercus?

Mr. Rimmer, dear heart... while it's pretty obvious enough that
you're not, it's a little unseemly that you begin to whine now
as your own tactic of smirking condescension and transparent
contempt is projected back to you. Moreover, I find the
comparison to Oscar _thrilling_, Sir. Thank you.

It remains that you are not convincing in the aggregate, even as
Mr. Clark, decidedly, _is_, Mr. Rimmer. The blame for that can
hardly be attributed to Mr. Clark... a person concerned about
and working for clarity with regard to an issue you toil
passionately (by all appearances) to cloud, complicate, and
confuse.

And believe me... it won't matter much _what_ Mr. Clark thinks
about my "apercus"... I'm not on his payroll, even as I
wouldn't be on yours. Thanks again.

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Re: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:59:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:44:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: "UFO Updates" <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 21:39:53 -0600
>Subject: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

>Fellow Listarians,

>Report of Pre-Investigation of Ed Gerhman's Alleged Crash Site

>As stated in a post last last Spring, I have completed an
>informal observation of the crash site of an alleged UFO, as
>located by Ed Gerhman.

>Specimens and photos were taken of and from this location
>and will be examined further.

>The area, as Ed has described it, in many posts to UFO
>Updates, is extremely interesting. Ed's description of the
>site has not, in my opinion, been overstated.

>In the future, once I have the test results from the
>collected specimens (if feasible), I will give my full
>opinion as to the site and Ed's research.

>Please know and understand that I have no position statement on
>the validity of the alien autopsy film and the controversy
>surrounding it. My focus is solely an historical perspective on
>the site as described by the cameraman and located by Ed.

Wow! I'm really anticipating the shakedown. Please keep us
posted!

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Re: Cattle Mutes - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 09:15:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:45:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes - Maccabee

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 10:02:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:17:51 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutes

>><snip>
>>>If black budget programs exist which provide for ET "projects"
>>>on American citizens without their express knowledge and
>>>acquiescence, I think another revolution might be indicated.
>>>Surely this would rank above tea on the taxation without
>>>representation scale.

>><snip>

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>>opus by 'Victor Norgarde - Dr. John Brandenburg - "Morningstar
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>>agreement with aliens and plays out the consequences of that.

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>>won't expect to see you on UpDates for a while.

>Thanks Bruce, I too do like Sci Fi but is there a film? Films
>are much better as they do not 'stick to' the relevant points
>and take up less valuable time :-)

No movie... yet. Probably would form a great basis for a movie
that could,perhaps, show 0.1 of what is in the book.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 09:25:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:48:27 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 14:53:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 22:31:55 +0000
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>In the past, I have labeled this the Deluded Observer
>>Hypothesis (conveniently reduced to the acronym DOH, pronounced
>>Duh or Doh!). Given their mindset, it apparently is impossible
>>for them to get past the idea that anyone who disagrees with the
>>DOH must be (a) crazy, (b) mercenary, (c) dishonest, (d)....
>>They inevitably focus on known cases of misidentification and
>>project from that to zero real evidence of "truly anomalous"
>>events. The very terminology sets their teeth on edge.

>Well said as always. If we're going to call their favorite
>doctrine "DOH", perhaps it's time to add a new word to the
>vocabulary to characterize them. I propose that if we are to
>bring DOH into ufological language, we ought to acknowledge
>where that wonderful phrase comes from, giving all due credit to
>that beloved mope Homer Simpson, who groans "doh!" whenever he's
>screwed up, as he does every time. DOH advocates, therefore, are
>"simpsonists."

May I propose an alternative designation... with a double
entendre: "homerich".

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 16:16:29 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:51:59 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 20:15:41 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>I discovered the top secret Roswell policy of the then AAF by
>sheer accident while researching a completely different non-UFO
>historical subject. The policy was initiated in extreme secrecy
>on about August 1, 1947, and lasted about two years after the
>threat being defended against never materialized. It was
>apparently not the result of any crashed ET spacecraft or alien
>corpses or machinery being found at Roswell, but something of
>sufficiently disturbing importance as to trigger radical efforts
>to meet the military threat thought to come from deep space.

<snip>

>Roswell is hardly "closed". But neither the pro-UFO community or
>the anti-UFO skeptic-debunker community wants to hear about it,
>because it doesn't support either side's simplistic pet
>theories.

To Brad and all,

Your post is very intriguing. You say that something very
disturbing was discovered, but that it was not an alien craft
with bodies.

What was it then? How do you know? You won't say!

We are not good enough to learn?

Sorry, as long as you don't say more, it will be of no value to
me.

But, I will be very interested to learn, and quite ready to
change my mind, although I wrote myself a 460 page book on
Roswell in French, defending the ET hypothesis.

Among other things, you will have to explain all the strange
materials described by witnesses. I am sure other people will be
interested too, such as Jesse Marcel Jr - for one.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 19:53:54 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 22:18:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 22:31:55 +0000
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 16:14:04 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>I wonder whether Jerry would, in fact, define himself as an 'ET
>hypothesizer' or a 'UFO believer', as whenever I have challenged
>him on his - as I see it - perceived support for the ETH he has
>vigorously denied any such belief, maintaining that unexplained
>UFO reports are merely that - unexplained. No matter how often I
>have tried to persuade him to admit that he does accept the ETH,
>he has always indignantly rejected the allegation.

Sigh. Once again:

I have laid out my views on these matters throughout my writings. I appreciate John's fascination with my views, but not his effort to tell me what I think. Other people don't seem to have John's problem, if I may judge from reviews in mainstream publications (which, if I may put modesty aside for a moment, tend to praise my reasoning skills and nuanced approach) and from the correspondence I have received over the years from thoughtful readers.

The introduction to Unexplained! (Visible Ink Press, 2nd ed., 1998) and my essay in The Anomalist (Spring 2000) - as well as the long intro to my book Unnatural Phenomena (ABC-CLIO, 2005) - set forth my approach to anomalistics, including ufology. Apparently, John labors under the delusion that I am hiding my true opinions ("beliefs" to him) which he has managed to discern through his keen telepathic insights.

Meanwhile, as for the ETH specifically, I regard it as an "open question" (Strange Skies, p. 216), neither proved nor disproved nor - so long as it is recognized as provisional and tentative - unreasonable.

(I am amused to observe once again that I spend far less time thinking about the ETH than the obsessives of the pelicanist school do. But then, they deem it the most threatening and hated of all heresies which must be run down and crushed whenever pelicanists think they have detected the faintest wisp of it. Such as here.)

On the other hand, I regard the doctrine that all witnesses are

mistaken or lying and that all is resolvable into the cozily prosaic as hopeless and useless - a conclusion that anyone who follows the recurring List debates between pelicanists and their more open-minded adversaries is likely to share, I suspect.

Not being preoccupied with theory, I prefer more pragmatic approaches which eventually, we hope, will allow us to construct hypotheses on firmer grounds than are currently available. In the meantime, I remain convinced that UFOs and other major anomalies involve phenomena, whether ultimately found to be trivial or seminal, that lie beyond current knowledge. I also suspect - since no other explanation makes sense to me - that some or many experiences of the anomalous grow out of extraordinary, little-understood aspects of consciousness (an issue that in fact has been the focus of my research and major interest in recent years), but that other reports describe genuine, real-world events. Until we know more about them - which will not happen until science devotes its full resources to addressing these questions - a degree of intellectual modesty, apparently beyond John's capacity to sustain or even imagine, seems in order.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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Dr. Maccabee,

Thank you for the reference. I'll see if I can find a copy.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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There's No Business Like UFO Business

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Off-Broadway Review
There's No Business Like UFO Business

By Gordon Cox
Gordon Cox is a regular contributor to Newsday.

A description of "The First (and Last) Musical on Mars" could sound misleadingly charming. A musical ode to cheesy science fiction B- movies, "Mars" cheerfully embraces the no-budget aesthetic of the cheaply made flicks that inspired it. Futuristic contraptions look like they've been assembled from junkyard detritus. A majority of the alien costumes are sheets haphazardly sewn together. All the women wear glittery blue eye shadow. The cybernetic crown of the ruler of Jupiter is a souped-up mixing bowl.

The show might have been an entertainingly dopey goof, but it plays more like a UFO crash-landing. Creator George Zarr, a former producer of the Sci Fi Channel's audio series "Seeing Ear Theater," directs a production whose amateurishness comes off not as a winking allusion to its pulp roots, but as the best he can muster.

The script, which brings to mind "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" with none of Douglas Adams' wit or imagination, centers on a hapless earthling, James (Paul Amodeo), who is beamed up from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, by a council of extraterrestrial rulers. Jupiter's scheming king (John Barrilla) threatens to destroy the Earth unless James can produce a new musical for the coronation of his twin nieces.

There are jokes waiting to happen here, but by making James an Average Joe who neither loves nor hates musicals, Zarr exploits none of them. Why, for instance, isn't James a dizzy musical theater queen suddenly immersed in intergalactic intrigue? Or why not depict James as such a football-loving non-theatergoer that the prospect of making a musical is both baffling and distasteful to him?

The score would likely sound less simplistic if it were played by more than a single keyboardist, but fuller orchestration won't help the lyrics any. The opening couplet of the show's first full song - "When I'm in space/It's time to race" - is about as complex as it gets. The few examples of inspired wordplay occur in numbers ("Better Buy O-hi-o," "The Mnemonic Planetary Rag") that serve no narrative purpose, and that repeat their verses so often that by the fourth time you hear them, they've stopped being clever.

Given all that, it seems unkind to single out actors for failing

to conjure any swift-paced comic buoyancy. Amodeo at least has a strong singing voice, which can't be said of all of his castmates.

The production's only real treat is Christina D'Orta as Princess Loo-Koo, one of the king's nieces. She sings in a smooth, seemingly effortless soprano, and she plays the sweetly openhearted princess with smiling warmth and unforced humor. She's a funny, appealingly human presence, which in this context makes her look all too alien.

THE FIRST (AND LAST) MUSICAL ON MARS. Written, composed and directed by George Zarr. Through Oct.2 at Mint Space, 311 W. 43rd St., fifth floor, between Eighth and Ninthavenues. Tickets \$15. Call 212-645-6910 or visit www.MarsMusical.com. Seen Saturday.

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** WHITE HOUSE NAMES MEMBERS TO DECLASSIFICATION BOARD
** AGROTERRORISM: THREATS AND PREPAREDNESS (CRS)
** INTELLIGENCE R&D: ARDA SEEKS "HIGH-RISK, HIGH PAYOFF" PROPOSALS

WHITE HOUSE NAMES MEMBERS TO DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

Last week the White House announced the names of five persons who will be appointed to a new Public Interest Declassification Board.

The Public Interest Declassification Board was actually created in statute four years ago to promote public access to national security information and to advise the government on declassification policies and priorities.

But because its members were never named, the Board has remained dormant.

Most of the individuals chosen by the White House to advance the public interest in declassification are former intelligence community officials.

They include L. Britt Snider, former CIA General Counsel; Martin Faga, former director of the National Reconnaissance Office; Steven Garfinkel, the former director of the Information Security Oversight Office; Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, former General Counsel of the National Security Agency; and Richard N. Smith, historian and co-author with Bob and Elizabeth Dole of their joint autobiography.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/09/wh091004.html>

The remaining members of the nine-person Board must be named by the House and Senate leadership. It is not known whether or when that may be done.

The Public Interest Declassification Board was the only surviving element of the legislative reform package recommended in 1997 by the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, chaired by the late Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan. The Board was established in the Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_rpt/hr5630e.html#pida

If successfully constituted, the Board would overlap with, and may preempt, a similar proposal offered lately by Senators Trent Lott and Ron Wyden to create an Independent National Security Classification Board (S. 2672).

AGROTERRORISM: THREATS AND PREPAREDNESS (CRS)

Potential terrorist attacks against agricultural targets are the subject of a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

"Agroterrorism is a subset of bioterrorism, and is defined as the deliberate introduction of an animal or plant disease with the goal of generating fear, causing economic losses, and/or undermining stability," the CRS explains. "Attacks against agriculture are not new, and have been conducted or considered by both nation-states and substate organizations throughout history."

See "Agroterrorism: Threats and Preparedness," August 13, 2004 (courtesy of the Center for Democracy and Technology):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32521.pdf>

CRS policy prohibits direct public access to products like this one. This policy tends to shield errors in CRS reports from discovery.

INTELLIGENCE R&D: ARDA SEEKS "HIGH RISK, HIGH PAYOFF" PROPOSALS

The Advanced Research and Development Agency (ARDA) is soliciting proposals for research to meet U.S. intelligence needs in information technology and other fields.

ARDA "is an intelligence community organization whose mission is to sponsor high-risk, high-payoff research designed to leverage leading edge technology to solve some of the most critical problems facing the Intelligence Community (IC)," according to the solicitation.

Particular areas of interest include data mining, advanced capabilities for intelligence analysis, video analysis and content extraction, and nanoelectronics for high performance computing.

See a copy of the August 31, 2004 ARDA solicitation here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/arda-call.pdf>

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Wireless Flash Weird News

Psychic Claims Aliens Control The Media

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) - It's not the liberals who control the media - it's the aliens.

That's the claim of San Diego clairvoyant Amirah Hall, who says she has sensed aliens far beyond our galaxy who are attacking humans with negative energy through TV and radio waves.

Hall claims these aliens are so advanced, they've developed past the need of physical bodies.

She says they're "dripping waves of fear and chaos" into broadcasts to keep humans off their path. She says their goal is to "keep our planet from evolving to where it should be."

What's even more spacey, is the reason they're doing it: Because they can.

Hall admits it sounds simplistic and "Star Warsy," but it's a big game to them, a battle of dark versus light.

There's help though. She says using "grounding" techniques - like imagining that a rope coming from your tailbone is tethered to the center of the earth - will help humans wake up and realize they're being influenced.

[UFO UpDates thanks <http://www.anomalist.com> & Richard Hendricks for the lead]

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Space Probes Feel Cosmic Tug Of Bizarre Forces

Robin McKie
Science Editor

Something strange is tugging at America's oldest spacecraft. As the Pioneer 10 and 11 probes head towards distant stars, scientists have discovered that the craft - launched more than 30 years ago - appear to be in the grip of a mysterious force that is holding them back as they sweep out of the solar system.

Some researchers say unseen 'dark matter' may permeate the universe and that this is affecting the Pioneers' passage. Others say flaws in our understanding of the laws of gravity best explain the crafts' wayward behaviour.

As a result, scientists are to press a European Space Agency (Esa) meeting, called Cosmic Visions, in Paris this week for backing for a mission that would follow the Pioneers and pinpoint the cause of their erratic movements.

The strange behaviour of the Pioneers - which swept by Jupiter and Saturn in the Eighties - was discovered by John Anderson and Slava Turyshev of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and Michael Martin Neito of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

They had been tracking the probes using the giant dishes of Nasa's Deep Space Network. By the time the two spaceships had swept beyond Pluto, they noted there were persistent anomalies in their trajectories. Every time they looked the Pioneers were in the wrong place. The effect was not large, but it was significant. Something more than the Sun's gravity appeared to have a grip on the craft.

The reasons for the anomaly have caused a rift among physicists, however. Some believe the effect may simply be flaws with the probes. Gas from fuel tanks may be leaking from them, slowing their passages, say some astronomers. 'Unless there is really good evidence to the contrary, we should stick to simple ideas like these and not go around blaming strange new types of particle or flaws in general relativity,' said Professor Martin Barstow, of Leicester University.

But this view has been rejected by Anderson. 'It's hard to imagine such a leak happening on both probes at the same time in such a way as to produce an identical acceleration,' he said.

And most scientists back him. 'The effect is real,' said Bernard Haisch of the California Institute for Physics and Astrophysics.

One proposal put forward is that Newton's idea that the force of

gravity weakens as distance increases may be incorrect over very large spaces, and may drop off over very long distances.

'It is time to settle the Pioneer issue with a new deep-space mission that will test for, and decide on, the anomaly,' Anderson, Turyshev and Nieto state in Physics World .

By fitting a Pioneer follow-up probe with new measuring equipment, navigational device and communications gear, it should be possible to discover if the probes are in the grip of a new force of nature.

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Groundbreaking Discovery In The Cosmos?

Object 230 light years away could well be first planet directly seen outside solar system

Keay Davidson
Chronicle Science Writer

What might be the first directly visible planet orbiting a starlike body other than our sun was reported by scientists from Europe and Los Angeles on Friday.

The "faint and very red point of light" possibly orbits a dim brown dwarf -- a kind of failed star -- about 230 light years from Earth, the scientists said in a statement issued Friday by the European Southern Observatory, or ESO. A light year is about 6 trillion miles, the distance light travels in a year.

Further observation is needed to determine whether the object in the constellation Hydra is a bona fide planet -- or whether it is just a background star, a fluke in the telescope or some other anomaly, the astronomers cautioned.

But if, in time, the object is unquestionably identified as a planet, the discovery would mark a watershed in the history of science -- one of the biggest since Galileo spotted the moons of Jupiter through a tabletop telescope 394 years ago. For the first time, humans would have directly observed a planet orbiting a star or starlike body rather than indirectly inferring its existence based on its gravitational pull on that body.

A leading American member of the team, Professor Benjamin Zuckerman of UCLA, says he's pretty confident the object is a real planet.

"If I was a betting man, I'd say it's somewhere between 'likely' and 'very likely' that it's the real McCoy," he said in an interview Friday.

One reason for Zuckerman's confidence is that the object is quite close to the brown dwarf, as one would expect for planet orbiting a star or brown dwarf. The probability seems "very low" that the two objects could be that close to each other just by chance, he explained.

Preliminary analysis hints that the puzzling object is several times as big as the planet Jupiter in our planetary system. The astronomers plan to determine the object's real identity by studying it for several more months to see whether it moves through space along with the brown dwarf, like a puppy tagging

along after its mom, as one would expect a planet to accompany its parent star.

The astronomers first observed the mysterious object in April at ESO's Paranal Observatory in northern Chile. It is adjacent to a brown dwarf known as 2M1207. A brown dwarf is a kind of failed star that is more massive than "gas giants," such as Jupiter and Saturn in our planetary system, but that isn't massive enough to crush its atomic nuclei together in the nuclear fusion process that ignites stars.

But no one should jump to the conclusion that the planet, if indeed it is a planet, is perhaps habitable, cautioned noted astronomy popularizer Andrew Fraknoi, who teaches at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. The object is 55 "astronomical units" from the brown dwarf -- that is, 55 times as far from the brown dwarf as Earth is from the sun, which would make it unbearably cold.

"You're going to need your long underwear," Fraknoi joked.

Historically it's been extremely difficult to discern planets orbiting other stars. Trying to directly see such a tiny object next to a star "is like trying to see a fruit fly right next to a giant spotlight shining right next to you," an expert on extrasolar planets, astronomy Prof. William Cochran of the University of Texas, said in an interview Friday.

Over the last decade, astronomers around the world have discovered more than 120 "extrasolar planets" or "exoplanets" -- the terms used for planets orbiting distant stars. But none has indubitably seen a new planet directly as a visual image.

Rather, the existence of new planets has been inferred by measuring the almost imperceptibly subtle wiggles in the motion of stars. Those wiggles tell the astronomers that the gravity of an unseen planet is tugging the star back and forth ever so slightly as it orbits the star.

Recently, though, there have been scattered reports -- "maybe a half a dozen," Zuckerman estimates -- of direct visual detections of possible extrasolar plants.

For example, in May, graduate student John Debes at Pennsylvania State University reported that in analyzing photos from the Hubble Space Telescope, he might have discerned a visual image of one or more extrasolar planets orbiting "white dwarf" stars from 30 to 55 light years from Earth.

So far, however, none of the direct observations has been verified.

Friday's news from the ESO in Garching, Germany, "looks pretty interesting," said astrophysicist Alan Boss of Carnegie Institution of Washington, a leading U.S. expert on planetary system formation.

He says more data is needed before the object's identity can be known, but he takes the claim seriously: "The Europeans, they are really (competing with) the U.S. in every field of astronomy these days -- they put a lot of money into it."

The ESO team includes Gael Chauvin, Christophe Dumas, Anne-Marie Lagrange, Jean-Luc Beuzit and David Mouillet of Europe; Zuckerman and his UCLA colleague Inseok Song; and Patrick Lowrance at Infrared Processing and Analysis Center (IPAC) in Pasadena.

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Is Anybody Out There?

By Rachel Forrest
currents.nul

What must it have been like for the indigenous tribes of the Americas, Africa or Australia hundreds of years ago to suddenly find an alien culture on their land, a culture that was more technologically advanced than theirs? They must have been curious, intrigued, puzzled, and more than a little bit scared. The conquerors and explorers from Europe must have seemed like they came from the sky, from another planet. They had to develop a way to deal with the new element in their lives. And they did, in many ways, some of them welcoming, and some hostile.

That could never happen to us. Not in this day and age. No new explorers exist to pop in and see who we are and what we're up to. Or do they? There are those who believe that off-planet cultures exist and that beings from these cultures have been here before. They say that we need a plan of action and interaction when we meet these beings, because the presence of these cultures will affect many aspects of our life on earth.

In early August a group of people interested in the implications of these cultures in our lives met in Exeter at the Unitarian Church to hear the ideas of Thomas Hansen, Ph.D., from Virginia, and Exeter resident Carol Hochstedler, and to discuss their own ideas. They want the study of Exopolitics, which is concerned with the political, social, economic, technological, environmental, spiritual, military, scientific and personal implications of off-planet cultures interacting with humanity, to come out as a legitimate field of research and dialog.

Hansen, a mathematician, opened the discussion by playing the guitar and singing one of his original songs, "Official Explanation Blues." In it, he describes his frustration, which he says he shares with others, at not being taken seriously by public officials.

"Lights in the sky on a cloudy night, we've seen some things and we're sure we're right, but officials say the answer must be no, they say we've seen too many a sci-fi show. Once again they win we lose. Got those official explanation blue," he sings.

According to Hansen and many others, beings from off-planet cultures have been visiting Earth for hundreds of years, but it's in the best interest of various political power centers in the United States and elsewhere to keep these visitations not only quiet, but suppressed, despite the fact that recent Gallup and Roper polls show that 50 percent of Americans believe that

unidentified flying objects are real, and 70 percent believe the U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it's letting on.

Hochstedler comes at her beliefs in off-planet cultures from a largely spiritual point of view. In 1993 she attended a spirituality conference at which the former surgeon general of Finland spoke about the existence of these cultures in the universe. Other speakers reinforced this idea.

"The message was hopeful," says Hochstedler. "The whole idea fit in to my world view and the shackles just fell away. I walked around the conference and the conversations continued all around me about the possibilities."

"I read 'Incident in Exeter' and other accounts of sightings in New Hampshire, and then met Tom at another spirituality conference. He told me about The Disclosure Project."

In the "Incident at Exeter," on Sept. 3, 1965, a recent high school graduate in Exeter, Norman Muscarello, was hitchhiking home on Route 150 just outside of town. At about 2:30 a.m. Muscarello spotted a huge object that gave off an intense red glow and then rose up from some nearby woods and moved toward him. He found two policemen who confirmed the sighting, but official policy said, "It can't be, therefore it isn't," and sought other more mundane possibilities.

But unexplainable experiences occur, and The Disclosure Project, a nonprofit research project seeking to disclose what it purports to be facts about UFOs, extraterrestrial intelligence, classified advanced energy and propulsion systems, wants to testify before Congress and bring it all out into the open.

According to the group, more than 400 government, military, and intelligence community witnesses have and are willing to testify to their direct, personal, first-hand experience with UFOs, ETs, ET technology, and the alleged cover-up that keeps this information secret.

Disclosure Project member Dr. Ted Loder, professor at the University of New Hampshire in the Department of Earth Sciences, and a member of the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space, says that military and intelligence officers, airline pilots and NASA officials, have witnessed UFO encounters and have been told to cover them up.

"There are corporate scientists and FAA officials who are trying to testify in Congress. They once worked on projects that recovered ET craft, and bodies, live and dead," says Hansen.

Hansen said he sees the benefits of the technology that advanced other world cultures can bring to us, such as the replacement of oil with zero-point energy technology and anti-gravity propulsion, which are both more environmentally sound.

So why are there people who think the government is suppressing this information, even threatening those who want to testify before Congress and the world about what they've seen?

Fear for one, says Hansen. "They think humanity isn't ready to hear this. Look at the sci-fi movies in the 50s. They were all about attacking and killing anything that came from outer space."

Money and power are two other big reasons. Replacing oil as an energy source with far more advanced and largely free clean technologies would destroy already established power and wealth structures.

So if there are off-planet cultures that have and are still trying to make contact, why can't we all see them and talk to them? Where are they?

"They've watched the detonation of A-bombs. They've seen the destruction and violence." Says Hochstedler. "In the galaxy, there may be a Universe U.N. that's waiting for us to get more peaceable before they let us join."

Hansen and Hochstedler welcome opportunities to lead lectures and discussions that normalize the topic. They'd like everyone to see that they aren't crackpots who "aren't wrapped too

tight", as Hansen puts it. They see contact with off-planet cultures as a chance to evolve spiritually, to become more peaceful and accepting as a world culture.

And the fact that mainstream people are coming to these meetings is a step in the right direction. Hochstedler says that the president of Mexico is poised to take a stand on the issue and other countries will follow with what they've seen and recorded. They're being taken seriously.

Hochstedler says "All human experience is a valid experience, and the experiences of others with off-planet cultures needs to be taken seriously and is an opportunity to connect spiritually with another civilization. They may even be trying to help us."

Peace on Earth, goodwill toward mankind, and to whoever else is out there in our big Universe.

Sidebar:

"Because of the course of events on Earth, it has become necessary for we humans to declare our desire to join with peaceful civilizations throughout the Universe to save Earth and ourselves from our own excessive self-interest. We desire to use our creativity to assure that all living things on Earth are free to enjoy the resources and beauty of Creation now and throughout future generations.

"We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable; that all are created with the right to enjoy the Universe and receive sustenance; all are endowed with certain inalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the realization of Happiness; that to secure these rights we recognize that the denial of the rights of any living thing affects the rights of all beings in the Universe.

"Civilizations are legitimized by their ability to promote these rights for all life now and in the future. They should exist for the purpose of recognizing and serving the unity of life. To the extent that they promote primarily their own identity, they inhibit the recognition and implementation of this unity. Extreme identification with any part of the whole Cosmos, be it a particular region of the Cosmos, a planet, nation, religion, race, institution, or species is detrimental to individual and collective peace throughout the Universe.

"We humans have changed life on Earth. We have converted valuable resources into waste products. We have threatened the very existence of life on Earth with our weapons of mass destruction, mass pollution, and mass poverty. We have allowed our strong desire for independence to interfere with our innate and natural qualities of goodness, love, and sharing. We have been lured into the belief that our individual lives are more important than the lives of others, wherever they reside.

"We humans now choose to change our approach to all of life to be that of service-to-others, rather than service-to-self. We vow to eliminate our over-identification with our particular individual lives and with our planet. We vow to create a new sense of cooperation that values the life force within everything. We pledge our lives to co-creating a Universe where all beings can more easily remember their natural freedom, unity, and goodness. We pledge that we, the people of Earth, shall strive to become peaceful and productive members of the Universal community of beings."

Source: Thomas Hansen, Ph.D.
www.cosmiccooperation.com

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>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 10:51:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

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>>Hello all,

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>>As I can see the Mexican Air Force is not going to fly or
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As you may remember there was no RADAR video recording to prove
the lights (ufo) positions, we can only rely on the FLIR video,
not the one that was published on may 11th, I mean the full

video that also is cut in some parts of the 32 min long. Video available at:

<http://www.pixcells.dk/mexico/mexicoDODstream.wmv>

The second part of then from the translation or transcript of the video is available at:

<http://www.alcione.org/CAMPECHE/>

Mexican Air Force has no ground military RADAR.
Mexican Air Force has only 147 active airplanes.

Capt. Alejandro Franz
[director](#).nml

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Call for Papers: 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval

From: Ryan S. Wood <majesticdocuments.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:58:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 09:08:30 -0400
Subject: Call for Papers: 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval

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Call for Papers: 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference

BROOMFIELD, CO -- September 13, 2004 - UFO researchers working in the areas of UFO crashes and government cover-up are invited to contribute papers for presentation at the 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference. The program committee is reserving time for three thirty-minute talks.

This will be an excellent opportunity to present your research and network with other UFO investigators. The ideal talks are those relating to UFO crashes, their witnesses, and direct evidence. For example, a credible single witness case with good follow-up potential would be well received. The goal is to expose the audience to little known UFO crash events that show official government interest.

Titles and abstracts (no longer than 300 words) should be sent no later than October 1st, 2004 to Ryan Wood:
rswood.nul

You must be registered for the meeting in order to present a contributed talk. Airfare and hotel accommodations are not provided for contributed speakers.

For more information please visit: www.ufoconference.com

This conference promises to be a breakthrough event, providing fresh and eye-opening insights into the UFO enigma. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

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CCCRN News: Tree Circles - Nahanni Butte,

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 16:37:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 09:09:41 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Tree Circles - Nahanni Butte,

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

September 13, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

TREE CIRCLES - NAHANNI BUTTE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Two large circles in poplar trees, first reported as a rumour on September 8. Estimated to be approximately 151 metres (500 feet) and 91 metres (300 feet) diameters. Confirmed to have been reported in the Deh Cho Drum newspaper (Fort Simpson, NWT) on August 6:

http://www.nnsl.com/frames/newspapers/2004-08/aug6_04a1.html

Trees apparently flattened radially. No photos available yet. Investigation in progress.

This would normally just be referred as formation report #11, but is certainly unique and different from most "standard" crop formations, whether it is a case of unusual meteorological weather damage or not (as hypothesized by the biologist in above article). Also related to that, the second Matsqui, British Columbia cattle corn formation (the "ankh") has been listed as a rumour until it can be located on the ground, making for a total still of 11 confirmed formations to date this year.

CCCRN News is the e-news service of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, providing e-mail updates with the latest news and reports on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada, as well as other information on CCCRN-related projects and events, sent free to your e-mail

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The Canadian Crop Circle Research Network is a non-profit research organization which has been seriously investigating and documenting the crop circle phenomenon and other possibly related phenomena in Canada since 1995, creating a liason between researchers, farmers, the public, media and scientists

c. CCCRN, 2004

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Re: In Plain Sight - Guenther

From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g.nul-online.de>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 13:27:10 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 09:12:06 -0400
Subject: Re: In Plain Sight - Guenther

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:17:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: In Plain Sight

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2004 22:1:24 -0400
>>Subject: In Plain Sight

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2004 14:48:07 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>Significant UFO information is hidden, then, in plain sight
>>among the mass of Blue Book case files!

>I agree with the "hidden in plain sight" statement.

>Back when I was visiting the (old) national archives in the
>halcyon days of my youth (28 years ago!), back in the days when
>you could actually walk to the shelves which held the 98(?)
>rolls of microfilm, I discovered numerous cases that were
>mind-blowing.

>I also discovered that the Air Force Office of Special
>Investigation files were combined with the Blue Book files.

>The AFOSI files contained some information not found in the BB
>files. Of importance to me, at the time, was the fact that the
>AFOSI section of the microfilm records contained the details of
>Case 10 of Special Report #14, one of the best simple-visual,
>multiple-witness-sightings, ever.

Also John Greenewald Jr's www.blackvault.com collection includes
some documents of this case as I indicated at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/may/m22-006.shtml>

I hope this project will come true.

Daniel G.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 09:13:51 -0400
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>The Project Blue Book microfilms are costly to purchase and it
>is difficult to find microfilm equipment to view the cases.
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>such cases. It might also be the case that since Project Blue
>Book is held in low esteem by many researchers, the feeling
>might be that these cases, especially "explained" are not worthy
>of any attention.

>In an effort to increase access to the Project Blue Book files,
>we have proposed that the microfilms be scanned into searchable
>text which can be placed on the Internet or sold on DVD's. So
>far most of the technical problems have been worked out. Such
>ambitious projects usually fall by the wayside. However, easy
>access would probably stimulate research by more people who
>could like Brad, Loren, and Joel come up with bits and piece
>hidden here and there, and also see relationships which others
>have missed.

Wow! I would appreciate that. After viewing a lot of UFO
documents including the FBI, DIA and CIA files and some of John
Greenewald Jr.'s documents at www.blackvault.com that would be a
chance to review additional material.

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This is astonishing... A Mexican aviator making such
disparagingly thoughtless comments regarding fellow Mexican
aviators. I don't know about Mexican military aviation training
procedures first hand, so I must withhold judgment on same. But
I was once a manager and intimate designer of military aviation
training programs, was in fact involved with them at multiple
levels, intra and extra-Service, intra and extra-nationally and
don't recall Mexican aviation and aviator competence ever
coming into question, and I'm around aviator trainers all the
time. Other nationalities come into question - frequently. The
'world' comes to my home town to learn to fly and be safe while
they fly.

Moreover, this drug interdiction mission has American military
training and oversight written all over it and I don't think
they'd tolerate a whole lot of protracted incompetence and lack
of experience given the importance of the interdiction
mission.

That these qualified Mexican mission specialists - and ten hours
of actual flighttime is plenty of training by the way - even
conservatively speaking can't, because of a proclaimed lack of
training and experience, be able to tell their asses from their

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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:12:20 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 11:19:17 -0400
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I must point out, again, that apparently Captain Franz was
taking pictures from three times the altitude of the
government plane.

Surely this impacts on the field of view? What was the vertical
angle from the plane?

Stan Friedman

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>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:26:12 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 10:51:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

<snip>

>>Did you actually get a visual sighting of the oil flares?

>Yes, they were in sight (naked eye) for more than 30 minutes.
>Cantarell oil well flares are burning all the time 365 days a
>year.

>Cantarell oil well flares can be seen from the shore at Ciudad
>del Carmen.

>>If so, can you guess why the crew didn't?.

>I guess the crew is not enough trained or experienced as to
>provide any reliable info. The RADAR operator told the crew the
>objects were in many positions related to the airplane's
>position and in a closer distance so the pilot maybe saw the
>lights from the oil wells but he was looking for closer objects.

>Mexican Air Force Pilots do not fly more than 10 hours a month
>and their training is extremely poor. Also the RADAR was not
>working well and it will show up in the 6th or 7th part of the
>video audio transcript.

This is astonishing... A Mexican aviator making such
disparagingly thoughtless comments regarding fellow Mexican
aviators. I don't know about Mexican military aviation training
procedures first hand, so I must withhold judgment on same. But
I was once a manager and intimate designer of military aviation
training programs, was in fact involved with them at multiple
levels, intra and extra-Service, intra and extra-nationally and
don't recall Mexican aviation and aviator competence ever
coming into question, and I'm around aviator trainers all the
time. Other nationalities come into question - frequently. The
'world' comes to my home town to learn to fly and be safe while
they fly.

Moreover, this drug interdiction mission has American military
training and oversight written all over it and I don't think
they'd tolerate a whole lot of protracted incompetence and lack
of experience given the importance of the interdiction
mission.

That these qualified Mexican mission specialists - and ten hours
of actual flighttime is plenty of training by the way - even
conservatively speaking can't, because of a proclaimed lack of
training and experience, be able to tell their asses from their
elbows... is simply ludicrous and a strain on my credulity, Sir.

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MAJORITY OF INDIANS
BELIEVE ALIENS EXIST

"A series of polls conducted by UFO India has produced some interesting results. Up to 98 percent of those polled believe that intelligent extraterrestrial life does exist."

UFO India is a Web site documenting UFO sightings in India and trying to collect information and views on the subject of extraterrestrial life, intelligence and civilizations, director Prashant Solomon said.

"The other questions asked included whether those polled believed that the ancient (Hindu and pagan) gods were actually advanced extraterrestrial visitors who visited our planet eons ago and were then considered as 'gods' by the inhabitants of Earth at the time."

"78 percent of those polled believed that they were."

"69 percent of those polled believed that extraterrestrial intelligence is already present on Earth."

"Regarding where else in the solar system life was most likely--45 percent say Mars; 32 percent say Europa (a moon of Jupiter, which has an underground liquid ocean that contains more water than is present on Earth--P.S.); and 17 percent say Titan (a moon of Saturn with a thick atmosphere much like Earth in the primordial period--P.S.)."

"Another interesting result is that 51 percent of those polled believe that intelligent extraterrestrial life is more advanced technologically as well as being more spiritually advanced than humans; 10 percent say they will not be more spiritually advanced; 10 percent were undecided; and 29 percent say that technological development and spiritual development are in no way connected to each other." (Many thanks to Prashant Solomon of UFO India for this news release.)

CATTLE MUTILATION
REPORTED IN NEBRASKA

"Larry Jurjens was checking his herd of about 100 cattle" Thursday, August 19, 2004 "when he found a dead 11-year-old Black Angus."

"Jurjens said the cow's left eyeball was removed, the

bag and udders had been removed, and there was a large excision in the rectal region. None of the internal organs were removed, and he said the cuts appeared to have been made with surgical precision."

"The tongue had also been removed with the incision made far back into the throat."

"Jurjens said two puncture marks were on the cow, each about 1/8 of an inch in diameter."

"Jurjens, who has been a rancher" in Farnam, Nebraska "for more than 35 years, said he has never seen anything like it before."

"Jurjens said no blood was found on or near the cow."

"He said he estimates that the cow had been dead for two days before it was discovered."

"The estimated time of death corresponds with unidentified noises heard in the area." On the night of Tuesday, August 17, 2004, "Jurjens's wife, Joanne, heard what sounded like a large, low-flying aircraft going over the house."

"The low rumbling noise was heard by several other witnesses as far away as Gothenburg (population 3,679)," 16 miles (27 kilometers) north of Farnam.

"Witnesses said the noise persisted for a minute to five minutes in some areas."

"The cow's death is being investigated by Linda Moulton Howe, an international investigative journalist and documentary film producer from Jamison, Pa. She visited Jurjens' ranch on (Wednesday) August 25 (2004)."

Farnam is on Highway 23 in southern Nebraska's Dawson County, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of North Platte. (See the North Platte, Nebraska Telegraph for September 2, 2004, "Farnam cow found mutilated." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

MORE CROP CIRCLES REPORTED IN CANADA

A crop circle was found in Calgary, the largest city in Canada's Alberta province, on Thursday, August 26, 2004.

According to Canadian cerealogist Paul Anderson, "An unusual oval ring was found in pasture grass in Nose Hill Park, a large nature park of natural grasses and terrain" in Calgary.

The formation was "approximately 14.5 meters (50 feet) by 12 meters (40 feet). Grass was flattened in various directions in the 0.3 meter (1 foot) inside ring, including straight across the width, with the ring stalks well-defined. Ring surrounds a large white rock roughly in the center which appears to be part of the natural landscape, not just placed there."

(Editor's Comment: This is interesting. It sounds as if the crop circle is surrounding a "prayer rock" of the local indigenous people. A similar Lakota stone can be found at the county museum in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.)

Anderson added, "With a later harvest this year, three ovals in wheat and pasture grass were found in Wadena, Saskatchewan (population 1,477). The ovals were first found on (Thursday) September 2 (2004). The entire formation was 22 meters (73 feet) long."

These were, respectively, the tenth and eleventh crop circle formations found in Canada during 2004. (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network for these reports.)

SILVER SPHERE SPOTTED IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

On Saturday, August 7, 2004, at around 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Becky Woodley and her husband were driving between Pickering and Whitby on the North Yorkshire moors of UK when they had a UFO encounter.

The UFO "came from the west and headed off to the northwest," Becky reported, "It was silver in colour, round in shape. It started off bright, and, as it moved, it became brighter still until we saw it go out of sight."

"My husband was driving and waiting to come out of a junction when I spotted a very large, very bright object. It was very still and silent. It suddenly started moving

very slowly, so we parked up to watch it for several minutes. No sound was made from it at any time. Neither strobe lights nor vapour trail could be seen." (Email Form Report)

UFO ACTIVITY UP SHARPLY
NEAR BIG DIPPER STARGATE

Ted Anderson has been an amateur astronomer for over 30 years. Like many ufologists, he is intrigued by a continual flurry of UFO activity he's seen by telescope in the "handle" of the Big Dipper (the constellation Ursa Major --J.T.) , near the stars Alcor and Mizar.

If hyperspace is the "superhighway" for interstellar alien spacecraft, then this region is the "exit ramp to Earth" for the saucers.

Ted Anderson calls it "the UFO Universe Freeway Entrance."

"I've been watching a special location in the heavens for thirty years," Ted reported, "And I've seen several hundred mother ships and planetary vehicles come and go. Since August (2004), something has changed. This is extremely important. As to why, your guess is as good as mine."

"Two to four small red alien ships are controlling the Entrance. They are moving around constantly. I have not seen an alien mother ship come or go since this started. They (the four UFOs) move fast; they chase each other; they hold in place. This has been going on for several weeks now."

"If you can see the Big Dipper, look to the south toward Arcturus and watch between 9 p.m. and midnight. They are too dark and move too fast to record with my small, telescope-mounted camera." (Email Form Report) (Editor's Note: Arcturus is at or below the horizon by now. If you have a telescope, readers, zero in on the Whirlpool Galaxy just below Alcor and Mizar and check the region of sky just west of the galaxy.)

"BRIGHT FLASH" PRECEDES
ISRAELI ROCKET'S CRASH

"Israel's efforts to closely monitor Iran's missile program, and to improve its own early-warning systems, suffered a setback Monday," September 6, 2004, "when the launch of a sophisticated spy satellite failed."

"A rocket that was to have carried the Ofek-6 remote-sensing satellite into orbit crashed into the Mediterranean Sea shortly after its liftoff early in the afternoon from Israel's sprawling Palmachim air and missile base south of Tel Aviv."

"It was the second significant failure in less than a week of a high-tech Israeli military system. The missile interceptor Arrow 2, in a test-firing off the coast of California last Thursday," September 2, 2004, proved unable to hit its target. However, Israeli officials said it had succeeded in identifying the warhead of the dummy missile it was supposed to have hit."

"No one on the ground was injured in the failed Ofek launch, which was not announced in advance."

"Witnesses in Israel's southern coastal communities reported seeing an intensely bright flash overhead (my emphasis--J.T.), which caused some people to panic, thinking a passenger jet had come under attack or that a missile had been fired in the vicinity."

"The (Israeli) Defense Ministry issued a brief statement acknowledging the launch had failed, and that the cause of the malfunction was being investigated."

"The state-of-the-art Ofek-6 was developed by an Israeli consortium led by the giant state-owned Israel Aircraft Industries. The satellite had a planned lifespan of about five years, and was intended to serve as a major upgrade of Israel's surveillance of armament programs of other regional powers, most particularly Iran." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for September 7, 2004, "Israel's spy satellite fails as rocket crashes," page 7A.)

(Editor's Comment: It sure looks like a UFO shot down that Israeli rocket. But for what reason? Could it be

that Ariel Sharon is trying to sneak weapons of mass destruction into Earth orbit? Stay tuned...)

GENESIS CRASHES IN THE UTAH DESERT

"A parachute failure sent a NASA capsule carrying prized samples of solar particles smashing into the Utah desert Wednesday," September 8, 2004.

"NASA had employed Hollywood stunt pilots to snag the capsule's parachute and guide the fragile samples to a safe landing."

"Instead, the only Hollywood touch was the saucer-shaped capsule protruding from the desert floor like an image in a UFO movie."

"The capsule was clearly not designed to withstand this kind of impact," said Chris Jones of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. NASA estimates that the capsule hit at 193 mph (miles per hour) after an electronic failure to trigger the capsule's parachutes."

"Launched in 2001, Genesis spent 26 months in deep space collecting dust from the sun. The \$264 million mission was NASA's first retrieval of space samples since 1972's final lunar landing."

"Scientists hope to study Genesis's solar samples to understand the sun's chemistry, and some science results should still be recoverable from the cracked capsule, says NASA's Andrew Dantzler."

"A braking chute was supposed to slow the capsule after it entered Earth's atmosphere. Instead, mission controllers watched the capsule tumble and punch into the desert floor at 9:59 a.m." Mountain (Utah) time.

"Recovery of the capsule was delayed several hours as workers dealt with still-unexploded mortars that were supposed to have fired the parachutes."

"This has implications beyond Genesis," says spacecraft landing expert Paul Withers of Boston University, because parachutes figure prominently in a retrieval of comet dust planned for 2006 and future Mars missions."

"NASA plans to name a mishap review board." (USA Today for September 9, 2004, "Capsule bearing solar dust crashes," page 1A.)

VANISHED PREHISTORIC SEA ONCE EXISTED ON MARS

"An ancient sea larger than the combined Great Lakes" of the USA and Canada "likely filled the basin on Mars where NASA's Opportunity rover now roams, say scientists."

On Thursday, September 9, 2004, in the journal Nature, "a University of Colorado team reports that salt outcrops like those measured by Opportunity, evidence of an ancient sea, appear from space to cover about 127,000 square miles of Martian soil."

(Editor's Note: By comparison, Lake Superior, which contains about 65 percent of all the water in the Great Lakes, has a surface area of 32,483 square miles. So the Martian "Burroughs Sea" is four times larger than Lake Superior.)

"The climate on Mars several billion years ago must have been much wetter than today, the scientists conclude." (See USA Today for September 9, 2004, "Mars data suggests a huge, vanished sea," page 10D.)

(Editor's Comment: Combined with other evidence throughout the solar system, the disappearance of the "Burroughs Sea" suggests that Immanuel Velikovsky was right when he wrote Worlds in Collision a half-century ago. Some unimaginable space catastrophe pushed Mars into an orbit farther away from the sun, resulting in the Red Planet's transformation into a frozen desert world.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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Re: Groundbreaking Discovery In The Cosmos? -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:36:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Groundbreaking Discovery In The Cosmos? -

>Source: The San Francisco Chronicle

><http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2004/09/11/NEWPLANET.TMP&type=science>

>09-11-04

>Groundbreaking Discovery In The Cosmos?

>Object 230 light years away could well be first planet directly
>seen outside solar system

>Keay Davidson
>Chronicle Science Writer

>What might be the first directly visible planet orbiting a
>starlike body other than our sun was reported by scientists from
>Europe and Los Angeles on Friday.

>The "faint and very red point of light" possibly orbits a dim
>brown dwarf -- a kind of failed star -- about 230 light years
>from Earth, the scientists said in a statement issued Friday by
>the European Southern Observatory, or ESO. A light year is about
>6 trillion miles, the distance light travels in a year.

>Further observation is needed to determine whether the object in
>the constellation Hydra is a bona fide planet -- or whether it
>is just a background star, a fluke in the telescope or some
>other anomaly, the astronomers cautioned.

>But if, in time, the object is unquestionably identified as a
>planet, the discovery would mark a watershed in the history of
>science -- one of the biggest since Galileo spotted the moons of
>Jupiter through a tabletop telescope 394 years ago. For the
>first time, humans would have directly observed a planet
>orbiting a star or starlike body rather than indirectly
>inferring its existence based on its gravitational pull on that
>body.

<snip>

Good Day Fellow Listerions,

Oh the irony of it all! I dream of the day when there are no
"double standards" in regards to Ufology, and, in this instance
Astronomy.

In Astronomy it appears there only needs to be "direct
observation" of what is thought to be an "exoplanet" and that is
heralded as a "watershed in the history of science!" The
observer(s') character isn't questioned; no curiosity of of his
of her (or their) indulgences in the sixties; no mention of
swamp gas or hoaxes!

Yes, to think that "observing" an object (visually witnessing,
i.e., "eyewitnessing") and or an occurrence is the
quintessential element in the verification of a theorem.
Forgetting not, that in Astronomy, prior to the ultimate
confirmation, (eyewitnessing) it seems that "circumstantial

evidence" is enough to make a thing so, e.g., a distant star's wobble is enough for most to "omit" the usage of the noun, "theory" and take it for granted that it is resolute!

Funny though, that even astronomers themselves "only" use that protocol when it's associated to their field. A good example of this was the Friedman/Shostak debate; when Shostak asked Stan for evidence in support of ETH, his answer, i.e., physical trace evidence, photographic evidence, radar reports, and a multitude of eye witness testimony, to name a few, wasn't good enough for Shostak, however; had the debate been about Astronomy, you can be sure that, that "type of evidence" would have been more than enough to advance a theorem falling under the afore mentioned science.

Yes, imagine if those very same standards applied to Ufology! Even the same headline could be used, "Ground Breaking Discovery in The Cosmos."

Regards,

Frank Warren

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Re: Psychic Claims Aliens Control The Media - Boone

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:37:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychic Claims Aliens Control The Media - Boone

>Source: NCBuy

><http://www.ncbuy.com/news/2004-09-13/1010557.html>

>09-13-04

>Wireless Flash Weird News

>Psychic Claims Aliens Control The Media

>SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) - It's not the liberals who control
>the media - it's the aliens.

>That's the claim of San Diego clairvoyant Amirah Hall, who says
>she has sensed aliens far beyond our galaxy who are attacking
>humans with negative energy through TV and radio waves.

<snip>

Okay, now I've heard it all. 'Aliens' controlling media? Nah, if aliens were controlling the media they'd have to stand in line behind the real powers that control the media. For the first time ever I'll reveal the the true forces of evil that have the media in their gnarly clutches. Prepare yourselves for the shock, the horror, the pulse pounding revelation that only we who have dared brave to peel away that cloak of secrecy! Look ye upon the hierarchy of the media's mechanisms!

1.) Bartenders.. (they RULE the media. with reporters and editors with bar tabs so long you could wallpaper every home in Pittsburgh three times over. The national debt is but a pittance to the global trillions reporters and editors rack up in martinis and banana daquaris. For those eager beaver neophyte reporters just out of college, 'Happy Hour' is but a sinister trap!)

2.) Bookies..(Those sly gambling bookkeepers who know everything from the point spread to the weight of the jockey, lord over the media. With their green eye shades and smoke filled rooms and cliché nick names like 'Lefty' and 'Snooks', they prey on media with those irresistible odds. From who'll win the World Series to what costume will the lovely actress Talia Shire wear in her next feature film, bookies make the illuminati look like pancake social.)

3.) Ex Wives (Oh let us not forget the largest and most powerful group ever to emerge from the debauchery of the 20th Century, "Ex Wives"!!! With their army of the living dead, (their attorney), they've cut a swath across the very fabric of the Fourth Estate bringing misery and woe to all who would stand in their way! The unsuspecting up and coming media man would best take heed and adorn themselves in garlic and stray not into the twilight lest they fall victim to these mistresses of misery!)

4.) Collection Agencies (Let no man who hath an ear turn away from the warning of the most insidious group to emerge into the western world: The Collection Agency. Hot on the heels of that newly graduated student every eager to take on the world with

his or her journalistic skills, the Collection Agencies are soon to pounce when those student loans, credit card bills, car loans are due. Beware! They can change shape! They can appear as one's best friend, or at an extreme one's own pet! Ever ready to take advantage and harrass with phone calls and letters. Considering that journalists are the lowest paid occupation yet most influential it's a perfect recipe for corruption and greed. So unholy are these Collection Agencies that not even a stake through the heart can stop their etherwordly encroachment upon the world of mortals!)

5.) Hookers... (we won't go there, look what it did to Bill Clinton)

6.) Annoying Family Members (Perhaps nothing so evil could emerge from the mind of man as the 'Annoying Family Member' aka AFM. From disobedient child to horrid mother-in-law, the AFM has done more damage to the media than federal regulations. So terrible is this scourge to journalism that in some instances reporters have been know to actually shout out "Hey Mom!" during a newsbroadcast! Some talk show hosts actually spend half their show discussing what new little cutesy-wootsey exploit their dear little brat has engaged in! Woe the AFM should sink their claws into your favorite reporter! Woe I say!)

So there. Aliens might have some control over the media but those pesky little green men have to stand in line to the real powers behind the microphone.

(Yeah, so what, I read alot of Stan Lee comic books when I grew up.)

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

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Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:23:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:39:52 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 16:16:29 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 20:15:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>I discovered the top secret Roswell policy of the then AAF by
>>sheer accident while researching a completely different non-UFO
>>historical subject. The policy was initiated in extreme secrecy
>>on about August 1, 1947, and lasted about two years after the
>>threat being defended against never materialized. It was
>>apparently not the result of any crashed ET spacecraft or alien
>>corpses or machinery being found at Roswell, but something of
>>sufficiently disturbing importance as to trigger radical efforts
>>to meet the military threat thought to come from deep space.

<snip>

>>Roswell is hardly "closed". But neither the pro-UFO community or
>>the anti-UFO skeptic-debunker community wants to hear about it,
>>because it doesn't support either side's simplistic pet
>>theories.

>To Brad and all,

>Your post is very intriguing. You say that something very
>disturbing was discovered, but that it was not an alien craft
>with bodies.

>What was it then? How do you know? You won't say!

<snip>

Gildas,

I did say, but you omitted it. You seem to be forgetting that the purpose of my post was to merely respond to a thread already in progress. I was not writing an article here on UpDates on my findings and I explained why I was not going to piecemeal out the hundreds of pages of my book manuscript here on UpDates into hundreds of posts nor give away my best stuff which belongs in a book, like every other Roswell "revelation" book, where I have full opportunity to present all of my case with appropriate presentation, not some marginalized vanity press-type web-based "publication."

Since I was not attempting to write an article here, but just respond to some postings, I was not trying to present a full case, which again would require a book-length presentation. Besides I did post the answer to your specific question long ago here and it was ignored. I don't have time now to hunt it up and I won't keep repeating myself. I barely have time to post this response.

Brad Sparks

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:41:27 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

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Alfred, Et, Al,

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>don't recall Mexican aviation and aviator competence ever
>coming into question, and I'm around aviator trainers all the
>time. Other nationalities come into question - frequently. The
>'world' comes to my home town to learn to fly and be safe while
>they fly.

I didn't see anything "disparaging or thoughtless" about
Alejandro's comments on "Mexican Air Force Pilots" (his fellow
aviators). There weren't any negative connotations or verbiage
used in his statement - he just stated the facts as he perceives
them.

>Moreover, this drug interdiction mission has American military
>training and oversight written all over it and I don't think
>they'd tolerate a whole lot of protracted incompetence and lack
>of experience given the importance of the interdiction
>mission.

Alfred, one only need to look at Iraq to see how much
"protracted incompetence" the American military would tolerate.

>That these qualified Mexican mission specialists - and ten hours
>of actual flighttime is plenty of training by the way - even
>conservatively speaking can't, because of a proclaimed lack of
>training and experience, be able to tell their asses from their

Alejandro, "in my view," approached this case in a very
professional, ethical and scientific manner, and presented
credible evidence in kind. He wasn't rude, cynical or negative
in any way. He should be applauded for his efforts.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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SPI September London Lecture

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
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Subject: SPI September London Lecture

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Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 8:53 AM
Subject: SPI September London Lecture

Strange Phenomena Investigations

Present

'How The Sceptics Mind Works & 'music And The Paranormal'

Guest Speakers

Chris Robinson & Melvyn Willin

Date: Saturday 25Th September 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.

Chris Robinson

He has been billed as the 'Dream Detective' someone who has dreamt the future with amazing clarity and vision and foretold events yet to come (which they do !) Ex police officer Chris Robinson talents have been used by the British Secret Service and countless police forces throughout the world. His psychic abilities have been tested in the states by top scientists who have marveled at his uncanny ability. Chris comes back to London to speak to SPI about some of these tests and discuss more about this amazing 'gift' (!) that he has.

Dr Melvyn Willin

There are so much more to reports of ghosts than just the transparent floating figures that most people expect they are ! Ghosts come in all manner of forms, solid, transparent, ghosts who apparently are 'aware' of 'you' and some who are not, some who glide and navigate past furniture, and some who glide 'through' furniture, then you have the reports of 'ghostly music'. Music that drifts through haunted rooms. Can this music also be in the witnesses minds, like they say the reports of ghosts are ? Ghostly music is 'part and parcel' of the phenomenon of reported hauntings and Dr Melvyn Willin comes to London to discuss his extensive research into this subject.

But not only this, Melvyn will also discuss those claims from people who state that dead composers continue to inspire and write from the 'other side'. Can this be true ? We all know about ghosts, but the ghostly music is rarely spoken about at public lectures. Melvyn will change all this

Dr Willin completed his Ph. D. in the Music Department of the University of Sheffield in 1999 and is currently studying the place of music in witchcraft and paganism in the Historical Studies Department of the University of Bristol. He is still actively Investigating music and the paranormal.

Entrance: Public =A37:00 Friends of SPI =A36:00. (Price Includes Buffet)

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(Next SPI meeting after this one. Jane McCarthy, 'Spirit Paranormal Photography' Saturday October 30th)

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Re: UFOs According To 'Wikipedia' - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 15:06:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:47:10 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs According To 'Wikipedia' - Boone

I love reading resource material on UFOs. Reference materials such as dictionaries and encyclopedias often change. Wikipedia is one of them. Easily accessible online and quite helpful.

Yet take a look at their entries for UFOs and Roswell.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unidentified_flying_object

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roswell_UFO_incident

Is it me or is something missing here?

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 14:36:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:55:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - King

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>Not being preoccupied with theory, I prefer more pragmatic
>approaches which eventually, we hope, will allow us to construct
>hypotheses on firmer grounds than are currently available. In
>the meantime, I remain convinced that UFOs and other major
>anomalies involve phenomena, whether ultimately found to be
>trivial or seminal, that lie beyond current knowledge. I also
>suspect - since no other explanation makes sense to me - that
>some or many experiences of the anomalous grow out of
>extraordinary, little-understood aspects of consciousness (an
>issue that in fact has been the focus of my research and major
>interest in recent years), but that other reports describe
>genuine, real-world events. Until we know more about them -
>which will not happen until science devotes its full resources
>to addressing these questions - a degree of intellectual
>modesty, apparently beyond John's capacity to sustain or even
>imagine, seems in order.

Jerry,

I find this epilogue one of the most salient posts in this thread. If I am correct in thinking that the foregoing paragraph represents your best attempt at crystallizing your views, then it is the most literate, sane, and understandable position I have yet to encounter. It is one with which I am in utter, almost astonishing, agreement.

I am reminded that your interests lie far beyond UFOs. I think the fact that you have interests in a diverse range of anomaly cases (most having nothing to do with UFOs) provides a small objectivity... perhaps what you call intellectual modesty.

ET intelligence likely has little to do with the Loch Ness Monster, yet Nessie sightings occur. The anomaly exists...at least in the minds of those witness to it. Your position reasonably accepts the claim, but stops short of calling that a tacit endorsement of one hypothesis over another.

Very refreshing, intellectually satisfying, and most appreciated by one who occasionally has trouble navigating the labyrinthine intellectual mind game which is the UFO field.

Thank you for that!

"...True rationalism is the awareness of one's limitations, the intellectual modesty of those who know how often they err, and how much they depend on others to have these mistakes corrected or even for the little knowledge they may eventually possess..."
--J. Bowlby

and...

Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - King

"No rational argument will have a rational effect on somebody
who does not want to adopt a rational attitude."
--J.C. Garelli PhD

Kyle

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Re: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 22:31:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:56:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 07:59:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates" <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 21:39:53 -0600
>>Subject: Pre-Analysis Report Of Ed Gerhman's Crash Site

>>Fellow Listarians,

>>Report of Pre-Investigation of Ed Gerhman's Alleged Crash Site

>>As stated in a post last last Spring, I have completed an
>>informal observation of the crash site of an alleged UFO, as
>>located by Ed Gerhman.

>>Specimens and photos were taken of and from this location
>>and will be examined further.

>>The area, as Ed has described it, in many posts to UFO
>>Updates, is extremely interesting. Ed's description of the
>>site has not, in my opinion, been overstated.

>>In the future, once I have the test results from the
>>collected specimens (if feasible), I will give my full
>>opinion as to the site and Ed's research.

>>Please know and understand that I have no position statement on
>>the validity of the alien autopsy film and the controversy
>>surrounding it. My focus is solely an historical perspective on
>>the site as described by the cameraman and located by Ed.

>Wow! I'm really anticipating the shakedown. Please keep us
>posted!

I would like to add that from my personal knowledge, Wendy is a
person of strong character, fair-minded and honest as they come.
So I will be keenly interested in her findings.

- Dick

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HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 15:22:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:00:31 -0400
Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Newsletter Release: September 14, 2004

Red Bluff, Quesnel B.C A Large Circle Of Light And Beam

Date: Early Fall/late Summer 2002
Time: Between 9:00 -10:00 p.m.

About 2 years ago in Quesnel in the Red Bluff area (I believe it was early fall/late summer about 9-10 pm), a friend and I were driving along when we noticed these lights in the sky. It was a large circle of light (several hundred feet in diameter) with about 8 smaller circles all perfectly the same size (each probably about 1 tenth the size of the large center circle) that rotated around the large center circular light, and would change direction every so often. It was in the sky for at least an hour. We weren't the only one's who saw it. There were people all over the neighborhood standing at the end of their driveways watching it.

Anyway, we drove around trying to find the source until we finally saw a beam of light coming up from the forest way in the distance. Once we saw this, we thought for sure someone was just messing around with laser lights. I never did see anything in the newspaper about it and was wondering if anyone else ever reported it or found out if it was actually someone just playing with lights. At the time, that's what I thought, but after reading stories like the sighting at Shag Harbour, who knows? Maybe a downed UFO signaling for repairs/help. haha..anyway, I was just wondering :) I'm sure someone would have had to reported the lights being that so many people were watching them. Thanks for your time.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Wayne County, Pennsylvania Black Triangle

Date: November 2003
Time: Approx: 1:30 a.m.

Since I moved to PA, Wayne county, three years ago, I have seen two, the first on was in mid Nov. 2003 at about 1:30am. I woke up for no apparent reason and went to the kitchen window facing northwest. I saw a big black triangle aircraft coming from northern direction with white lights underneath on every corner circular shape, it was only flying only approx. 1000 feet above my home, and it did not make a sound moving very slowly at a southern direction. The object did not have any exhaust or fumes coming out of it. Tobyhanna Army Depot only 10 miles away it was heading that direction.

I just wanted to know Brian, am I really seeing UFO's or is there a real good explanation for the two objects I have witnessed?

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Mississauga, Ontario Blue Circular Light

Date: July 2004 (?)
Time: 1:30 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Derry Road and Fifth Line.
Number of witnesses: 3
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Circular

Full Description of event/sighting: I am from Mississauga. For my own curiosity, I would like to know if you can tell me what I saw. My friends and I went to an "ABANDONED" area, which the house on the property was burned down. We walked through the trail towards the house. I had walked through this area about 50 times previously. This was the first time either of my two friends had been there, and the first time I had brought a torch (fire). About 30-40 feet in, I see this blue circular light about ten feet in the air. There was some sort of glow, so to speak, around this light and I had absolutely no idea what it was.

At this point we stopped walking. This light actually started dancing from left to right, and I was just in astonishment because there was nothing underneath the light. BUT, it's not as if the light was illuminating the surrounding area, because it really wasn't, but the moonlight was enough to show there was nothing under it. There was no noise whatsoever.

I few seconds later, this object had magically started to come at us literally. I still thought that someone had a light, and it was a homeless person just finding a place to sleep, even though I SAW that none was under the light. I, at this point, basically started to scream, "RUN, RUN, RUN!!", over and over. I ended up flipping over a broken down tree in the middle of the path. When we got the car the light was mysteriously gone. I have not told many of my friends about this, because I wouldn't believe them if they told me. I had dropped one of my shoes and my phone in there.

We came back 10 minutes later because I couldn't afford to buy a new phone, and considering I was not alone, I decided to go and get it. On our drive back, nobody was walking on the side of the road, and nobody was in the trail when we came back. I went in alone, because my friends were too scared to come, and the only way I found my phone was because my friend was calling it. Anyways, I am not e-mailing you this to sell a story, and try to make any money in any way, but my friends and I are only curious as to what we had seen, and you seem to know a lot about these mysterious lights. I didn't even know about "orbs" until I started researching about this stuff. Please reply to me at your earliest convenience, and any information would be greatly appreciated.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian

I thank you responding so quickly. I will get the other two witnesses to send you a detailed e-mail with what they saw, possibly indicating some more information that I may have left out.

You can do whatever you see fit with the information I have given you. Just like you said, someone may have experienced something similar, and may make a report of it as well.

Considering the distance this object was from us, I would say that it must have been about one foot in diameter.

At the closest point the object must have been approximately 15 feet away from us. Even at this distance, I could not smell anything strange in the air, but I am not sure if one of the people that I was with had noticed anything. I will make sure he answers all these question in his e-mail to you without reading my responses so I do not throw him off at all.

My friend, known as (removed), did most definitely shine the flame or torch at this object, and I am almost certain that a few seconds after he did, this object had began to come at us. This entire time, the only noise was coming from the three of us.

It seemed to me that there was always a mist or glow, so to speak, around this object, and I am not sure if it developed into a trail once it moved. We went back during the day because my (removed) thought there was an incline through the path in front of us because the light was sort of high up, but I told him and then showed him the ground is level. We never really paid any attention to circles in the grass but if any circles have been made, it would be very easy to see that considering there is not a lot of movement there.

Thank you, Brian, for all of your time, and I will get the other two witnesses to e-mail you with their version of what happened.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Linton, Oregon Brilliant Strobing Lights

Date: September 3/5, 2004

Time: Approx: 10:00 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Linton, OR 9north of Portland)

Number of witnesses: 2; 4.

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Disc

Full Description of event/sighting: One two evenings, 9/3 and 9/5, approx 10:00 p.m., my partner was outside and called to me to come out and take a look in the sky. I went out, and we used inexpensive binoculars (10 X 50 WA) ... saw clearly a brilliant-strobing-lights object hovering in the sky. Clear night, many stars. It was far away, but quite visible. I framed it in my sight line with the telephone wires and a tree, and it hovered within that space for around half an hour. We are in Linton, and observed it to the north, looking across the Willamette River, but could not ascertain how far away it was. I saw it hover and shift position, tilting from horizontal to a vertical position, then rotating slowly enough to see the underside, then flatten out to horizontal again. We saw four colors of lights-- red, white, green and blue-- distinctly, but not all at the same time. They flashed and rotated around the edge-- or appeared to through the binoculars. I wondered at the time if this was one of "ours", some advanced technology being tested out here. In fact, I recall airliners in the sky taking off from the Portland Airport, and they must have seen this object, also. I thought-- surely they (the airport personnel) would have knowledge of this sort of advanced technology craft (maybe a military test craft, and the military contacted them?) if planes are just flying to and fro out there while this thing hovers...???

As I stated, we saw this object two nights, in approximately the same position in the sky. On the second sighting, our two friends joined us outside to see it as well.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Portland Oregon Bright Strobing Object Video

Date: September 7, 2004

Time: 10:20 p.m.

To Brian Vike,

On Tuesday 9-7-2004, I stepped outside at 10:20 pm local time in Portland OR, USA, observing a very bright strobing object in the night sky. It was located due west, about 25 degrees above the western horizon. It appeared to be glowing very brightly at first, pitched at a 45 degree angle, and much brighter/larger than any similar objects that I have seen of this type. It moved to my right and down toward the western horizon slowly as I watched it, while dimming somewhat in the process. Duration of this sighting was about 10 minutes, when the object became

obscured behind some trees.

Viewing conditions: There were few if any clouds, generally good viewing conditions, given the high amounts of atmospheric haze that we seem to have in recent years.

The object appeared to be shedding something as if it was a byproduct of combustion. This was coming from the lower left of the object and could be seen with normal vision, as occasional spurts of varying intensity blasting perpendicular to the object's "body". This is seen as a gaseous curtain in the brighter still images (and in the one rotated with text).

Quickly I seized the opportunity to set up a low power telescope with digital camera attachment on a tripod. Several pictures were taken at different exposure settings, including a short video movie. The object remained bright for the first pictures but then began to change, becoming dimmer as it came closer to the horizon, moving to my right. The setup I used provided 45x high quality optical zoom.

The camera did not sit level in my setup, but was pitched at a 40 degree angle down to the right (I did not want to miss the photo opportunity by readjusting it). Because the shots were taken through a telescope without mirrors, the image is also rotated 180 degrees, so appears upside down. Only the picture with text added has been rotated and cropped 800 x 600 to correct the orientation to what I had observed. All other pictures are straight out of the camera.

Attached are four pictures plus one movie,
P9070346.jpg, 4 sec exp, f 3.5, iso 100, 10 x 4.5 = 45x opt. zoom
P9070347.jpg, 4 sec exp, f 3.5, iso 100, 10 x 4.5 = 45x opt. zoom
P9070347rotal.jpg, same as above, rotated, cropped, text added,
P9070351.mov, 1.2mb file size, about 24 seconds long.
The movie does not clearly show the "tail" easily seen in the other still photos.
P9070354.jpg, 1/10 sec exp, f 4.0, iso 100, 10 x 4.5 = 45x opt. zoom

The 4.5 power telescope and 10x zoom camera combined in tandem have a 1 degree field of view when the camera is at 10x zoom. The object shows large in these photos, filling 4.8% of the field of view (uncropped). If it was 40 miles distant from me (my guess) then the object's size would be about 180 feet long. However, I don't know how far away it actually was. If farther away it is larger, if nearer then it was smaller.

The reason I think it was 40 miles away is because I think the gaseous curtain may be being released into a denser part of the upper atmosphere which still contains some oxygen. Given the 25 degrees angle above the horizon, the altitude would then be about 56,000 feet or 10.6 miles. The air density there is about 1/10th that of air at sea level, per my engineering handbook.

Some questions remain. Whose technology is this, and what is the possible purpose (and substance) of placing/consuming materials in the upper atmosphere? Is this one of the reasons, minor or major, for the increased atmospheric haze that many of us see in today's skies?

Thanks for looking,

Thank you very much to the witness for the report, pictures and clip.

Video clip Portland Oregon Bright Strobing Object 1.11mbs
To view clip and pictures:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1848>

Spokane, Washington Long Narrow Triangle

Date: September 7, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Long narrow triangle.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was leaving my home by car with my son. We were headed west. The sun was setting and the sky was clear with a few wispy clouds. I noticed an object very bright above the horizon. About half the size of the moon. It looked like a jet with a very short jet trail behind it heading north at an odd angle toward the ground. I kept watching it as I was headed west across town on the freeway. It wasn't moving, just hovering.

I pointed it out to my son. He agreed it was strange. It was brighter and more colorful than the few clouds lit by the sun set. We watched it for about 8 minutes until it was out of sight behind some trees. I wish I had pulled over to observe it at the time, but was anxious to get to my husband so he could see it. Unfortunately from where he was there was too many other obstructions in the way. When I saw the story on Rense.com this morning titled "Portland Oregon Bright Strobing Object Video " I realized it was the same object we saw!

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Boca Raton, Florida Disappearing And Appearing Object

Date: September 9, 2004
Time: 3:00 p.m.

I saw this on Thursday in S. Fla at 3:00 p.m. I have a six minute video of it on a Sony digital handcam. I witnessed it with a friend. definitely not a plane as it hovered for 5 minutes in one place.

Additional Information:

Thanks for getting back to me Brian. Here are some more details.

The object was moving slowly from my East to the West. The sky was partly cloudy that is why the images seem grey, because I tried to see it close up the clouds were behind it. The object kept disappearing and appearing and I saw it by its distinctive glow or metallic reflection in the sun. It was under where the planes usually fly. There are no military areas anywhere by me. I am close to Boca Raton about 40 miles south of Palm Beach airport and 20 north of Ft Lauderdale airport. The movement was erratic. First it moved like a plane, just a forward motion then it would reappear further down very fast. The last 4 minutes I was able to see it, had it hovering or moving ever so slightly around the clouds. It appeared orb like and stayed that way throughout. What intrigued me was the way it moved and the intense glow. I watch the skies a lot and this was highly unique. There was no sound, it was around 2 miles away (just a g estimation) maybe 10,000ft high and again had a silvery color with and intense reflection or internal glow. There were other planes flying by this thing which helped my perspective and adding to the mystery of what it could be. I am basically sharing this with you in the hopes someone else in my area saw it. I am very confident it wasn't a conventional craft, plane, rocket etc, but it is a UFO for now, because I can't identify it. That doesn't make it an ET craft either, but it was fun to watch to say the least.

Thanks for listening.

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1847>

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Mount Cobb, Pennsylvania Sighting

Date: September 10, 2004
Time: 10:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 4
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: unknown
Full Description of event/sighting: At approx. 10:00 p.m.

eastern time, we saw what we thought was a bright star. As we continued looking at it, the object changed colors, from green to red to dark orange to white as though it was spinning. The object was hovering just south or left from the big dipper, we were facing northwest. As the object was hovering it would move from left to right. After watching the object for approx. 15 minutes the object flew with speed towards northwest horizon.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian,

On September 10th, 2004 at approx. 10pm - 10:15 I saw the object first then I called my mother and my two sons from our home, we saw an object was northwest and left from the big dipper, the night was crystal-clear. We did not see the moon. The object stood out because it was brighter than a star or planet and it flashed colors. As we looked at it through binoculars we were able to see the colors clearly. The colors were rotating from green, red, dark orange, to white. On the top of the object above the rotating light was a very bright white. The object was hovering then it moved to the left but not straight, it was in an angle, then to the right.

It stood there for a few minutes then it started to move northwest direction and it looked like it was moving up in elevation the color of the object was like a yellow. As the object left to the northwest it arched downward not straight like a airplane. My older son told me it was a rounded triangle shape. We all saw the same thing. The strange thing about this was that military planes have flight patterns through here every evening or night, and when we were looking at the object the military were flying to right of the object at a northwest direction and they were flying on the left of the object going at a southeast direction. The object was much brighter, and much bigger and much higher than the military planes. When the object disappeared from the horizon, we looked up and the big dipper was still there.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Peoria, Arizona Oval, Sphere

Date: September 12, 2004
Time: 3:00 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Oval, Sphere

Full Description of event/sighting: Hi Brian. I contacted you about two months ago. I reported a bright star like object in the sky. It is rather large and hovers in one spot. When its hovering it is really bright. When it moves it moves up, down, right, and left the light becomes very dull. There appears to be a red light shining from the center of the light. When I zoom in with my camera it looks as though there are many different colors. This is the exact same object that my mother and I saw the last time. Only this time below the large object there was a smaller object. I couldn't make out what it was doing there. It seemed to be hovering right below the larger one. This object must be rather far away because whenever I zoom in on it with my camera it looks like a little dot. Even though it doesn't look far away at all when I look into the sky.

But when I zoom into the photo what I see is bizarre. I don't understand why my photos never come out the way the object appears. They come out in different shapes and colors. Its as if whenever the object is moving it takes the form of a sphere and when its hovering it appears oval. We were able to view it from my backyard for about an hour and then it had moved too far south, out of my view from the backyard. I was to tired to follow it to the front yard. These new photos that I have resemble the ones I sent you before only the shape is more ovalish. Well, thanks for reading this I appreciate. If you want me to send you the photos please let me know.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Brisbane, Australia Light Hovers Then Splits In Two

Date: September 12, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hello Brian

You are the first one I have shared this with.

I live in the northern suburbs of Brisbane in Queensland, Australia. On Saturday night (Sept. 11) at about 1830 I was walking my dogs on the sports ground near my house where I walk every night. I live at a high elevation and have 270 degree views. As I was about half way around the ground, I was looking north toward an especially bright star, wondering what planet it was. As I was looking, what seemed to be another, smaller star, the same size and brightness as most of the others, started moving fast in a straight line. It looked just like a moving (NOT shooting) star (I walk every night and see plenty of shooting stars). I was looking due north, and it appeared to be moving toward the east - toward the Pacific Ocean. I am positive of the direction because I also walk there in the morning and I know where the sun rises. It was too high and too fast to be a plane. I have worked at airports for 16 years and travelled a lot so I know what I'm talking about. After about 3 seconds the object abruptly stopped, stayed still momentarily, split into two, and disappeared. I have not seen anything like it since.

Yours faithfully,

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research
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Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

From: **Capt. Alejandro Franz** <alfafox.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:02:44 -0400
Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

Hello All,

Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
You can buy the 'History' for 350.00 Mexican Pesos or
\$33.00 USD.

Visit:

http://www.homolongevus.tv/portal/con_histori.htm

Translation with:

<http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs they are oil
well gas flames!

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

My own video recording showing I was right.

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/index.html

Best regards,

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 21:58:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:04:56 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:12:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:26:12 -0700
>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

<snip>

>I must point out, again, that apparently Captain Franz was
>taking pictures from three times the altitude of the
>government plane.

Almost three times. It was precisely 2.6956521 times.

11500ft/31000ft = 2.6956521

>Surely this impacts on the field of view? What was the vertical
>angle from the plane?

You are the scientist, I was the pilot. What are yor results?

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:08:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 09:25:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 14:53:35 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>Well said as always. If we're going to call their favorite
>>doctrine "DOH", perhaps it's time to add a new word to the
>>vocabulary to characterize them. I propose that if we are to
>>bring DOH into ufological language, we ought to acknowledge
>>where that wonderful phrase comes from, giving all due credit to
>>that beloved mope Homer Simpson, who groans "doh!" whenever he's
>>screwed up, as he does every time. DOH advocates, therefore, are
>>"simpsonists."

>May I propose an alternative designation... with a double
>entendre: "homeriC".

Congratulations to Bruce, Jerry and Dick, on devising three new
insults for people who disagree with you. Is this what the stars
of American ufology are reduced to?

After my previous post, a reader wrote to me off-list saying:
"Name calling is one way of keeping a discussion from making any
real progress. Certain individuals on the UFO UpDates List
often resort to the childish antics when a discussion or topic
is actually getting somewhere. That way UFOs remain a mystery
and there is no conflict in their belief systems." Very nicely
put.

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

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NASA Transfers X-37 To Unidentified US Agency

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Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 10:24:01 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:09:50 -0400
Subject: NASA Transfers X-37 To Unidentified US Agency

Source: Space.Com

http://space.com/news/nasa_x37_040914.html

09-14-04

NASA Transfers X-37 To Unidentified US Agency
By Brian Berger
Space News Staff Writer

WASHINGTON =97 NASA has transferred its X-37 technology demonstration program to an unidentified U.S. government agency that plans to go ahead with atmospheric drop tests of the prototype space plane next year.

NASA spokesman Michael Braukus said Sept. 13 the U.S. space agency would remain involved in the X-37 program, but would no longer run the show. The lead, he said, has been given to a government agency that for now NASA is not permitted to name.

"The government entity is classified," Braukus said. "We will be able to acknowledge who that partner is when they give us permission." Braukus said he expected to receive that permission soon.

News that lead responsibility for the X-37 program was changing hands was first reported by the Desert News, a newspaper covering Mojave, Calif., and surrounding areas. The newspaper also reported that the X-37 would be carried aloft for next year=92s drop tests by the White Knight, the Scaled Composites-built aircraft that carried SpaceShipOne aloft in June for its historic manned suborbital space shot, the first in a privately funded effort.

Braukus said Scaled Composites would be involved in the X-37 approach and landing demonstrations next year, but could not say whether the Mojave-based company would be using the White Knight or some other aircraft. The B-52 aircraft that NASA normally uses for such drop tests would not be used, a decision made by the agency now in charge of the X-37 program, he said.

"The cost analysis favored Scaled Composites," Braukus said.

Scaled Composites spokeswoman Kay LeFebvre would not confirm the company=92s involvement in the planned dropped tests and referred questions about the White Knight=92s role in the X-37 program to American Mojave Aerospace Ventures. That company, a Paul Allen and Burt Rutan partnership that owns SpaceShipOne and its carrier aircraft, recently announced that it would make its first official try for the \$10 million Ansari X-Prize Sept. 29.

A telephone call placed to Jeff Johnson at American Mojave Aerospace Ventures was not immediately returned.

NASA's involvement in the X-37 dates back to 1998, when the project was selected as the first of a planned series of flight demonstrators dubbed Future X. At the time, NASA agreed to share

the X-37=92s projected \$173 million cost with Boeing and the U.S. Air Force. After the Air Force announced in 2001 that it would stop funding the project, NASA told Boeing that the company would have to submit a new proposal for the X-37 to be eligible for additional funding.

After persistent prodding from U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), NASA in 2002 awarded Boeing a \$301 million contract for two X-37 vehicles instead of one. One of those vehicles would conduct a series of drop tests within the atmosphere, paving the way for the flight of the orbit and re-entry vehicle in 2006.

But NASA directed Boeing in late 2003 to throttle back on development of the orbit and re-entry vehicle and has since directed Boeing to stop work on that part of the program altogether. X-37 was dealt a further setback earlier this year when a NASA review concluded that the program was not a good fit with the agency=92s new space exploration agenda.

Braukus said an orbital X-37 flight remains on hold but the atmospheric tests are back on track now that NASA has a new partner willing to take the lead on the program. Braukus said NASA has spent \$325 million on the program to date.

Boeing spokesman Ed Meme said Sept. 13 that the X-37 program is no longer managed by Boeing NASA Systems and is now under the purview of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems. Eric Warren, a spokesman for Boeing=92s El Segundo, Calif.-based operations, could not immediately identify the government agency now in charge of X-37.

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Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:11:40 -0400
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Source: The Christian Science Monitor

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0915/p25s01-stss.html>

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Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

By Michele Thaller
csmonitor.com

PASADENA CA -- When it comes to the subject of extra-solar planets, you've got to move fast.

Case in point: whenever I give a public talk about all the new planets that have been recently found around other stars, I always check the Planet Quest website to see what the planet count is for that day. The reason is simple: it changes almost every day.

Finding new planets is becoming a popular cottage industry for several groups of astronomers, and it's hard to keep track of every new planet they find. Just for the record, as of September 8, 2004, there are 127 known planets outside of our Solar System.

But recently, three different teams of astronomers announced discoveries which were more significant than the usual, 'ho-hum' detection of a new planet. Not only are we finding smaller and smaller planets, as we get better at it, but it seems that we may have also found an entirely new kind of planet, which some astronomers are calling a "Super-Earth."

Let's start with the basics: so far, almost all of the exoplanets we know about ("exo" means "outside", indicating that these planets are outside our solar system) have been detected by watching their parent stars wobble. Whenever two objects orbit around each other, they actually both orbit around their combined center of mass. It's a little weird to think about it, but it's not entirely correct to say that the Earth orbits the Sun.

Both the Earth and the Sun orbit around their shared center of mass, which is hard to notice because the Sun is so much more massive than the Earth (about 300,000 times more massive, actually). In the case of the Earth-Sun orbital system, the center of mass is physically inside the Sun, although not at the Sun's exact center. The wobble our planet induces in the Sun is so small, that if we were living in another planetary system looking back at our Sun, with our current technology, we wouldn't be able to detect it. But we probably would be able to detect Jupiter. Jupiter is over 300 times more massive than Earth, so the Jupiter-Sun center of mass is a bit farther away from the center of the Sun. That wobble is big enough to notice, even from very far away.

Detecting a planet is even easier if you've got something the

mass of Jupiter (or bigger) in a closer orbit around its star. The closer a planet is, the stronger the attraction of gravity between it and the star, and the bigger the star's wobble. That's the reason astronomers weren't too surprised when the first exoplanet we found turned out to be very massive, and very close to its star.

And since then, we've gotten pretty good at finding giant gas planets that are orbiting scorchingly close to their stars. But these worlds are so different from our own system of planets, I often feel we don't really share a true kinship with them. As fascinating as these hot, giant worlds are, we can't easily imagine these planets harboring life or being places we could set foot on someday -there're really just big blobs of super-heated gas.

In the last few years, astronomers have gotten better at detecting and accurately measuring the star-wobbles induced by planets, and soon enough they were able to find Jupiter-mass planets in Jupiter-like orbits, then Saturn-mass ones.

That's intriguing, because as I said before, that's what our own solar system would look like to outsiders with similar technology. They wouldn't be able to detect Earth, just the giant planets. Maybe some of these new systems have smaller planets too, that we just aren't able to make out yet. NASA has several future missions planned that should be able to see the wobbles created by Earth-mass planets, but for the time being, it looks like astronomers will just have to wait.

Recently, three teams of astronomers have announced discoveries of the smallest planets yet. They're still much more massive than the Earth, but for the first time, we may have detected planets that are more similar to the Earth in composition, at least compared to giant gas planets.

Two groups, from the Carnegie Institute of Washington and the University of Texas, have now found planets with approximately twenty times the mass of Earth, about the size of the planet Neptune. In the same week, a European team of planet-finders pushed the limit even farther, claiming the detection of a planet just fourteen times as massive as Earth. All these new planets are much closer to their stars than the planet Mercury is to our Sun, so chances are, these are still pretty hot places we're talking about - not a great place to search for life either. But what's really amazing about these specific planet detections is that some astronomers are beginning to suspect that for the first time, they've found terrestrial planets.

The word "terrestrial" means "Earth-like," but as I said, these planets would be completely scorched, almost certainly lacking liquid water or much of an atmosphere, for that matter. But the reason these planets are more like the Earth is that they may have solid surfaces.

Going back to that planetarium talk of a few weeks ago, someone asked me if it would be possible to have solid, rocky planets with more mass than the Earth. For the moment, the Earth is the largest terrestrial planet that we know of. Is there a limit to how large rocky planets can be? Our computer models of how planets form suggest there may indeed be one.

Planets form out of giant, orbiting disks of gas and dust around new stars, basically the stuff left over from the birth of the star itself. The seeds of planets sweep up material as they orbit through the disk, and as they accumulate more mass, their gravity becomes stronger. The increased gravity attracts even more mass, which gives the young planet even more gravity, etc. etc.

All planets, both terrestrial and gas giants, probably start out this way, but at some point, the mass of a planet reaches a trigger point, and the whole process gets a little out of control. After this point, the gravity of a forming planet can pull in a huge envelope of gas in a relatively short amount of time, and you've got yourself another Jupiter or Saturn.

This limit between forming a terrestrial planet versus a gas giant is not well understood, nor is it a specific mass. It probably depends somewhat on the distance from the new planet to its star. Farther out in the disk, more gas is able to cool and

condense, leaving more material for planet-forming. Because of this, a planet might reach the "point of no return" at a smaller mass than one closer in, which has hotter, sparser gas to work with. We're just not really sure yet how the whole process works. But our models do seem to show that this mass limit is somewhere around fifteen times the mass of the Earth, suspiciously close to all three of the new planets.

Watching a star wobble only tells you how massive the planet is; it doesn't give you any information about whether the planet is rocky, or gaseous, how physically large it is, or anything like that. So why do astronomers suspect that these planets might be rocky, solid bodies?

For one thing, all three planets are likely to be very hot, as they're all very close to their stars. Why might this be a clue about their composition? Simply put, astronomers are not sure that a 10-20 Earth-mass planet can hold on to a large gaseous atmosphere at those temperatures.

Although it might seem strange, our atmosphere, just like anything else on the surface of the Earth, is held down by gravity. The more massive a planet is, the more atmosphere it can hold down. But temperature is important too. It's much harder for a small-mass planet to hold on to a hot atmosphere, as the hotter gasses get, the faster they move around and bump into each other. At a high enough temperature, gases will literally "boil off" the planet, escaping into space.

Most of the planets we've found racing around the stars in tight, hot, orbits have at least the mass of Jupiter - enough to hold down a large atmosphere even at high temperature. But can a planet with only ten Earth masses hold on to a lot of hot gas? Astronomer aren't sure, and some suspect not.

If that's the case, then we may have just detected the first terrestrial-type worlds outside our own inner solar system. So what might these planets be like?

They would almost certainly be tidally locked to their stars, with one side facing the star (and getting torched), while the other side perpetually gazes out into space (and freezes). The planet Mercury is much like that, being simultaneously one of the hottest places in the Solar System and one of the coldest (interestingly enough, Mercury is not completely tidally locked to the Sun, so the hot side and the cold side switch every couple of years).

But even a harsh environment like that might have a few tricks up its sleeve; on August 3rd, 2004, NASA launched the MESSENGER spacecraft off to take a very close look at Mercury, as astronomers had detected some evidence that there might be water ice (!) on its surface. That's right; up in the polar regions, there are some craters that never see the light of day, but remain permanently in shadow, even as the rest of the planet's surface gets repeatedly scorched, then frozen. Something in those craters is highly reflective, and looks a whole lot like water ice.

Now, all three of these new planets are much closer to their stars than Mercury is to our Sun, and their temperatures would be even hotter. But is it possible that there might be a tiny temperate zone between the day and night sides of these planets?

Perhaps. The best guess we have right now is that these planets are unlikely places for life, but not impossible places. And they may be the first places that it would be possible to actually set foot on outside our Solar System.

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Playboy' Not Alienating For E.T.-Loving Women

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Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 10:31:24 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:14:12 -0400
Subject: Playboy' Not Alienating For E.T.-Loving Women

Source: NCBuy.Com

<http://www.ncbuy.com/news/2004-09-14/1010567.html>

09-14-04

Playboy' Not Alienating For E.T.-Loving Women

VALCOURT, Montreal (Wireless Flash) -- Posing nude to promote extraterrestrial communication isn't for everyone - but it helps when you have a body that's out of this world.

That's the naked truth according to Shizue Koneko, who is one of three followers of the Raelian religion posing in the latest issue of Playboy Magazine.

Koneko is the personal assistant for Rael, the former race car driver who leads the E.T.-oriented religion.

She says she was honored to be picked for the spread because she feels it honors both her philosophy and, as she explains, "...my outside beauty, which is also important."

She is especially proud because she is 38 years old - much older than the mag's usual models - and believes Rael's philosophy of sexual freedom and "love through action" is helping her keep her girlish figure.

The Playboy issue featuring Koneko officially hits stands tomorrow (Sep. 15) and she will be appearing at a special autograph session this Sunday (Sep. 19) in Montreal.

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Enceladus Straight Lines?

From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 11:29:45 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:15:34 -0400
Subject: Enceladus Straight Lines?

Are these intelligent meteor impact trails or signs of Alien activity? Top middle and right of

http://www.rednova.com/news/images/1/2004/09/14/enceladus_lbig_moon_saturn.jpg

Enceladus is a newly discovered Moon of Saturn

Kind wishes to all

Col
<http://www.colsweb.com>

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:05:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:17:09 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 10:07:36 -0700
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>Alfred, Et, Al,

>>This is astonishing... A Mexican aviator making such
>>disparagingly thoughtless comments regarding fellow Mexican
>>aviators. I don't know about Mexican military aviation training
>>procedures first hand, so I must withhold judgment on same. But
>>I was once a manager and intimate designer of military aviation
>>training programs, was in fact involved with them at multiple
>>levels, intra and extra-Service, intra and extra-nationally and
>>don't recall Mexican aviation and aviator competence ever
>>coming into question, and I'm around aviator trainers all the
>>time. Other nationalities come into question - frequently. The
>>'world' comes to my home town to learn to fly and be safe while
>>they fly.

>I didn't see anything "disparaging or thoughtless" about
>Alejandro's comments on "Mexican Air Force Pilots" (his fellow
>aviators). There weren't any negative connotations or verbiage
>used in his statement - he just stated the facts as he perceives
>them.

Uh-huh, I'll let the professionals he evaluated make their own
call on that, Sir.

Imagine yourself at the business end of the Captain's
assessment. I daresay a few "el grande pendahos" would be thrown
around, at the least.

>>Moreover, this drug interdiction mission has American military
>>training and oversight written all over it and I don't think
>>they'd tolerate a whole lot of protracted incompetence and lack
>>of experience given the importance of the interdiction
>>mission.

>Alfred, one only need to look at Iraq to see how much
>"protracted incompetence" the American military would tolerate.

Apples and oranges, Sir. I was career military. What's your
experience? Armchair O'Riley Talking points? [g].

>>That these qualified Mexican mission specialists - and ten hours
>>of actual flighttime is plenty of training by the way - even

>>conservatively speaking can't, because of a proclaimed lack of
>>training and experience, be able to tell their asses from their

>Alejandro, "in my view," approached this case in a very
>professional, ethical and scientific manner, and presented
>credible evidence in kind. He wasn't rude, cynical or negative
>in any way. He should be applauded for his efforts.

Alejandro? Chummy, in my view.

Moreover, rude? Certainly. Cynical? A slight squeeze and he
fairly drips with it. Negative? Well, that will usually follow
the preceding two. We must agree to disagree, Sir.

>Respectfully,

>Frank Warren

...With equal respect, Mr. Warren.

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Lehmborg

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:12:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Lehmborg

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
>You can buy the 'History' for 350.00 Mexican Pesos or
>\$33.00 USD.

How does a story made available for a reasonable fee detract from the story, whatever personal problems one may have with Mr. Maussan?

Richard Hall has a book that he's selling... is he also suspect?

Could it be that you unmask a little of your real interest in this affair, Sir, with this suggestive, ad hominum, observation regarding Mr. Maussan's lawful and ethical activity?

It could be argued that you are being "rude", "cynical", and even "negative", Mr. Franz...

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:14:34 -0400
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Waaaaah! This is only the beginning, Mr. Rimmer. There comes a
time to fight fire with fire. Whereas the insults from your camp
have largely been obfuscations and distortions, what comes from
this side of the fence is decidedly more accurate and
descriptive. It's a new age; get used to it.

Additionally, the pointed comment: "...Certain individuals on
the UFO UpDates List often resort to the childish antics when a
discussion or topic is actually getting somewhere. That way UFOs
remain a mystery and there is no conflict in their belief
systems..." actually points three fingers back at yourself if
you didn't realize it...

You want to fight with an effete epee and your opposition begins
to opt for fine Japanese swords with the skill to use them. I
submit that the stars of American ufology are tired of your

murky meteorological explanations regarding their damp pants
legs, Sir.

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Here Comes Hurricane Ivan

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:57:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:16:24 -0400
Subject: Here Comes Hurricane Ivan

...Be away from a computer 'till Sunday folks... buggin' out
ahead of "Ivan."

"Arrrrrr, me hearties"!

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 08:25:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:23:58 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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To the question, "Is this what magonians have been reduced to?",
the answer is:

Unfortunately, yes. That's what happens when one doesn't have a
sense of humor coupled with a skin so thin that it may escape
detection even by the most powerful electron microscope. Unable
to make a rational case, John Rimmer and his humorless
companions are reduced to hissy-fits like the one above.

If you can't argue cogently for DOH (or are you now denying that
you advocate the Deluded Observer Hypothesis?), John, you might
at least try laughing once in a while. Lighten up, big guy!

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 08:46:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:28:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 14:36:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Hi, Kyle,

>>Not being preoccupied with theory, I prefer more pragmatic
>>approaches which eventually, we hope, will allow us to construct
>>hypotheses on firmer grounds than are currently available. In
>>the meantime, I remain convinced that UFOs and other major
>>anomalies involve phenomena, whether ultimately found to be
>>trivial or seminal, that lie beyond current knowledge. I also
>>suspect - since no other explanation makes sense to me - that
>>some or many experiences of the anomalous grow out of
>>extraordinary, little-understood aspects of consciousness (an
>>issue that in fact has been the focus of my research and major
>>interest in recent years), but that other reports describe
>>genuine, real-world events. Until we know more about them -
>>which will not happen until science devotes its full resources
>>to addressing these questions - a degree of intellectual
>>modesty, apparently beyond John's capacity to sustain or even
>>imagine, seems in order.

>I find this epilogue one of the most salient posts in this
>thread. If I am correct in thinking that the foregoing paragraph
>represents your best attempt at crystallizing your views, then
>it is the most literate, sane, and understandable position I
>have yet to encounter. It is one with which I am in utter,
>almost astonishing, agreement.

>Very refreshing, intellectually satisfying, and most
>appreciated by one who occasionally has trouble navigating the
>labyrinthine intellectual mind game which is the UFO field.

>Thank you for that!

And thank you for your kind and generous words. You have
precisely understood what I have been attempting to do.

I have sought to get beyond the Deluded Observer Hypothesis as a
one-size-fits-all explanation for all anomalous testimony (at
least that part of it that, as debunkers would have it, isn't
out-and-out mendacious), without being forced to endorse that
testimony -- minus compelling physical or other evidence - as
necessarily descriptive of real-world observation of some
fantastic entity or occurrence.

It's a way of circumventing a stale and useless debate which is
unthinkingly wedded to a naive reductionism on one side and a
maddening literal-mindedness on the other.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFOs According To 'Wikipedia' - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:17:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:29:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs According To 'Wikipedia' - King

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 15:06:57 EDT
>Subject: UFOs According To 'Wikipedia'

>I love reading resource material on UFOs. Reference materials
>such as dictionaries and encyclopedias often change. Wikipedia
>is one of them. Easily accessible online and quite helpful.

>Yet take a look at their entries for UFOs and Roswell.

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unidentified_flying_object

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roswell_UFO_incident

>Is it me or is something missing here?

Hi Greg,

While wikis get a lot of criticism, the beauty of the concept is that if you have additional information or if you just think the entry is "missing something", you can edit it. It is a living document in the truest sense of the word.

If you are complaining about the brevity or the content of a wiki, you owe it to yourself and the rest of the wiki community to correct the omission or the errors.

That's how wikis work. If you were bringing it to the attention of the List in order to encourage someone to do that, I applaud the effort.

In a rather simplistic way, wikis are the ultimate "peer review" publication.

Prime Caveat

While they can be useful, they should never be taken as an authority alone, but should be balanced with other resources. I think the same is true of other reference works, to be fair.

All the Best,

Kyle

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:23:37 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:32:02 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Miller

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2004 14:53:35 -0500
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John,

Thank you John for providing us with a crystal clear example of
hypocrisy.

All of the above coming from a man who regularly insults and
abuses people in Magonia, who frequently refers to abductees as
mad or suggests they shouldn't be allowed out unaccompanied, and
so on and so on.

You've lost this one John. You are intellectually bereft of any
further solid contribution to this discussion, as in fact you
have been for some considerable time. It's just been a game with
you to try and wind up Jerry Clark and you've bored us all to
death with your semantics and childishness.

Your anonymous contributor is interesting. Someone without the
balls to post his or herself? BTW, have you been talking to my
wife? She drags in the rest of the world to bolster an argument
too. And of course he's right - name calling is er childish, so
I guess you're going to have to refrain from referring to Jerry
as Jawsy Cluck or whatever it exactly is that you call him
"amongst friends".

Stuart Miller

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 17:05:45 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:35:02 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:23:54 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 16:16:29 +0200
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 20:15:41 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>>I discovered the top secret Roswell policy of the then AAF by
>>>sheer accident while researching a completely different non-UFO
>>>historical subject. The policy was initiated in extreme secrecy
>>>on about August 1, 1947, and lasted about two years after the
>>>threat being defended against never materialized. It was
>>>apparently not the result of any crashed ET spacecraft or alien
>>>corpses or machinery being found at Roswell, but something of
>>>sufficiently disturbing importance as to trigger radical efforts
>>>to meet the military threat thought to come from deep space.

><snip>

>>>Roswell is hardly "closed". But neither the pro-UFO community or
>>>the anti-UFO skeptic-debunker community wants to hear about it,
>>>because it doesn't support either side's simplistic pet
>>>theories.

>>To Brad and all,

>>Your post is very intriguing. You say that something very
>>disturbing was discovered, but that it was not an alien craft
>>with bodies.

>>What was it then? How do you know? You won't say!

><snip>

>I did say, but you omitted it. You seem to be forgetting that
>the purpose of my post was to merely respond to a thread already
>in progress. I was not writing an article here on UpDates on
>my findings and I explained why I was not going to piecemeal
>out the hundreds of pages of my book manuscript here on UpDates
>into hundreds of posts nor give away my best stuff which
>belongs in a book, like every other Roswell "revelation" book,
>where I have full opportunity to present all of my case with
>appropriate presentation, not some marginalized vanity press-
>type web-based "publication."

>Since I was not attempting to write an article here, but just
>respond to some postings, I was not trying to present a full
>case, which again would require a book-length presentation.
>Besides I did post the answer to your specific question long ago

>here and it was ignored. I don't have time now to hunt it up and
>I won't keep repeating myself. I barely have time to post this
>response.

Brad,

The Roswell case has been studied by a lot of researchers since the 70's. They have found many witnesses, who have led to a scenario of UFO/s crash/es, even if the story is not completely known yet.

The USAF Mogul explanation has been thoroughly refuted and you have participated in that important task. Thousands of pages have been written, and I don't know any other case which has been as fully researched as Roswell.

But now you tell us that you have accumulated data showing a very different scenario, with enough material to write a book. Very well, please write it, and I will be one of your readers. But, until that time, I will stick to the considerable work already done.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:43:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:37:06 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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John,

You must be thin-skinned indeed! I made no insulting remarks
toward you whatsoever. The Deluded Observer Hypothesis (DOH)
expression was stated by me many years ago as a shorthand
expression for the all sightings-are-explainable viewpoint. Ask
anyone who has actually read my writings.

It struck me that the acronym if pronounced would sound like a
Homerical Simpsonism, so I made a joke about it, directed at no
one in particular. And I thought you had a sense of humor. Or
are you only mock-pouting to change the subject, and citing some
anonymous person of unknown intelligence and knowledge to turn
a harmless joke into a conversation killer?

I was less than impressed by your evasive, non-response to that
post of mine, so I didn't bother replying to it. Indeed, it
seems to me that you are the one avoiding and evading discussing
the core issues, and constantly griping about alleged insults.

Your apparent buddy, Andy Clark(e) is the pastmaster of insults,
and I don't see you chastizing him on that score.

- Dick

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:24:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:41:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Boone

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:21:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
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>>\$33.00 USD.

>How does a story made available for a reasonable fee detract
>from the story, whatever personal problems one may have with Mr.
>Maussan?

>Richard Hall has a book that he's selling... is he also
>suspect?

>Could it be that you unmask a little of your real interest in
>this affair, Sir, with this suggestive, ad hominum, observation
>regarding Mr. Maussan's lawful and ethical activity?

>It could be argued that you are being "rude", "cynical", and
>even "negative", Mr. Franz...

Look, the bottom line is that when the original story broke the Mexican Government should have launched the same plane on the same flight pattern under as close the original conditions to see if the phenomena could be duplicated. Not just one flight but two or three. If it disturbed them enough to have contacted the media then they should have resolved the issue promptly instead of this long drawn out scenario that's lead to umpteen speculations and accusations and invalidations.

Far too often we get a 'mystery' and unlike the movies where the villain is unmasked in two hours by "Those kids and that pesky dog", we get these epoch long scenarios that launch commercial markets with no one resolving the issue.

At least Capt. Franz put his butt on a plane and did something. Whether I agree with the results or not at least he did something.

Until someone steps up to the plate and does a full investigation it's still up in the air - no pun intended.

Yelling at one another and calling names isn't science. It's mainstream science but it isn't science.

Capt. Franz gave us something. Not all of it, but something.

I for one disregard any evidence if it's accompanied with antagonism or hostility because it compromises the integrity by raising questions of true intention. Science and investigation are about facts not cracks.

This year in Ufology we've seen storie,s on almost a daily basis, and the typical BS accompanying them.

Take a look at Mr. Friedman's post about Capt. Franz's presentation.

It says alot in just a few words.

Best,

Greg

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:36:02 EDT
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three best multiple-witness visual scientist-engineer UFO cases,
of LaPaz, Kelly Johnson-Lockheed (triangulation, 25,000 mph
escape into space), and the top Pentagon R&D official
(triangulation, 36,000 mph escape into space).

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:42:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:45:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale -

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>Translation with:

><http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

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>well gas flames!

>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

>My own video recording showing I was right.

>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/index.html

The FLIR video of March 5th has been shown to a rather wide audience by now. E.g., Maussan showed it at the Bay Area UFO Expo. For these viewers as well as the airplane's crew, it is indisputable that the objects could not have been well-gas flames.

During one section of the video, the most notable objects were in a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the port side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud top, then pass behind an even closer cloud-top fragment, then emerge.

Thus, it seems silly to press the case for a well-gas-flame explanation, in which flames show up in the visible, not just the infrared, to anyone who has viewed the March 5th video.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:47:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:48:28 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth - Sparks

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 21:58:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:12:20 -0300
>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:26:12 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

<snip>

>>I must point out, again, that apparently Captain Franz was
>>taking pictures from three times the altitude of the
>>government plane.

> Almost three times. It was precisely 2.6956521 times.

>11500ft/31000ft = 2.6956521

>>Surely this impacts on the field of view? What was the vertical
>>angle from the plane?

>You are the scientist, I was the pilot. What are your results?

From 11,500 ft the geometric depression angle is 1.9 degrees,
ignoring refraction. From 31,000 ft it is 3.1 degrees, omitting
refraction. It is not a factor 3x difference because it has a
cosine factor in it, and at a small angle where cosine moves
slowly.

It means that one can see about 150 miles to the most distant
earth horizon from 11,500 ft (includes a little extra distance
due to refraction) and you can see about 250 miles from 31,000
ft (refraction included).

Brad Sparks

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 11:58:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 13:51:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:21:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
>>You can buy the 'History' for 350.00 Mexican Pesos or
>>\$33.00 USD.

>How does a story made available for a reasonable fee detract
>from the story, whatever personal problems one may have with Mr.
>Maussan?

>Richard Hall has a book that he's selling... is he also
>suspect?

>Could it be that you unmask a little of your real interest in
>this affair, Sir, with this suggestive, ad hominum, observation
>regarding Mr. Maussan's lawful and ethical activity?

>It could be argued that you are being "rude", "cynical", and
>even "negative", Mr. Franz...

Mr. Franz,

Your post states a simple thesis... Mr. Maussan is primarily
interested in UFOs for the money he can derive from the field.

I would agree with this thesis, only if it were shown that Mr.
Maussan had fabricated the stories in his "History".

If he is only guilty of receiving compensation for the costs of
collecting and presenting information of interest to some
portion of the population, then every author should be equally
indicted, as Mr. Lehmborg points out.

Books are a crapshoot at best as a vehicle for monetary
enrichment.

If you have a substantive argument for Mr. Maussan being
dishonest or even disingenuous in his publication I might alter
my judgement, but until then your post is nothing but a
provocative observation with no real purpose... other than to
assail the messenger instead of the message. While that may
constitute a purpose, in my mind it is far more accurately
described as an agenda. And in the absence of a cogent
indictment of the content, a transparent agenda at that.

I will say that I find Mr. Maussan a bit sensationalistic, like
a Mexican version of Geraldo Rivera. But even oft-assailed
Rivera sheds light on shadowy subjects and serves a true
purpose, whether or not you find his approach tasteful.

Regards ,

Kyle

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Strange Photos From Uberaba Brazil

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:57:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 05:59:59 -0400
Subject: Strange Photos From Uberaba Brazil

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 15, 2004

Photos taken at the Wilson Estevanovic Museum of Natural
History, in Uberaba, Brazil

Museum Curator Wilson Estavnovic Neto said that the museum,
circus and itinerant theater, always operated by his ancestors,
has covered all countries in the world. In these travels, they
have managed to obtain - through donations - artifacts, mummies
and stones of all kinds which fell from space, as well as other
interesting materials.

Alien

A strange piece drew our attention. A rather different mummified
skeleton, similar to an alien: large-headed, earless, with odd-
shaped eyes and mouth. All of these characteristics were
highlighted by experts on the subject.

Source

Museum administrators claim not to know the provenance
of the skeleton, which was discovered only recently when they
tried to "de-mummify" the piece, which was probably acquired in
Egypt. The specimen is on display in the museum only on Sundays
and under guard. According to the owners, at least ten efforts
to steal the item have been amde.

To give a better idea, the skull is almost twice the size of an
adult human skull and is rather out of proportion in relation
with the rest of the body, which measures approximately 50 cm.
The six-toed foot is there, mummified.

Full text and photos at:

http://planeta.terra.com.br/noticias/mr_ufo/alienuber.htm

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Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 10:48:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:04:06 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 06:05:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 10:07:36 -0700
>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

<snip>

>>Alfred, Et, Al,

>>>This is astonishing... A Mexican aviator making such
>>>disparagingly thoughtless comments regarding fellow Mexican
>>>aviators. I don't know about Mexican military aviation training
>>>procedures first hand, so I must withhold judgment on same. But
>>>I was once a manager and intimate designer of military aviation
>>>training programs, was in fact involved with them at multiple
>>>levels, intra and extra-Service, intra and extra-nationally and
>>>don't recall Mexican aviation and aviator competence ever
>>>coming into question, and I'm around aviator trainers all the
>>>time. Other nationalities come into question - frequently. The
>>>'world' comes to my home town to learn to fly and be safe while
>>>they fly.

>>I didn't see anything "disparaging or thoughtless" about
>>Alejandro's comments on "Mexican Air Force Pilots" (his fellow
>>aviators). There weren't any negative connotations or verbiage
>>used in his statement - he just stated the facts as he perceives
>>them.

>Uh-huh, I'll let the professionals he evaluated make their own
>call on that, Sir.

Alfred,

Please, "Frank" is fine; first, Alejandro was responding to a
question, in which he was asked "his opinion," and he responded.
You obviously took offense; I merely was pointing out that INMHO
that he wasn't trying to be offensive, he was just calling "a
spade a spade" as "he sees it."

>Imagine yourself at the business end of the Captain's
>assessment. I daresay a few "el grande pendahos" would be thrown
>around, at the least.

Stating that the pilots were not "thoroughly trained" or "lacking
in experience" is certainly not "character assassination."

>>>Moreover, this drug interdiction mission has American military
>>>training and oversight written all over it and I don't think
>>>they'd tolerate a whole lot of protracted incompetence and lack
>>>of experience given the importance of the interdiction
>>>mission.

>>Alfred, one only need to look at Iraq to see how much
>>"protracted incompetence" the American military would tolerate.

>Apples and oranges, Sir. I was career military. What's your
>experience? Armchair O'Riley Talking points? [g].

My fields of combat weren't in the military, and quite frankly
that certainly isn't a prerequisite in spotting a debacle when
you see one.

>>>That these qualified Mexican mission specialists - and ten hours
>>>of actual flighttime is plenty of training by the way - even
>>>conservatively speaking can't, because of a proclaimed lack of
>>>training and experience, be able to tell their asses from their

>>Alejandro, "in my view," approached this case in a very
>>professional, ethical and scientific manner, and presented
>>credible evidence in kind. He wasn't rude, cynical or negative
>>in any way. He should be applauded for his efforts.

>Alejandro? Chummy, in my view.

Oy!

>Moreover, rude? Certainly. Cynical? A slight squeeze and he
>fairly drips with it. Negative? Well, that will usually follow
>the preceding two. We must agree to disagree, Sir.

Yes, I concur. Perhaps, if you can get past your anguish of
Captain Alejandro's opinion of "Mexican Air Force Pilots," you
can take a closer look at the data he's put on the table and use
the same fervor you've used to "criticize the man," to "analyze
the data" in question.

Regards,

Frank Warren

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That's Not A UFO It's An Iridium Flare

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:12:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:12:41 -0400
Subject: That's Not A UFO It's An Iridium Flare

Source: The High Desert Star - Morongo Basin, California

<http://www.hidesertstar.com/articles/2004/09/14/features/feature1.txt>

09-16-04

That's Not A UFO It's An Iridium Flare

MORONGO BASIN - Some people gazing upward may have seen a sudden flash in the sky recently - or years ago - leaving them to wonder what in the world it could be.

According to longtime astronomer Sam Davidson, the flash is nothing more than an iridium flare.

The flare occurs when sunlight is reflected from the antenna of one of a set of 66 communications satellites, said Davidson.

The satellites are relatively small telecommunications satellites in a low Earth orbit and are part of a world-wide system for mobile communications, states a information report about the flares.

Three main mission antennas on the satellites have flat, highly reflective surfaces that flash sunlight to the night-sky watcher on Earth.

"It usually lasts a mere five seconds or so," added Davidson.

An iridium flare can be seen about every 10 days in the Basin, but it has a schedule and the times are not always the same.

The flare can usually be seen in Yucca Valley. Twentynine Palms residents probably won't be able to view the flash because of the position of the satellite with the sun, said the astronomer.

The next flare that can be seen in Yucca Valley will be at 7:40 p.m. Thursday high in the southeast of the sky, said Davidson.

The flare is expected to be brighter than Venus.

The path of the satellite is usually north to south, so Landers should also be able to catch a glimpse at the flash, he explained.

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 18:56:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:18:02 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:36:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>You ignored all of my substantive posts on discovering top
>secret Roswell military policy response by the AAF/AF, and on
>three best multiple-witness visual scientist-engineer UFO cases,
>of LaPaz, Kelly Johnson-Lockheed (triangulation, 25,000 mph
>escape into space), and the top Pentagon R&D official
>(triangulation, 36,000 mph escape into space).

Sorry about that. Can you give me details of websites or
published sources where I might be able to find full details of
these cases?

Many thanks.

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

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:59:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:32:49 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:23:37 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>of hypocrisy.

>All of the above coming from a man who regularly insults and
>abuses people in Magonia, who frequently refers to abductees as
>mad or suggests they shouldn't be allowed out unaccompanied, and
>so on and so on.

>Your anonymous contributor is interesting. Someone without the
>balls to post his or herself? BTW, have you been talking to my
>wife? She drags in the rest of the world to bolster an argument
>too. And of course he's right - name calling is er childish, so
>I guess you're going to have to refrain from referring to Jerry
>[Clark] as Jawsy Cluck or whatever it exactly is that you call
>him "amongst friends".

Very interesting, Stuart. On the very rare occasion that John
Rimmer's name comes up among my friends, we call him "John
Rimmer."

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:40:50 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>I have laid out my views on these matters throughout my
>writings. I appreciate John's fascination with my views, but not
>his effort to tell me what I think. Other people don't seem to
>have John's problem, if I may judge from reviews in mainstream
>publications (which, if I may put modesty aside for a moment,
>tend to praise my reasoning skills and nuanced approach) and
>from the correspondence I have received over the years from
>thoughtful readers.

>The introduction to Unexplained! (Visible Ink Press, 2nd ed.,
>1998) and my essay in The Anomalist (Spring 2000) - as well as
>the long intro to my book Unnatural Phenomena (ABC-CLIO, 2005) -
> set forth my approach to anomalistics, including ufology.
>Apparently, John labors under the delusion that I am hiding my
>true opinions ("beliefs" to him) which he has managed to
>discerne through his keen telepathic
>insights.

>Meanwhile, as for the ETH specifically, I regard it as an "open
>question" (Strange Skies, p. 216), neither proved nor disproved
>nor - so long as it is recognized as provisional and tentative -
>unreasonable.

>(I am amused to observe once again that I spend far less time
>thinking about the ETH than the obsessives of the pelicanist
>school do. But then, they deem it the most threatening and hated
>of all heresies which must be run down and crushed whenever
>pelicanists think they have detected the faintest wisp of it.
>Such as here.)

>On the other hand, I regard the doctrine that all witnesses are
>mistaken or lying and that all is resolvable into the cozily
>prosaic as hopeless and useless - a conclusion that anyone who
>follows the recurring List debates between pelicanists and their
>more open-minded adversaries is likely to share, I suspect.

>Not being preoccupied with theory, I prefer more pragmatic
>approaches which eventually, we hope, will allow us to construct
>hypotheses on firmer grounds than are currently available. In
>the meantime, I remain convinced that UFOs and other major
>anomalies involve phenomena, whether ultimately found to be
>trivial or seminal, that lie beyond current knowledge. I also
>suspect - since no other explanation makes sense to me - that
>some or many experiences of the anomalous grow out of
>extraordinary, little-understood aspects of consciousness (an
>issue that in fact has been the focus of my research and major
>interest in recent years),

An interesting revelation. Are you yet ready to publish anything
on this research? I certainly agree with you that many UFO-
related events - particularly abductions - may be related to as-
yet unregarded aspects of consciousness. In fact I would say

that such a realisation stands behind much psychosocial ufology.

> but that other reports describe
>genuine, real-world events. Until we know more about them -
>which will not happen until science devotes its full resources
>to addressing these questions - a degree of intellectual
>modesty, apparently beyond John's capacity to sustain or even
>imagine, seems in order.

This sort of brings us back to where this by now too-long-extended UFO UpDates thread started (I think - maybe it was at the start of some other thread!) with a discussion of the Chiles-Whitted sighting. If the description given by the two pilots was an accurate representation of what passed their aircraft it is difficult to conclude that it was anything other than a structured craft. However a number of UFO researchers, not all of them in the sceptical camp, have concluded that the witnesses interpretation of what they saw was at variance with the actual phenomenon the witnessed - in other words that they were mistaken.

We have seen here that Brad Sparks - a researcher that Jerry thinks highly of for his analysis of the RB-47 Radar-Visual case - does not rate Chiles-Whitted very highly, nor, after two changes of mind, did Allen Hynek. I don't think either of these gentlemen were claiming that the two pilots were lying, but they do cast serious doubt on their interpretation of what was undoubtedly a "genuine real-world event".

I know that Jerry thinks highly of James McDonald's views on this case, but on reading his submission to the 1968 US House Committee Symposium on UFOs, I was amazed to find that he interviewed the two pilots in 1968, *twenty years* after the event. In these circumstances I cannot regard this interview as having anything other than anecdotal value.

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

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:43:26 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rimmer

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:23:37 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>Congratulations to Bruce, Jerry and Dick, on devising three
>>new insults for people who disagree with you. Is this what the
>>stars of American ufology are reduced to?

>>After my previous post, a reader wrote to me off-list saying:
>>"Name calling is one way of keeping a discussion from making
>>any real progress. Certain individuals on the UFO UpDates List
>>often resort to the childish antics when a discussion or topic
>>is actually getting somewhere. That way UFOs remain a mystery
>>and there is no conflict in their belief systems." Very nicely
>>put.

>Thank you John for providing us with a crystal clear example of
>hypocrisy.

>All of the above coming from a man who regularly insults and
>abuses people in Magonia, who frequently refers to abductees as
>mad or suggests they shouldn't be allowed out unaccompanied, and
>so on and so on.

Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia - or
anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions", where I
have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be allowed out
unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed any other
examples of regular insult and abuse.

>You've lost this one John. You are intellectually bereft of any
>further solid contribution to this discussion, as in fact you
>have been for some considerable time. It's just been a game with
>you to try and wind up Jerry Clark and you've bored us all to
>death with your semantics and childishness.

Whilst I would not deny the pleasure to be had winding up Jerry
Clark - who seems to find it impossible not to reply to anything
I post on UpDates despite numerous announcements that he will
cease doing so - I do try to make solid contributions to
discussions. It is hardly my fault if Mr Clark (and others)
choose to <snip> the relevant parts when they reply.

>Your anonymous contributor is interesting. Someone without the
>balls to post his or herself? BTW, have you been talking to my
>wife? She drags in the rest of the world to bolster an argument
>too. And of course he's right - name calling is er childish, so
>I guess you're going to have to refrain from referring to Jerry
>as Jawsy Cluck or whatever it exactly is that you call him
>"amongst friends".

The person did not write to me anonymously, but as I did not ask
their permission before quoting their comments, I did not feel

it polite to give their name. But they were right, weren't they.
(Oh, by the way, notice how Jerry snipped that comment from his
reply).

I suggest that your telepathic ability to discern what I and my
friends may or may not call Mr Clark in private is far more
worthy of scientific study than some of the dubious UFO cases
that have been discussed here recently.

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 21:29:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:45:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Hall

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:43:27 +0000
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>>>Well said as always. If we're going to call their favorite
>>>>doctrine "DOH", perhaps it's time to add a new word to the
>>>>vocabulary to characterize them. I propose that if we are to
>>>>bring DOH into ufological language, we ought to acknowledge
>>>>where that wonderful phrase comes from, giving all due credit to
>>>>that beloved mope Homer Simpson, who groans "doh!" whenever he's
>>>>screwed up, as he does every time. DOH advocates, therefore, are
>>>>"simpsonists."

>>>May I propose an alternative designation... with a double
>>>entendre: "homeriC".

>>Congratulations to Bruce, Jerry and Dick, on devising three new
>>insults for people who disagree with you. Is this what the stars
>>of American ufology are reduced to?

>>After my previous post, a reader wrote to me off-list saying:
>>"Name calling is one way of keeping a discussion from making any
>>real progress. Certain individuals on the UFO UpDates List
>>often resort to the childish antics when a discussion or topic
>>is actually getting somewhere. That way UFOs remain a mystery
>>and there is no conflict in their belief systems." Very nicely
>>put.

>John,

>You must be thin-skinned indeed! I made no insulting remarks
>toward you whatsoever. The Deluded Observer Hypothesis (DOH)
>expression was stated by me many years ago as a shorthand
>expression for the all sightings-are-explainable viewpoint. Ask
>anyone who has actually read my writings.

>It struck me that the acronym if pronounced would sound like a
>HomeriC Simpsonism, so I made a joke about it, directed at no
>one in particular. And I thought you had a sense of humor. Or
>are you only mock-pouting to change the subject, and citing some
>anonymous person of unknown intelligence and knowledge to turn
>a harmless joke into a conversation killer?

>I was less than impressed by your evasive, non-response to that
>post of mine, so I didn't bother replying to it. Indeed, it
>seems to me that you are the one avoiding and evading discussiNG
>the core issues, and constantly griping about alleged insults.
>Your apparent buddy, Andy Clark(e) is the pastmaster of insults,
>and I don't see you chastizing him on that score.

Oops! In my haste, I misspoke. Which proves that all humans are

fallible and no human testimony can be believed. Everyone is capable of error; therefore, there is no truth. Andy ROBERTS. Andy Roberts. Andy Roberts.

- Dick

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Some Co-Incidence

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:12:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 06:51:36 -0400
Subject: Some Co-Incidence

List,

Mystery #1

In 1726 a certain Jonathan Swift wrote: "They [the Laputians] have likewise discovered two lesser stars, or satellites, which revolve about Mars, whereof the innermost is distant from the center of the primary planet exactly three of its diameters, and the outermost five; the former revolves in the space of ten hours, and the latter in twenty-one and a half; ..."

That was 150 years before Deimos and Phobos were first spotted:

<http://www.unmuseum.org/marsmoon.htm>

Weird - Swift "guessed" correct number of moons, correct (approx.) distances from Mars, correct (approx.) orbit periods and hence their correct masses/densities.

Compounded by Phobos's mass/density being so 'strange' that some recent astronomers have suggested that it might have been hollow, even artificial.

Mystery #2

C 1916 Percival Lowell thought perturbations in orbits of Uranus and Neptune indicated another (sizeable) planet further out, After his death his calculations and use of his observatory were eventually passed to Clyde Tombaugh who found Pluto in approximately correct position (Feb. 1930, after a painstaking search):

<http://www.mira.org/fts0/planets/101/text/txt201x.htm>

Weird - Pluto (plus later discovered companion Charon) is way too small to fit Lowell's predicted Planet X, but were in correct "place".

Anyway, modern astronomers say any perturbations in Uranus & Neptune's orbits are only "noise" and shouldn't have pointed to anything in particular.

So - Deimos and Phobos (+ weirdness) PLUS Pluto and Charon (+ weirdness).

How came those detailed predictions and attendant weirdness? Any ideas?

Cheers

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:09:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 07:05:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Velez

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:42:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
>>You can buy the 'History' for 350.00 Mexican Pesos or
>>\$33.00 USD.

>>Visit:

>>http://www.homolongevus.tv/portal/con_histori.htm

>>Translation with:

>><http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

>>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs they are oil
>>well gas flames!

>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

>>My own video recording showing I was right.

>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/index.html

>The FLIR video of March 5th has been shown to a rather wide
>audience by now. E.g., Maussan showed it at the Bay Area UFO
>Expo. For these viewers as well as the airplane's crew, it is
>indisputable that the objects could not have been well-gas
>flames.

>During one section of the video, the most notable objects were in
>a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the port
>side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud
>top, then pass behind * an even closer cloud-top fragment, then
>emerge.

>Thus, it seems silly to press the case for a well-gas-flame
>explanation, in which flames show up in the visible, not just
>the infrared, to anyone who has viewed the March 5th video.

Hi Jim, All,

If I may pop in here for just a second...

The last I heard, there was evidence on that FLIR footage for a
"genuine UFO" or as Bruce Maccabee calls it, a "trufo" - true
UFO. I've been out of touch with anything ufological for weeks
so excuse me if I am speaking out of turn, but why hasn't Bruce
Maccabee chimed in on this thread yet and shared his findings?

Franz, and one or two others, continue to put more and more

make-up on this pig of a theory - dismissed months ago by both the liason of the Mexican military and the crew - in hopes of making it pretty enough to sell to the public.

It's a joke. The objects that were recorded on the FLIR were moving faster than the airplane (which was traveling at 230+ mph - the objects were recorded while they were moving past the airplane. And, as Jim has pointed out, they passed the plane while flying in formation - i.e.; while maintaining equal distance and position to each other.

Unless oil wells - or pigs - can fly, Franz's 'theory' holds about as much water as the Gobi Desert.

Bruce? Where are you, man? Why aren't you in here straightening this guy Franz out? Why doesn't anyone know about your findings yet? What's going on? Tell 'em about the radar evidence for Keerists sake!

I'm going back to civilian life and lurking. I only jumped back in for a moment because the obfuscating stuff Franz is putting out really burns my biscuits.

My best to all,

John Velez

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Re: Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:31:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 07:12:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 10:28:40 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

>Source: The Christian Science Monitor

><http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0915/p25s01-stss.html>

>04-15-04

>Super-Earths: The Next Step In Planet Finding

>By Michele Thaller
>csmonitor.com

>PASADENA CA -- When it comes to the subject of extra-solar
>planets, you've got to move fast.

<snip>

>The wobble our planet induces in the Sun is so small,
>that if we were living in another planetary system looking
>back at our Sun, with our current technology, we wouldn't
>be able to detect it. But we probably would be able to
>detect Jupiter.

Does the Christian Science Monitor pre-suppose the ability of the observers to become observed? This distant star, a planet the size of earth some 38 light years distance, has just been detected. We wonder if are there any beings there! We wonder do they resemble anything like us hominids on earth on the same evolutionary scale?

Meanwhile, some 38 years before, on a distant world the observers become the observed when current day technology detects a small planet some 38 light years before, it seems so equal to our own little world that circles our sun.

While found 38 light years away this planet that circles a star similiar to our own world is roughly the same size of earth, so we wonder is their life their that resembles our own?

Just found 38 years later the observers become the observed, and they wonder about this small planet, not to far away, in our neighborhood, whether it has forms of life similiar to our own, and we wonder if do we have anything in common.

John

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:10:28 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 07:15:53 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 17:05:45 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 12:23:54 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 16:16:29 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2004 20:15:41 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>>>I discovered the top secret Roswell policy of the then AAF by
>>>>sheer accident while researching a completely different non-UFO
>>>>historical subject. The policy was initiated in extreme secrecy
>>>>on about August 1, 1947, and lasted about two years after the
>>>>threat being defended against never materialized. It was
>>>>apparently not the result of any crashed ET spacecraft or alien
>>>>corpses or machinery being found at Roswell, but something of
>>>>sufficiently disturbing importance as to trigger radical efforts
>>>>to meet the military threat thought to come from deep space.

<snip>

>>>>Roswell is hardly "closed". But neither the pro-UFO community or
>>>>the anti-UFO skeptic-debunker community wants to hear about it,
>>>>because it doesn't support either side's simplistic pet
>>>>theories.

>>>Your post is very intriguing. You say that something very
>>>disturbing was discovered, but that it was not an alien craft
>>>with bodies.

>>>What was it then? How do you know? You won't say!

<snip>

>>I did say, but you omitted it. You seem to be forgetting that
>>the purpose of my post was to merely respond to a thread already
>>in progress. I was not writing an article here on UpDates on
>>my findings and I explained why I was not going to piecemeal
>>out the hundreds of pages of my book manuscript here on UpDates
>>into hundreds of posts nor give away my best stuff which
>>belongs in a book, like every other Roswell "revelation" book,
>>where I have full opportunity to present all of my case with
>>appropriate presentation, not some marginalized vanity press-
>>type web-based "publication."

>>Since I was not attempting to write an article here, but just

>>respond to some postings, I was not trying to present a full
>>case, which again would require a book-length presentation.
>>Besides I did post the answer to your specific question long ago
>>here and it was ignored. I don't have time now to hunt it up and
>>I won't keep repeating myself. I barely have time to post this
>>response.

>The Roswell case has been studied by a lot of researchers since
>the 70's. They have found many witnesses, who have led to a
>scenario of UFO/s crash/es, even if the story is not completely
>known yet.

Gildas,

But those researchers ignore the witnesses whose stories they
don't like, the ones who confirm something mysterious, but have
not led to a scenario of crashed UFO spaceship or alien bodies.

This is why these researchers do not want to hear what I say,
don't beat down my door (so to speak) in an encouraging effort
to find out what I have found out or make any effort to
facilitate publication of my work or further research to help it
along - because they really don't want to know, they don't want
my findings confirmed or supported in any way.

Likewise for the skeptics and debunkers.

Both sides are in agreement to suppress or icily ignore this
Roswell development. It does not represent to either side an
exciting development, but rather a onerous undermining or
negation of everything they claim to stand for on Roswell.

It's not about the search for truth with these partisans, both
pro-UFO and anti-UFO. It's about whose side "wins."

Brad Sparks

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Re: Enceladus Straight Lines? - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 00:43:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 07:17:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Enceladus Straight Lines? - Hatch

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 11:29:45 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Enceladus Straight Lines?

>Are these intelligent meteor impact trails or signs of Alien
>activity? Top middle and right of

>http://www.rednova.com/news/images/1/2004/09/14/enceladus_lbig_moon_saturn.jpg

>Enceladus is a newly discovered Moon of Saturn

Hi Colin:

They look like natural stress fractures to me, but this is out of my turf. There are similar, broken straight lines, on the Atlantic Ocean floor, caused by tectonic activity. Right angle displacements, the works.

Best

- Larry

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Filers Files #39 - 2004

From: George A. Filer <majorstar.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 11:09:17 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 07:49:48 -0400
Subject: Filers Files #39 - 2004

Filers Files #39 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
Vice President of Skywatch International
September 15, 2004
Webmaster: Chuck Warren

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 as reported each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis is that the over a hundred UFO reports each week represent factual UFO sightings in our skies. This week a new planet has been found, new anomalies on Mars, and UFO reports over the Atlantic Ocean, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Washington, DC, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas Colorado, New Mexico, California, Alaska, Canada, UK, Spain, and Sri Lanka.

Sun Erupts - Getting Ivan Stronger

An M-Class flare has fired off from sunspot region 672. Mitch Battros says this will work to enhance hurricane =E2=80=9CIvan=E2=80=9D, which will most likely maintain its category 5 status. There is also a danger this latest solar activity will spawn new tropical storms via increased Ocean and Jet Stream current enhancement as per the =E2=80=98equation'. Look for continued aurora activity in higher to mid latitudes. Latest Hurricane Update:

Equation:

Sunspots =3D> Solar Flares =3D> Magnetic Field Shift =3D> Shifting Ocean and Jet Stream Currents =3D> Extreme Weather and Human Disruption (Thanks to Mitch Battros)

Telescope snaps distant 'planet'

BBC News Online science editor Dr. David Whitehouse reports that, "Astronomers working in Chile think they may have taken the first direct image of a planet circling another star." The observations were made with the 8.2m Yepun unit, part of the Very Large Telescope (VLT) facility operated by the European Southern Observatory (Eso) in the Atacama Desert. The telescope has discovered a star, called 2M1207, that is 230 light-years away and is very much smaller and fainter than our own Sun. Astronomer Christophe Dumas said: "It is a strange feeling that it may indeed be the first planetary system beyond our own ever imaged." Benjamin Zuckerman, of the University of California, "If the candidate companion of 2M1207 is really a planet, this would be the first time that an exoplanet has been imaged around a star or brown dwarf." And Anne-Marie Lagrange, from the Grenoble Observatory, France, said: "Our discovery represents a first step towards opening a new field in astrophysics: the imaging and spectroscopic study of planetary systems." The star is white and the red object is its planet. The star has a mass of about a few per cent of our Sun's mass and is not able to sustain nuclear fusion reactions in its core to produce energy in the same way as our Sun does.

<http://www.surfingtheapocalypse.com>

Mars - Possible Structures

Norman M. Bryden writes, "In this image from the Mars Global Surveyor, there is a strange shaped crater that appears to have been intelligently modified, surrounded by rows of other structures in the area that do not fit any known non-intelligent geological formations." In the center of the circle there seems to be a collection of triangular shapes, which remind me of the mystery triangular spacecraft so well documented recently in the skies over Earth. On the right side of the circle there also appears to be what looks like an underground entrance port complete with what looks like a support strut. There is also what looks like a path or road in the center of the circle that leads away from the tip of one of the triangular shapes to the underground port on the right. The organization and structure of this formation reminds me of a landing pad for advanced spacecraft and an entrance to an underground facility. Thanks to Norman M. Bryden

Atlantic Ocean - Beacon Type Flashes

On August 30, 2004, at 10 PM, commercial pilots report, "Twice in the last month over the Atlantic ocean at Flight Level 360 myself and my First Officer have witnessed a flashing beacon type light at orbital altitudes near the vicinity of the Big Dipper." The object appears to be very fast based on the frequency of the flash and its location. I just want to know if we may have a satellite with some type of spin on it that would cause this sighting. I have not seen this type of flash from the many other satellites, etc., that I have seen over the years. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

Editor's Note: No known satellite has flashing beacons. On occasion shortly after sunset the sun will reflect off the surface.

Maine - Metallic Circular Object

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY - The witness was watching TV at 6:30 PM, when he looked out his bay window and saw a low flying circular metallic object moving from the middle of the window to the left side on August 28, 2004. This is roughly south to north 50 to 75 feet higher than the treeline. I have heard of other lights and mysterious objects in the sky. It was a very bright, silver metallic color and was flying about 50 mph in a straight path until I lost sight of it. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
www.UFOCenter.com

Rhode Island - Black Triangle Over Chopper

WESTERLY - On August 26, 2004, the witness was doing light cleaning when she heard a helicopter passing very low over her house. She looked up at 10:13 PM, to see an Army type chopper flying over and noticed a second object passed above the helicopter. The object was flying east and as it crossed the path of the helicopter it switched direction to north and then was lost behind a group of trees. The object was an unmistakable triangle that was black in color with a flashing light at the point facing the rear. It had other lights along the bottom and sides but they were not as bright. There was no sound apart from the noise of the chopper that I could detect. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Connecticut - Flying Triangle

MADISON -- On August 25, 2004, a business consultant with an MBA was renting a beach house on the shore. At 10 PM, my 14-year-old nephew and my 18 year-old babysitter were the first to see the UFOs. I arrived home with my 22 year-old niece at about 10:30 PM, and they were excited, having seen ten sparkling unidentified objects flying in the sky above Long Island Sound.

As we spoke, several more appeared in the sky, and by midnight we had counted at least forty. They would fly from the ocean to inland from the southeast towards the northeast. Several flew in triangle patterns and flew close to each other and cross each other's flight paths almost crashing. It looked like they might crash. Two flew very low over our heads and we could see the bottom of one. It looked like a triangle with a light at each point when the objects flew over a low flying helicopter. During this two hour period, there was a very low light large hovering

that sparkled red, blue, green and white. At 11:50 PM, it dimmed and flew off.

The next night we sat out at 10:15 PM, and saw thirty "sparklers" flying northeast and behaving the same way as had the others. We also sat out last night and saw ten sparkler UFOs." I contacted an Air Force office in New Haven and they said there were no bases in CT, the closest military base at Montauk, NY was closed decades ago), and these objects "were not ours." On the second night, a large bright white object appeared low in the sky over the water, arced directly down towards the water and disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Washington, DC - Cigar-Shaped Craft

The witness was out on the balcony of his sixth floor apartment on August 31, 2004, inside the no-fly zone in Washington, DC on a perfectly clear day when he saw a contrail. His sister joined him on the balcony and he pointed to the contrail. The witness states, "I saw a large metallic object appear out of one cloud and realized that I could not distinguish any features that I would normally recognize in a plane." I immediately said to her "What's that?". Both of us watched it for three to five seconds until it disappeared into another cloud. The diameter of the object was slightly larger than the full moon appears and it was flying in a south-easterly direction and ascending slightly. There was no sound. It was not completely flat; and was a sort of gunmetal color, maybe bordering closer to gold than silver. The object was not shiny and had texture to it. There was no sound and there were no lights. My sister said immediately, "That was the classic cigar shape." She was right. This object was flying well within the no-fly zone and away from the traditional flight paths. On May 21, my sister and I saw balls of light moving furiously in a counter clockwise circle ten feet from our balcony windows. `Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

North Carolina - Lights Over Park

RALEIGH - At 9:30 PM, the witnesses were at the park on August 28, 2004, when everyone started pointing at a UFO in the sky way above us. There were three or four dim star-like objects that at first I thought might be a shooting star, but they started moving in multiple directions, rapidly accelerating and changing direction with no discernible purpose. I looked away to watch a band play at the park, and when I looked again, they were gone. The other twenty or so people who looked up and could spot them were amazed. It really freaked a few people out. I had nothing to drink and no other mind-altering substances. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Florida - Egg

BOYNTON BEACH -- On August 30, 2004, a big huge bright yellow light was observed at 8:45 PM above the beach. The light faded and three small red lights were seen for a short time. Then no lights at all. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Ohio - Reverse Video of Disk

Fostoria - George Ritter took this video of a disk craft on August 25, 2004. This is a reverse colors image of the video. Sixty miles away a crop circle was formed. See story below. Thanks to George Ritter

Ohio - Crop Circle

DAYTON DAILY NEWS, James Cummings reports that, "Fall often brings sightings of mysterious crop circles in Ohio, and this season the Miami Valley has one of its own." Major John DiPietro of the Miami Twp. police department spotted the pattern of interlocking circles pressed into the cornfield about two weeks ago. DiPietro was riding in a WHIO television news helicopter scouting sites for DUI checkpoints when he saw the circles and snapped a photograph. The photo appeared on the cover of the Miamisburg-West Carrollton News. The crop circles are in a field owned by the Miamisburg School District. Crop circle investigator Jeffrey Wilson called the design "the most

impressive corn crop formation I've ever seen. "It's impressive not just because of its size, but because of the exactness of the geometry," Wilson said. "The corn stalks were laid flat, but not broken and there was some interweaving." []

Photos by Jeffery Wilson Link to article with two photos:
<http://www.daytondailynews.com/localnews/content/localnews/daily/0910cropcircles.html>

Kentucky - Flying Triangle

CORINTH - On August 29, 2004, two college students were traveling back to the university on I-75 about 3 miles from Corinth when they saw an object with lights on each tip that was switching patterns. The witness states, "At 10:35 PM, my girlfriend and I looked up in the sky and noticed that straight ahead at about ten miles there was a bright light in the sky that was flying west across the horizon." The object flew across the horizon in about ten seconds and then stopped. After stopping, it then dropped out a dark bundle like object. Soon after that, it then turned and came towards us (south) rather quickly. There was no sound at all. We traveled about a mile down the road, and the object was almost instantly right in front of us and began to hover slowly overtop of us. We drove right under it and saw it was triangular with one light on each point of the triangle. There was also a red light located next to one of the lights. After the object went over top of us, I looked out of my sunroof behind me and the lights began to change into different patterns. They began flashing and changing shapes using red, blue, and yellowish lights. It was impossible to stop or turn around because of a median. But as we continued driving, I watched out of the sunroof of my Ford Explorer and noticed that it was still moving slowly over the interstate and then up a little. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
www.UFOCenter.com

Wisconsin - Six Crop Circles

WAUSAU -- The Country Journal of Hayward reports: One dairy farmer in Wausau Township thinks there may be a paranormal explanation to the crop circles in his barley field. Scott Worden, 37, had two paranormal investigators inspect six crop circles Saturday, August 28, 2004, that were found Monday by a farmhand. "I just want to know what caused it. I know cows more than I know circles," Worden said. He runs the farm with his brother, Tim, and dad, Darrell. Thanks to the Country Journal 8/28/04 Canada is also reporting many new crop circles.

Illinois - Light seen on Lake Michigan

CHICAGO -- On August 31, 2004, at 6:20 PM, while driving east on the Kennedy Expressway (I-90) on his way into work the witness saw a bright spot of light that appeared to be over the lake. The light looked as though it was not moving, just hovering. After a few minutes the light faded rather abruptly so I doubt if it was Venus or Saturn. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
www.UFOCenter.com

Missouri - Sphere

VIENNA -- This is a follow-up to the August 29, 2004, report. Ever since I saw this object at 6:45 PM, and was able to take pictures....I've watched for it. I barbecued today and was sitting there with my binocular/camera looking up and saw my "possible celestial body" moving at a high rate of speed across the sky faster than a passenger jet plane. I was able to get two photos of it before it was gone. One was blurry. But the other one was good. Thanks to Peter Davenport www.UFOCenter.com

ST. JAMES -- On August 26, 2004, a father and son were driving home 7:35 PM, and it was still pretty light outside and the sky was very clear, when they saw an oval shaped object in the sky. They state, "We clearly saw a long oval shape with a sort of tail on it, that didn't appear to move, but appeared to be getting smaller...possibly moving further away to the west. It was an orange/yellow color. The tail disappeared and the object appeared to be just a circle of orange/yellow. Then eventually we lost sight of it." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
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Kansas - Bright Cylinder

TOPEKA -- On August 25, 2004, the witness a private pilot reports, "I observed a bright white or silver tube shaped object flying from south to north just below the top but up next to a wall of dark storm clouds over Topeka at 6 PM." The object was about three times as long as it was wide, but the overall size was hard to judge. It was traveling at about the speed of an airplane but after flying for a minute it stopped in the air and was stationary for a few minutes. The object was very visible against the darkness of the clouds and I could see turbulence in the clouds being blown around it. The turbulence did not appear to affect it. The object then gradually faded away. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Arkansas - Cigar

SOCIAL HILL - The witness reports seeing a flying cigar as he drove west on I-30 at exactly the 92 mile marker at 11:50 PM, on August 25, 2004. The craft was going north towards Hot Springs and it had two non- flashing lights on each end of the cigar shaped craft. It was flying sideways, like if an airliner was flying sideways with no wings. The bottom was grayish black and yellowish lights were reflecting off itself, but not flashing. It was flying at 1500 to 2000 feet altitude and there was a small light plane following it. The cigar was about 3/4 of a mile out in front of the plane and was about as long as a passenger jet but flying much too slow and low to be one. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Louisiana - Two White Lights

BAKER - The witness saw two white lights flying by at 9:45 PM, on August 25, 2004, that he thought were planes until they began moving erratically in the sky. It was an overcast night and they would appear and disappear in and out of the clouds erratically. This went on for about thirty minutes but then it disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Texas - Chemtrail UFO

KAUFMAN -- Brian Vike received this report, "I was videoing a chemtrail on September 6, 2004, at 6:30 PM, that had just been laid. I noticed something bright on the northeast end above it, but by the time I started taping, it was in front of the trail. I taped it till I lost it in the tree. Whatever it was had a short little trail behind it. It was heading west coming from the east. I thought this was odd because I've been sky watching regular now for about a year and I've never seen a plane with a short trail, they either have a long trail, about ten times the length of the plane, or they're laying a trail across the sky, or have no trail at all. It was about 7:52 p.m. when I saw a flash in the northeast sky, I had my camera then and I pointed toward where I saw it and snapped it. The bright one was catching the sun, but the chemtrail was blocking the other one from being lit up. These were heading nearly due north. To me the picture shows the UFOs aren't planes, and they also have short trails as in the video clip. The video and picture were taken in Kaufman County, 20 miles east of Dallas, Texas. The video clip is at:
<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D18>
[]

Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

Colorado - Huge Saucer and flying Triangle

DENVER -- About 7:30 PM, on September 11, 2004, while leaving a local store the witness saw a huge perfectly shaped light golden saucer, brilliantly lit in the western sky. The sun had just set and the small clouds were dark gray. Fifteen degrees above the horizon there was a saucer that was two inches in length, and about 1/2 inch high at arm's length. It had an absolutely perfect shape, and could not be a cloud. It drifted very slowly south until the trees obscured it. There were no flashing lights, just a beautiful bright golden glow. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research Colorado -

ENGLEWOOD -- On August 30, 2004, at 10 PM, the witness saw a star-like small point of light. I have reported this type of event several times over the past month and with binoculars it looks like a whitish sphere. It remained stationary for two

minutes and flew off to the south in roughly 15 to 20 seconds. About a half-hour prior to the white sphere sighting the witness saw a metallic red sphere for a minute or two, also seemingly motionless and very high in the sky.

Later, using the binoculars there was some sort of military craft; a dull gray, flattened triangle without a fuselage with just a large gray wing. It was much wider than long, with the shorter point of the triangle in the direction of flight. The sound was similar to a regular jet, although it did seem to rumble a bit longer than I would have expected as it disappeared in the distance. I got a good look at it; it was definitely no ordinary aircraft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

New Mexico -- White Circular Object

ALBUQUERQUE -- On August 30, 2004, at 4:10 PM, looking east and up about 30 degrees from horizontal, the witness noticed a round white object. I said to my wife that a child's balloon got away, but it held my attention and I didn't know why at first. It was rising beneath a cloud formation and the wind was blowing 20 to 30 mph. At first it looked like a solid white balloon that had been released from a nearby shopping center seconds earlier that was maybe 150 feet up.

As I and my wife watched, we both said that it was no balloon of any kind because it was rising straight up, too fast with no sideways movement to be a helium balloon. It continued to rise in a non-swirling uninterrupted manner until it was about 80 degrees over head. I stopped and got out of the car to continue viewing. When I looked back up it had moved north across the sky in a northerly direction at high speed. My wife asked where it was and I took my eyes off of it to glance at her and when I looked back it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

ALBUQUERQUE - A licensed general contractor and ultralight instructor saw lights that were different and made rapid gyrations that were too violent to be a normal aircraft. This sighting occurred one mile north of I-40 in the Rio Puerco Valley on August 30, 2004, at 8:45 PM. The witness saw an unusual light heading toward his ranch house and retrieved his field glasses and observed a set of red, white, and blue blinking lights. The craft was traveling slowly south. The aircraft was closer now, but I could only see the lights blinking at twice the rate of aircraft strobe lights. I lowered the binoculars and watched the aircraft begin to dart about much the way a hummingbird would. This activity went on for several minutes. The shape of the craft was not distinguishable. The rapid gyrations were covering about 10 degrees of sweep right to left, left to right and up and down. I hurried into the house and asked my wife to check out this object in the sky. When we went outside the object was gone. My wife and I own a Powered Paraglider School which we operate from our ranch. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

California - Disk

MODESTO - R. David Anderson reports, "I have taken more pictures of a UFO that moves in a zig zag pattern. I think that these pictures are important because they show how UFOs move. I have read from other accounts that UFOs move in this way. These pictures are a good analysis of this zig zag movement. Notice that the star is not at all slurred, demonstrating the stability of my camera mount. Thanks to R. David Anderson []

PATERSON - On August 27, 2004, the driver was on I-5 at 2 PM, when he saw a strange disc, and when he returned four hours later driving north on I-5 in almost the same spot he again saw the object. First he saw the sun reflecting on an aircraft banking, but when he looked harder it disappeared. So whatever it was, it seemed to be moving to reposition itself to be camouflaged against the sky. But, unlike others, which I have noticed over airports at times, this object was in the same area moving again to "reposition" itself with a flash or glint of sun reflecting off a silver metal disc before totally disappearing. There was no noise from engines. Four hours later he saw it over a power line grid off the interstate about 500 to 1000 feet up.

SAN JUAN BATISTA - The witnesses were driving on SR Hwy 101 on August 31, 2004, at 8:45 PM, when they noticed a large shining

object in the sky. It was very bright, like a star but moving like a plane at first, and then a smaller bright object dropped out of the bottom of the craft and fell directly under it. They report, "We never saw a flash like a crash, it just disappeared from sight, but the larger object stayed in the area, and we finally drove further south and could no longer see it." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Washington - Three Craft

NORDLAND -- On August 30, 2004, a family observed three craft in formation at an excessive rate of speed flying at 150 to 200 feet above Puget Sound. At 8:45 PM, three craft flying in a triangular formation were spotted. The two lead craft were about 100 feet apart flying parallel and the 3rd craft was about 200 feet back in line with the craft on the left. We could not distinguish their shape due to the darkness. They were traveling down the Puget Sound at an excessive rate of speed and once they reach about the City of Everett, Washington they stopped and hovered for several minutes. They made no sound. They were observed by myself, my wife and our 4 children. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Alaska Stationary Object Over Coast Guard Base

KODIAK ISLAND - On September 8, 2004, brothers went fishing for salmon near the COMSTA Coast Guard base and relaxed in the warm weather watching contrails from jets departing from Anchorage from 2 to 3 PM. A silvery dot was maintaining a precise location high in the sky while the contrails drifted over the mountain tops. There was almost no wind so it was unlikely to be a weather balloon. It was in and out of the contrails but never moved anywhere across the sky. The witness was a former Air Force member. The silver dot was suspended there. The high altitude contrails didn't blow away either but simply expanded and grew thinner. The craft must have been quite high because it was obscured but did NOT disappear within the contrails. When we left it was still there, after two hours in the same spot and it stayed in the same position even as the jets passed by every ten minutes. A few lower clouds were moving across the tops of the mountains. <http://209.165.152.119/radios/commsta.html>

Canada - Corporate Jet Pilots See UFOs

EDMONTON, ALBERTA -- "I am a highly experienced corporate jet pilot operating out of the West Coast of British Columbia. I was a crew member on our company aircraft during the early morning hours of Sunday, May 10, 2004 on a flight from Syracuse, New York to Calgary, Alberta. No passengers were on board, only the two pilot crew. As we approached Empress, Alberta at 39,000 feet and preparing for descent, we noticed a very bright light in the northwest sky at about 12 degrees above the horizon. As the bright light (same intensity as Venus or Jupiter) traveled southeast and came closer it "seemed" to transform into nine plus objects. The other pilot maintains that there were twelve objects. The salient feature was that the three trailing objects were 1/3 of the brightness of the forward numbers which were at least as bright as Venus at 12:23 AM. The objects appeared to be flying in an organized formation at 700 to 1000 nautical miles per hour and possibly very much faster. There was no apparent trajectory and the lights appeared to maintain a perfectly level altitude throughout the duration.

We were in perfectly clear conditions and we have the absolute conviction this was NOT a meteor, nor a meteor breaking up because of a total lack of trajectory. The objects were flying at about 10,000 feet at a distance of perhaps 5-15 nautical miles at their closest point. Distances and altitudes can be extremely hard to judge with certainty. Both pilots agree the duration of the event was about 15 seconds. There was no other aircraft in the vicinity this early Sunday morning since this occurrence was definitely spectacular enough that other aircraft would have asked Edmonton Centre what this was?

HBCC UFO Note: There were six other reports, some spectacular, that occurred at, or near Edmonton during our time frame. (Pilots words: (If one considers there is linkage to these events (ours to one or more of the other 3), and considering the others apparently involve low altitude movements (close to treetops) it all becomes very very intriguing. I now wonder what really did take place that early morning, knowing that these

lights were making low altitude movements "close to treetops" !
Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO

England - Cigar and Intensely White Object

LONDON -- We were in busy traffic on Finchley Road on August 29, 2004, at 10:30 PM, when we saw a completely dark round object that stuck out like a sore thumb in the clear sky. The object was the brightest object in the sky and glowed intensely white and then stayed like that for a good 15 seconds before fading out and disappearing from view. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

ALDERSHOT -- The sighting of a mystery object in the sky over the weekend has baffled passers-by, air traffic control experts and Army officials. A couple spotted the object on Saturday September 4, 2004, as they played with their sons in Aldershot Park. The cigar-shaped object appeared in the sky at about 2:15 PM, and the family watched it ducking around for around 20 minutes. =E2=80=9CIt caught our attention because it didn't move like an aircraft,=E2=80=9D said the mother. It was a shiny cylinder-shaped object with random moves and it turned and flew horizontally, vertically and diagonally.=E2=80=9D The News received several other calls about sightings. The director of Farnborough International Airport Ann Bartaby said the object was nothing to do with them. The Army said, =E2=80=9CWe were not flying any type of cylinder-shaped aircraft on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Jim Hickman and Skywatch-International.

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http://www.skywatch-international.org/skywatch_membership_application.pdf

Spain - Bright white lights

MURCIA, Mazarron -- On August 30, 2004, at 8:45 PM, with some light from the setting sun the witness saw a pinprick of white light at the edge of his vision. He spotted two objects of pinhead size, bright white in intensity, that lasted only a fraction of a second. Shortly after that there was a further flash of light for a fraction of a second, but this was much larger, about a quarter of an inch across. The sky was clear and light enough to have seen an airplane or helicopter, and I neither saw nor heard anything. The sighting lasted about one minute. www.UFOCenter.com

Sri Lanka - Six Lights

ATHRUGIRIYA - The witnesses including two medical doctors saw six blinking large stationary stars in a straight line towards west northwest on August 30, 2004, at 8:45 PM. Except for the second star that moved towards the first, all the others were stationary. These were bigger than normal stars and their colors varied from pinkish, orange to silver. Blinking was more pronounced than normal stars. After some time two stars disappeared and the second star of the remaining four stars, moved towards the adjacent star. After some time, two more stars disappeared. Finally the two that merged faded away. The whole episode took about 15-20 minutes. No other stars could be seen and these were unusually bright and aligned in a straight line, with one star moving towards the other and pronounced blinking. One of the observers has a PhD. in Economics. Other witnesses were two housewives, three children and pool attendants. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Olmos

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:18:40 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:04:21 -0400
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>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>Jaime Maussan is showing his real interest in UFOs... Money!
>You can buy the 'History' for 350.00 Mexican Pesos or
>\$33.00 USD.

>Visit:

>http://www.homolongevus.tv/portal/con_histori.htm

>Translation with:

><http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

That was a good reason to hide the video recording from real researchers! It was generally known but few dared to say that. Now the evidence is there to be seen.

The works by Smith, Franz, Mori or Poher were enough to kill this case, and this commercial episode illustrates the credibility of the man behind the video tape, for those who did not know the person. I hope some people on this List can learn about it.

V-J

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

John,

>>(I am amused to observe once again that I spend far less time
>>thinking about the ETH than the obsessives of the pelicanist
>>school do. But then, they deem it the most threatening and hated
>>of all heresies which must be run down and crushed whenever
>>pelicanists think they have detected the faintest wisp of it.
>>Not being preoccupied with theory, I prefer more pragmatic
>>approaches which eventually, we hope, will allow us to construct
>>hypotheses on firmer grounds than are currently available. In
>>the meantime, I remain convinced that UFOs and other major
>>anomalies involve phenomena, whether ultimately found to be
>>trivial or seminal, that lie beyond current knowledge. I also
>>suspect - since no other explanation makes sense to me - that
>>some or many experiences of the anomalous grow out of
>>extraordinary, little-understood aspects of consciousness (an
>>issue that in fact has been the focus of my research and major
>>interest in recent years),

>An interesting revelation. Are you yet ready to publish anything
>on this research?

I have already provided citations in which I have discussed the
issues in question at length. I'm sure I will be writing more
about it in the future. I am not surprised that you are
unfamiliar with this writing, which explains a lot.

>I certainly agree with you that many UFO-
>related events - particularly abductions - may be related to as-
>yet unregarded aspects of consciousness. If fact I would say
>that such a realisation stands behind much psychosocial ufology.

I certainly did not mean to leave that impression. I regard the
treatment of these issues in psychosocial literature as
cartoonish, simply debunking ("traditions of disbelief," in
Hufford's wonderful phrase) under another name. It is my view
that abduction experiences are profoundly anomalous whether
related to the core UFO phenomenon (of daylight discs,
radar/visuals, CE2s) or not.

Psychosociologists, on the other hand, contend that abductions
arise from known psychological phenomena (confabulation
prominently though hardly exclusively) or at least some sort of
extension of same. I emphatically disagree. In my reading of the
PSH literature, I observe only contempt for ufologists who argue
that abductions represent phenomena not understandable via
current knowledge.

>>but that other reports describe
>>genuine, real-world events. Until we know more about them -
>>which will not happen until science devotes its full resources
>>to addressing these questions - a degree of intellectual
>>modesty, apparently beyond John's capacity to sustain or even
>>imagine, seems in order.

>This sort of brings us back to where this by now too-long-
>extended UFO UpDates thread started (I think - maybe it was at
>the start of some other thread!) with a discussion of the
>Chiles-Whitted sighting. If the description given by the two
>pilots was an accurate representation of what passed their
>aircraft it is difficult to conclude that it was anything other
>than a structured craft. However a number of UFO researchers,
>not all of them in the sceptical camp, have concluded that the
>witnesses interpretation of what they saw was at variance with
>the actual phenomenon the witnessed - in other words that they
>were mistaken.

>We have seen here that Brad Sparks - a researcher that Jerry
>thinks highly of for his analysis of the RB-47 Radar-Visual case
>- does not rate Chiles-Whitted very highly, nor, after two
>changes of mind, did Allen Hynek. I don't think either of these
>gentlemen were claiming that the two pilots were lying, but they
>do cast serious doubt on their interpretation of what was
>undoubtedly a "genuine real-world event".

And so I take it that you also agree with Brad Sparks that the
RB-47 case proves the existence of UFOs and that the Mogul
explanation for Roswell is hogwash. If not, what is your point?
Of course you believe CW saw a meteor. What else, given your
ideology, could you believe it to be? Brad Sparks and I agree on
some things, and we disagree on others. That's how it should be.
We are not carbon copies of one another, nor would we want to
be.

Likewise, Allen Hynek, whom I knew fairly well, entertained many
ideas with which I disagreed and about which we debated. (It was
always cordial, and Allen used to tell me that he enjoyed our
arguments and found them stimulating.) Sometimes, in common with
all thoughtful humans, Allen changed his mind or simply didn't
know what to think.

The CW sighting was a particularly troublesome issue to him. He
was haunted the thought that he had made serious mistakes in the
early days of the UFO era; he wondered if he himself had not
made it possible for his fellow scientists to ignore the UFO
phenomenon and its implications. Historically, the CW report
could have been a milestone (remember, the earliest
investigators of it, from Project Sign, were deeply impressed
and puzzled). Allen's rejection of it helped destroy Sign and
turn the Air Force's interaction with the phenomenon in a
radically new direction, leading to Grudge and the sorry
developments that followed. I suspect that that realization may
have been hard to bear, and that is why he stuck stubbornly to
the meteor hypothesis over many years, despite private
reservations.

By the way, your quote from me - "genuine real-world event" -
indicates that you do not understand what I mean by that phrase
and that you have not read my criteria for making that judgment
when we analyze anomalous reports.

>I know that Jerry thinks highly of James McDonald's views on
>this case, but on reading his submission to the 1968 US House
>Committee Symposium on UFOs, I was amazed to find that he
>interviewed the two pilots in 1968, *twenty years* after the
>event. In these circumstances I cannot regard this interview as
>having anything other than anecdotal value.

Let us consider just how silly your claim is. Chiles and Whitted
were interviewed within a very short time after their sighting.
Are we to disregard that testimony - even though it is
fundamentally consistent with the testimony they gave to James
McDonald 20 years later? What are you trying to say? That their
testimony, whether rendered immediately or years later, is of no
probative value, and that only your beliefs, based on nothing
except a predisposed hostility to anomalous UFOs, have any
value?

As I have stated before, those who actually interviewed the pilots thought they had seen an anomalous structured object. Those who hadn't favored and favor the meteor hypothesis. Does that tell us something? I should think so. It also tells us, yet again, the unfalsifiability of the pelicanist approach, from which no anomalous UFO could ever emerge. Basically, your position comes down to this: How do we know Chiles and Whitted saw a meteor? Because they gave testimony to something else, which could not have existed, and because testimony, except when it attests to the known and prosaic, cannot be trusted, ever. When it comes to knowing what they saw, I'll take Chiles and Whitted over you every time.

Jerry Clark

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>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>>The Roswell case has been studied by a lot of researchers since
>>the 70's. They have found many witnesses, who have led to a
>>scenario of UFO/s crash/es, even if the story is not completely
>>known yet.

>But those researchers ignore the witnesses whose stories they
>don't like, the ones who confirm something mysterious, but have
>_not_ led to a scenario of crashed UFO spaceship or alien bodies.

>This is why these researchers do not want to hear what I say,
>don't beat down my door (so to speak) in an encouraging effort
>to find out what I have found out or make any effort to
>facilitate publication of my work or further research to help it
>along - because they really don't want to know, they don't want
>my findings confirmed or supported in any way.

>Likewise for the skeptics and debunkers.

>Both sides are in agreement to suppress or icily ignore this
>Roswell development. It does not represent to either side an
>exciting development, but rather a onerous undermining or
>negation of everything they claim to stand for on Roswell.

>It's not about the search for truth with these partisans, both
>pro-UFO and anti-UFO. It's about whose side "wins."

Brad

I am interested in the search of the truth, whatever it turns
out to be, and I am sure I'm not alone. Have you passed your
findings to people like David Rudiak, Bob Durant, Mark
Rodeghier, Bruce Maccabee, Wendy Connors?

I don't believe that all the researchers would refuse to listen,
if you have found something very important on Roswell.

Well, I suppose this is going to be another "Roswell mystery". I
am sorry that you don't want to say more.

BTW, last year, I showed that just by carefully reading the
USAF Roswell Report, it is pretty obvious that Mogul 4 never
took off. I don't recall much interest about this on the List,
with the exception of David Rudiak. I don't think you said
one word about it.

The lack of response may be frustrating, and I understand

Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

your irritation.

I could give other examples.

Gildas Bourdais

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Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 06:49:26 -0400
Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 15:23:37 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 07:56:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>Thank you John for providing us with a crystal clear example
>>of hypocrisy.

>>All of the above coming from a man who regularly insults and
>>abuses people in Magonia, who frequently refers to abductees
>>as mad or suggests they shouldn't be allowed out
>>unaccompanied, and so on and so on.

>Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia -
>or anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions",
>where I have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be
>allowed out unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed
>any other examples of regular insult and abuse.

Certainly John;

From Magonia 83, December 2003:

Dr David Jacobs, one of the most notorious abduction
researchers, sees the whole business as physical rather than
psychological and believes that very little can be done about
it. He writes:

"The secrecy surrounding the abduction phenomenon shows that the
aliens have instituted an elaborate effort to prevent their
detection. Detection, therefore, may be where they are the most
vulnerable. If so, then perhaps we still have the opportunity to
intervene. Yet so far, all our attempts at intervention and
prevention have been ineffective. Experiments to interfere in
abductions by using video cameras and other electronic equipment
have, by and large, failed to stop them, although they have
sometimes decreased their recurrence." (3)

The Pelican has asked similar questions before, but it seems he
needs to keep on asking: Can a person who writes something like
the above paragraph, and who is presumably not joking, be sane?
The Pelican's answer must be No, otherwise the concept of
insanity loses its meaning. The thing to be done, therefore, is
to urge people like Jacobs, Hopkins and others to seek the
appropriate treatments for their condition. They are unlikely to
listen, of course, so their pernicious practices, such as
conducting hypnotic regressions while asking leading questions

about disgusting grey aliens, should be actively denounced and discouraged, and their writings should be given the critical scrutiny which will expose them as the irrational nonsense that they are.

You are the editor. You take responsibility for the following:

John Harney gets infuriatingly supercilious about a recent addition to the UFO abduction literature:

Budd Hopkins and Carol Rainey, *Sight Unseen: Science, UFO Invisibility and Transgenic Beings*, Atria Books, New York, 2003

One of them concerns the abductee Katharina Wilson who told Hopkins about an occasion when she flew from Portland, Oregon to Chicago to speak at a UFO conference

So it seems we can indulge in any sort of fantastic speculation apart from the obvious one that Wilson was suffering from one of her mental fugues which caused her to lose an hour by wandering around aimlessly. This story will cause more sensible readers to wonder, not about a "changeable human energy field" (whatever that might be), but whether Wilson is fit to be allowed out on her own.

Pelican 6

As the Pelican prepared to express his deep concern for American ufology, and in particular for the mental health of its practitioners, a communication from Hilary Evans - who needs no introduction to our well-read readers - arrived at the luxuriously appointed Magonia editorial offices. This expressed remarkably similar sentiments. Great minds think alike! Who said the Pelican was a birdbrain?

In particular, Hilary noted that American ufologists took each other's books seriously, even if they were as crazy as Jacobs's *The Threat* or Hopkins's *Witnessed*, instead of expressing concern about the mental states of their authors. (1) He concluded: "Are these people writing fun books for entertainment only? Or seriously, to work something out of their system? Or simply to make a quick buck? Sometimes I find myself hoping that it's the last of these alternatives."

Meanwhile, in the UK, we have our EThers and other nutters. There are the entertainers, who write silly books and give sillier lectures, illustrated with fuzzy video clips. There are the mentally unbalanced and the purveyors of numerous cranky theories, each of which purports to explain nearly all UFO reports. Then there are a few who take a practical, pragmatic view of UFO stories and simply try to establish the facts of each case, wherever this is possible. They know who they can trust, and who they should avoid in helping with their investigations, or they quickly find out.

The above took about 10 minutes to dig out. Given a little more time and inclination, I would have also included some of the countless examples of abuse towards those who hold different views from you. Now where have I heard that phrase before?

So in conclusion John, you are an undoubted hypocrite of the worst kind.

And do me a further favour. Don't pat me on the head patronisingly, as you recently did with Alfred, whereby you goaded him for days about not being able to come up with references for something or other, only to then ignore his efforts when he did.

While I have, in the past, reacted negatively to calls on this List for your resignation, I'm beginning to feel that the time might now be more appropriate for such a consideration. Your

presence here is no longer meaningful. It is, by your now own admission, a game, whereby you creep into the lions den, raffishly tug his tail, and then run away squealing in childish glee, back to your similarly childish friends. It's boring and you must realise that you aren't taken seriously here any longer.

Stuart Miller

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 11:36:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 06:51:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 18:56:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:36:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>You ignored all of my substantive posts on discovering top
>>secret Roswell military policy response by the AAF/AF, and on
>>three best multiple-witness visual scientist-engineer UFO cases,
>>of LaPaz, Kelly Johnson-Lockheed (triangulation, 25,000 mph
>>escape into space), and the top Pentagon R&D official
>>(triangulation, 36,000 mph escape into space).

>Sorry about that. Can you give me details of websites or
>published sources where I might be able to find full details of
>these cases?

I gave all that in previous posts, not going to repeat myself.
No time for these games.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 11:15:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
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>>You've lost this one John. You are intellectually bereft of
>>any further solid contribution to this discussion, as in fact
>>you have been for some considerable time. It's just been a game
>>with you to try and wind up Jerry Clark and you've bored us all
>>to death with your semantics and childishness.

>Whilst I would not deny the pleasure to be had winding up
>Jerry Clark - who seems to find it impossible not to reply to
>anything I post on UpDates despite numerous announcements that he
>will cease doing so - I do try to make solid contributions to
>discussions. It is hardly my fault if Mr Clark (and others)
>choose to <snip>the relevant parts when they reply.

In the interest of strict factual accuracy, John, my statements
about discontinuing further discussion are always focused on
specific threads, in which further conversation and debate
strike me as pointless. I do not mean, however, that I will
"cease" all discussion with you on any thread. Please read
more carefully than you do, I fear, habitually. In any event,
getting you all wound up is a perverse pleasure I find
impossible to resist for long. Keep it up, John, and I'll keep
up my end.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark (aka "Jawsy Cluck")

P.S. Once again, I have snipped John's pearls of ageless wisdom,
forcing believers in them to go to the UpDates archives to find
them. Sorry, pilgrims.

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From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 12:24:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:05:21 -0400
Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words -

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 12:26:12 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 10:51:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

>>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2004 15:24:21 -0700
>>>Subject: A Picture Or Video Is Worth A Thousand Words

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>><snip>

>>Did you actually get a visual sighting of the oil flares?

>Yes, they were in sight (naked eye) for more than 30 minutes.
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>year.

>Cantarell oil well flares can be seen from the shore at Ciudad
>del Carmen.

>>If so, can you guess why the crew didn't?.

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>provide any reliable info. The RADAR operator told the crew the
>objects were in many positions related to the airplane's
>position and in a closer distance so the pilot maybe saw the
>lights from the oil wells but he was looking for closer objects.

>Mexican Air Force Pilots do not fly more than 10 hours a month
>and their training is extremely poor. Also the RADAR was not
>working well and it will show up in the 6th or 7th part of the

>video audio transcript.

How many hours of training are required to learn how to look out of a window?

Has anyone asked the crew if they saw the lights from the oil wells and then simply ignored them? I find this highly unlikely.

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LUFOS UFO Meeting October 15th 2004

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 19:06:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:10:06 -0400
Subject: LUFOS UFO Meeting October 15th 2004

Hi List,

For anyone who may be near or live around East London, this might be a great night for a rather interesting UFO lecture:

Ann Andrews co-author of Abducted, will be giving a lecture for London UFO Studies - Roy Lake - on the 15th of October.

This case is quite fascinating, and quite an eye opener on abductions.

This will be held at the Unity Hall, Walthamstow, London 8-11 pm.

I have attended many LUFOS meetings in the past, with quite a few well known names giving lectures, Bruni, Pope, Williams and many more.

You are guaranteed a great night out, in this newly refurbished meeting hall, along with refreshments with book and DVD, Video stalls. A great time to meet other UFO researchers, and have a chat with the lecturer on most occasions.

All presented by Roy lake, a chap with a good humour, and always likes having a good conversation on UFOs with the public!

For the poster details click here:

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

Regards,

Roy

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Forward From Jaime Maussan

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:28:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:23:25 -0400
Subject: Forward From Jaime Maussan

FYI List.

Especially for those who have pre-judged.

John Velez

From: Jaime Maussan <.nul>
To: brumac.nul
Cc: johnvelez.aic.nul
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 13:52:07 -0500 (CDT)
Subject: A Confusion

Dr. Maccabee and John:

Just a few words:

The video from The Mexican Air Force is not and never has been for sale.

I have a new director in my company and who thought (without consulting me) that to sell the video would be a good idea.

However such video hasn't even been made.

I just talk to my director and he offered me his resignation.

Tomorrow we will offer a complete explanation on this.

I feel embarrassed.

I can not commercialize this video because it is not mine, belongs to the Military.

Jaime Maussan

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UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:33:50 -0400
Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.
Brisbane, Australia. www.uforg.asn.au

"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of the shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic level." - Dr John Mack

Sightings/Encounters/Investigations

Sighting reports have mainly been of lights in the sky of late but we did receive two reports of special interest which are below.

Massive Bright Orange Ball

This report occurred on the 13th June in Kalbar, Queensland when two nurses were out walking in the evening around 7pm and saw a "massive" bright orange ball approximately 4 to 5 times bigger than Venus coming towards them at a speed that appeared "faster than a jet". They observed it for 3 to 5 minutes and as it got closer it's light faded out but they could still see it's silhouette. They could hear no sound made by the object at any time. They both commented that they were "level headed women who do not scare easily" but both felt scared after the incident.

Cigar-shaped object

Another report occurred about 15 years ago when a man was driving on the highway about 30 minutes south of Rockhampton. The incident occurred in the evening when he drove up a hill to then look down into a valley. This is where he saw what he first thought was a plane about to crash but which turned out to be a cigar-shaped object about "the size of the body of the largest plane and about 2 storeys high" which came to hover just below tree height. He pulled his car off the road and got out to get a better look at what he was seeing.

The object travelled about 20klms/hr and silently glided over him only 15 to 20 metres above without "making a whisper". It was very brightly lit and seemed to be shiny (not metallic) but like colour bonded steel in a "bright orange colour".

It had 10 windows around it "about 3/4 the size of a an average bedroom window" which were all square at the bottom but coming to a peak at the top like "windows of a church".

The front "windscreen" of the object had "full panel windows" (meaning from floor to ceiling) that were completely black which went right around the front and slightly around to the objects sides. The windows were so black the witness could not see anything inside and he "got the impression they were one way windows". The object looked very solid and had "no seams" which made it look like it was "pre-finished". It also appeared "very solid" to the witness and "well built, not like anything we have here".

The witness said he got the impression the object was made for underwater travel as well as through the air. I quizzed him

why he thought this but all he would say was "that was the impression I got".

He estimated the object to be as bright as 1000 watts and he said he "got a really good look at it since it was so close". He also saw what seemed to be square landing pods underneath it that had "the roughness of acorns" on them "possibly for good traction". He watched the object for 3 minutes in total "enough time to get a really good look at it".

While he was parked and looking at the object another car came over the hill and ran off the side of the road but did not stop. It was obvious to the witness that the driver of the other car saw the object too.

Media

Media interest has been minimal over the last few months however public response has remained steady via telephone and web site enquiries and new meeting goers. The weekly radio show offers us the opportunity to discuss the UFO subject but often drifts to other seemingly paranormal subjects as well as space matters and scientific discoveries.

Questions about science fiction vs. science fact have been raised and the idea that the two are not very far apart after all seems to be slowly cementing in the public's mind.

Talk of the Australian Police force using instruments to send out an electromagnetic pulse to immobilise vehicles and reduce high speed car chases does not seem too far removed from the idea of ray guns. The hand held medical devices that can detect heart rates, blood pressure, allergic reactions etc are also not a big stretch to the medical tricorders we see in the Star Trek series. So is science fiction becoming science fact and are we witnessing the slow but steady emergence of yesterday's future on a daily basis?

Some weeks back the 4BC radio show host, Tony Johnstone, asked listeners what might we most fear if we were suddenly visited by large numbers of ETs.

One listener thought the fear might actually be more to do with what the ETs looked like rather than their actual visitation. Panelists were also asked what might be required as proof of ET existence. My thoughts on this were that there is no "definitive" proof for individuals but rather it becomes a question of acceptance of evidence or denial of it.

Even if a UFO landed in the city many people would think it a hoax, joke or advertising ploy, at least initially and possibly for some time, unless it was accompanied by an announcement by some recognised authority.

Even then many would remain highly skeptical. (flat earthers and no-moon landers come to mind here)

This brings up the question of how we might handle ET contact as a culture, one I have personally percolated over myself. Scrounging on the net for answers I have found discussions on this subject to be almost non-existent, causing me to speculate this to be a taboo subject in a field where it should be hot stuff! Why is this so? I'm not sure but could ufologists be human after all????

The trends in discussion on the show are both interesting and curious to observe, watching what people respond to (or not) is quite fascinating.

Listen to the Paranormal Panel every Friday 9pm Qld time on Radio 4BC (1116 on the AM dial) or via streaming audio at <http://www.4bc.com.au/sites/4bc/RunScript.asp?p=ASP> \~Pg0.asp

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Public Meetings

Anyone who runs UFO meetings knows you have to work hard to make them interesting. Today people expect professionalism, a high level of informative and educational information as well as delivering this in an interesting manner. Added to this, meetings have their regular attendees as well as a regular turnover of new comers so it's equally important to present a wide range of information and perspectives that relate to everyone no matter where they are at in their understanding. Easy you say??? Not likely, but we give it our best shot and below is a review of some of our meetings this year.

April 2004

We were fortunate to have Chris White as guest speaker at this meeting who was a local to the Sunshine Coast and had investigated and photographed the Conondale crop circles reported on the 28th March. These circles, estimated to have appeared a day or two earlier, were the simple circle types with 4 circles lining up in a straight line some 50 metres from a watercourse.

On the night of the 28th March Chris's friend received a call about the circles and within minutes he and his friend were on their way to investigate. Armed with torches they wandered around in the dark until they discovered a large circle behind an embankment, then another. They found the first two circles easily and immediately while they "felt a sense of awe and respect" as they gazed at "their beauty and exquisite nature".

Chris took photos of all four circles, some of which can be viewed at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~bwratten/ccc.html> and of particular interest are the light anomalies that showed up on the photos when they were developed. Chris reported that the weaving of the different grasses created a ripple effect and produced a 6 inch thick woven mat which would sink as he stood upon it.

Also, each circle had grass flowing into it on the eastern side creating an overhang effect, while the grass flowed out of the circles on the western sides. The grass between the circles was "all over the place" while the grass within the circles was swirled clockwise with the smallest of the circles being twisted tightly in comparison to the other three.

Although Bob Bruce from the sceptics association pronounced the circles to have been formed by whirlwinds, it can easily be observed from the photographs that there is a lack of tangential build up to the circles that would be consistent to a whirlwind forming. Instead we find a clear cut edge to each formation with an abrupt change in the lay of the grass from horizontal to vertical.

Wildlife in the area did not seem to be affected but some people who entered the circles reported feeling nauseous. Kate Dash, who also accompanied Chris to the site, said on her third visit she "couldn't wait to get out of there" as she felt unwell, yet on her two previous visits she suffered no ill effects. Since the crop circle story was picked up by the media, Kate, who is now the telephone contact for further reports, has also received reports of paranormal activities from the locals in the area.

People have come forward with stories of blue balls of light coming out of the trees, strange warbling sounds in the area. Another report was of an oval-shaped daytime shadow seen on the roadway then turning off at an intersection to follow the roadway before disappearing yet nothing was seen in the sky at the time to cause the shadow. Since the knowledge of these stories has been revealed local investigators have received further paranormal reports which shall be presented at a future meeting. Stay tuned for updates.

June 2004

At our June meeting we showed part of Mary Rodwell's new video "Expressions of ET Contact - A Communication & Healing Blueprint?" (see <http://www.acern.com.au>) which explores reports of the development of healing abilities by close encounter

experiencers. This included Adrian Dvir and others. Further into the video Mary reads a letter by a British artist who believes he has had experiences with ETs and sketches incredible images of ETs from his memory of these events. Mary's video touched on a question that continually plagues my mind, why do a certain percentage of people who report close encounters develop an interest in healing?

Many of the close encounter experiencers I have interviewed over the past 16 years have also developed an interest in healing, so what on earth is going on here?

August 2004

In August Paul Bolton gave a talk on the nature of Time. He presented the Toroid of Time spoken of by Einstein, Tesla, Von Neumann and others. These scientists based their mathematics on the toroid, a donut-shaped, fixed loop spiral which shows that time, as we know and live it, actually has a starting point and an ending point.

They used this fact and the associated maths to alter the time reference in a specific area, by manipulating the electrostatic, magnetic and gravitic fields around a battleship, (among others things), to make it optically and radar invisible in the Philadelphia Experiment 12/08/1943.

This experiment created a tear in the fabric of time. The problems that this experiment created necessitated a recovery mission, in time, which was initiated as part of the Montalk Project on the 12/08/1983 by Von Neumann, who by the way invented the computer.

The 40 year time leap was a mere four life changing hours for crew Duncan and Edward Cameron and members of the volunteer crew, many of whom were never the same. The story was a fantastic journey of mind and time stretching proportions.

The reference material for this presentation came from these books, T.B. Pawlicki's "How To Explore The Higher Dimensions of Space and Time." the Russian P.D. Ouspensky "Tertium Organum". The video series in the UFORQ library The Philadelphia Experiment, The Montalk Project. Various Einstein quotes including the classic, "The past the present and the future are not linear no matter how persistent the illusion appears to be." Most of us possibly consider this illusion quite persistent and at times frustratingly convincing.

At this meeting we also showed some of the latest crop formations from the UK and Holland as well as retracing our steps through time (how appropriate) back to 1990 where this phenomena was just starting to evolve from simple circles and made its way through glyphs to the deeply meaningful and esoteric designs that can show up today. Are crop circles made by ETs or have we been merely talking to ourselves all along?

Interestingly Colin Andrews points out on his web site that the crystalline changes that appear in the affected crops only show up in the simple circles. Also, the only shapes that show up consistently and globally are the simple circles. So who's talking to who, if at all?

My favourite memory from our meetings this year was when I thought it might be a good idea to explore the idea of levitation since ETs have been reported to levitate by witnesses. Well good old synchronicity jumped in and the next day a TV show about David Blaine, the US street magician, provided me with a video clip of him demonstrating his levitation trick. He simply walked up to people in the street and told them to watch, then began to lift up and levitate right in front of their eyes. It was extremely interesting to watch the people on TV and their reaction to him, one woman becoming hysterical, another just swallowed up by awe, and many others just running away, even a couple of tough football players.

How very curious I thought, but even more fascinating to me was the response by the audience at our UFO meeting. Some saw Blaine's levitation as a trick and offered ideas as anti-gravity plates under his shoes, invisible cables around his waist, others offered that spiritually advanced people have been reported as developing special abilities and maybe Blaine was one of them, while others just sat on the fence to wait and see.

Later I wondered to myself if this might be at all reflective of our response to ETs landing on Earth.

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New Orb Images

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:35:10 -0400
Subject: New Orb Images

Hi Listers,

Some people more then others seem to have the ability to photograph Orbs in a variety of locations and situations. One gentleman and his female friend in the UK are two people that have found that they are able to photograph some unusual phenomena inside and outside their homes. This page is dedicated to just some of the unusual photos they have taken over the last two years.

<http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/spirit13.htm>

Once it was realised that the Orbs were regularly showing up on their photos, it developed into a real interest. The variety, size and number of Orbs in each photo varies. The phenomena does not just include Orbs, but mists and moving Orbs that leave motion trails indicating movement during the shutter speed of the camera. This feature alone demonstrates that the Orbs are not lens reflections, but real objects in motion at some distance from the camera.

Enjoy,

Barry Taylor

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BBC - Bush & Kerry Battle Over Science

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 09:54:19 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:47:08 -0400
Subject: BBC - Bush & Kerry Battle Over Science

Bush and Kerry battle over science
The US presidential candidates address major scientific questions put to them by the journal Nature.

Full story:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/-/1/hi/sci/tech/3660276.stm>

15 Sept 04 BBC
Analysis
By Paul Reynolds
BBC News Online world affairs correspondent

The leading international science journal Nature has focussed the US presidential election campaign on science by asking both President George Bush and Senator John Kerry for their views on the major issues.

Both candidates were given 15 questions and asked to confine their answers to a total of 1,500 words. Mr Bush had to be edited as he overran; Mr Kerry kept within the limit.

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The major questions:

Stem-cell research
Climate change
New nuclear weapons
Missile defence
Manned space exploration
GM crops
US lifestyles

<snip>

MISSILE DEFENCE

This is a priority for President Bush who says that "Our policy is to develop and deploy, at the earliest possible date, ballistic missile defences drawing on the best technologies available."

Mr Kerry favours research but "I am not for rapid deployment of missile defence. We should not waste money on deployment at this stage." He therefore does not rule it out but is cautious about its effectiveness.

MANNED SPACE EXPLORATION

Mr Bush appears to have back-pedalled from his "man on Mars" ambition but he still wants man to go back to the Moon. "America will return to the Moon as early as 2015 and no later than 2020 and use it as a foundation for human missions beyond the Moon." He does not mention Mars.

Mr Kerry is sceptical. "There is little to be gained from a space initiative that throws out lofty goals, but fails to

support these goals with realistic funding." However, he and John Edwards, he says, will increase funding for a continuation of space exploration.

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 07:53:24 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Allan

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>We have seen here that Brad Sparks - a researcher that Jerry
>thinks highly of for his analysis of the RB-47 Radar-Visual case
>- does not rate Chiles-Whitted very highly, nor, after two
>changes of mind, did Allen Hynek. I don't think either of these
>gentlemen were claiming that the two pilots were lying, but they
>do cast serious doubt on their interpretation of what was
>undoubtedly a "genuine real-world event".

>I know that Jerry thinks highly of James McDonald's views on
>this case, but on reading his submission to the 1968 US House
>Committee Symposium on UFOs, I was amazed to find that he
>interviewed the two pilots in 1968, *twenty years* after the
>event. In these circumstances I cannot regard this interview as
>having anything other than anecdotal value.

A brief submission:

A good account and discussion of the Chiles-Whitted case is in
the Condon Report p.567-582, in Process of Perception,
Conception & Reporting, by William K. Hartmann. Worth reading.

Don't forget that the one passenger witness did not describe the
UFO in the same detail as did the pilots.

Hartmann fully convinced me that the C-W case was not a
spaceship, but I agree that ETHERs will never accept the answer
given, especially if they regard the whole Condon Report as a
whitewash.

However, in the Battelle Study (Blue Book report 14) it is
listed as one of the 12 "good unknowns". But Battelle did no
investigation whatever.

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Fireball Crashes Behind Argentine Glacier

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 09:26:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 14:12:48 -0400
Subject: Fireball Crashes Behind Argentine Glacier

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 16, 2004

Source: El Sureno

[http://www.surenio.com.ar/index.php?s=ARligwdw\\$\\$diarios/veo\\$WWW514sykpc3vct](http://www.surenio.com.ar/index.php?s=ARligwdw$$diarios/veo$WWW514sykpc3vct)

Date: September 15, 2004

Witnesses Claim Seeing Fireball Crash Behind The Martial Glacier

In Ushuaia

This occurred last night and could be seen from various parts of the city. A witness who was able to see the phenomenon is a scientist with CONICET. The possibility of a flare was dismissed due to its size. Numerous phone calls were made to Civil Defense.

USHUAIA - Several residents of the city of Ushuaia saw a fireball fall from the sky last night after 20:00 hrs., resulting in an incessant number of phone calls to emergency services centers.

One of these witnesses happened to be Dr. Rogelio Acevedo, a geologist who is a scientific researchers with CONICET, whom at the time was taking his son to School No. 13 and saw the "bolide" at the level of the Martial Glacier but behind it.

The scientist said that it was a mass of white, green and yellow hues, although this is the least important aspect. Regarding the possibility that it could be a flare, he dismissed it on account of its size.

But this man, an expert in the field, was not the only witness to the space phenomenon. Although many people contacted the Municipal Civil Defense to ask questions, they said the colors were of different shades. Again, not a significant consideration.

A resident of the outskirts of Ushuaia maintained that he can determine the area where this object fell, since he has cattle in the area. The man claimed having heard an explosion after seeing this object fall. The possibility that it could have been a meteorite has not been dismissed.

The possibility of a rescue group visiting the site to ascertain the nature of the object was being discussed last night.

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Secrecy News -- 09/17/04

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Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 09:47:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 14:21:50 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/17/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2004, Issue No. 82
September 17, 2004

** CIA REJECTS DISCLOSURE OF HISTORICAL BUDGET DATA
** SECRECY IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION
** HOMEFRONT CONFIDENTIAL
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CIA REJECTS DISCLOSURE OF HISTORICAL BUDGET DATA

Acting Director of Central Intelligence John E. McLaughlin told a federal court this week that releasing the amounts of historical CIA budgets from 1947 through 1970 would compromise intelligence methods.

Mr. McLaughlin's statement was presented in opposition to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Federation of American Scientists.

"I have carefully considered the ramifications of releasing the total CIA budgets for fiscal years 1947-70 and a few budget numbers from other agencies for fiscal year 1947," he said in a sworn declaration.

"I have concluded that publicly disclosing the intelligence budget information that plaintiff seeks would tend to reveal intelligence methods that, in the interest of maintaining an effective intelligence service, ought not be publicly revealed," he wrote.

Acting DCI McLaughlin's insistence on preserving the secrecy of even half-century old budget figures contrasts with the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission that current and future intelligence agency budgets "should no longer be kept secret."

DCI McLaughlin's September 14 declaration is posted here (1.25 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/mclaughlin.pdf>

In accordance with Attorney General Ashcroft's FOIA policy, the CIA's position on budget secrecy is being vigorously defended by the Department of Justice Office of Information and Privacy. See the defendant's motion for summary judgment here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/cia091504.pdf>

A reply from FAS is due on September 29.

"We must do something about the problem of overclassification," said Secretary of State Colin Powell at a hearing of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on September 13. "Today, the

intelligence community routinely classifies information at higher levels and makes access more difficult than was the case even at the height of the Cold War."

SECRECY IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

The Bush Administration "has repeatedly rewritten laws and changed practices to reduce public and congressional scrutiny of its activities," said Rep. Henry Waxman, announcing the release of a major new congressional report on Bush Administration secrecy policy.

"The cumulative effect is an unprecedented assault on the laws that make our government open and accountable," he said.

The new report, issued by the House Government Reform Committee minority, provides an exhaustive critique of executive branch secrecy, from various well-known issues such as the secrecy surrounding the Vice President's Energy Task Force to numerous less-known measures to block congressional access to agency records.

The full text of the September 14 investigative report on "Secrecy in the Bush Administration" is posted here:

http://democrats.reform.house.gov/features/secrecy_report/index.asp

HOMEFRONT CONFIDENTIAL

Some of the same barriers blocking public access to government information are described from another point of view in a newly revised study from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

"We live in a nation built on the concept of balance," writes RCFP director Lucy A. Dalglish. "When the government, perhaps with the best of intentions, goes too far in its efforts to shield information from the public, it is up to the public and the media to push back. Through a vibrant, information-based election process and through an independent judiciary, we as a society will come to a balance that hopefully will protect our liberties for generations to come."

See "Homefront Confidential: How the War on Terrorism Affects Access to Information and the Public's Right to Know," fifth edition, September 2004:

<http://www.rcfp.org/homefrontconfidential/>

DOD: A FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC THINKING

A Pentagon briefing for Defense Secretary Rumsfeld last month laid out the conceptual underpinning for a far-reaching transformation of the U.S. military intended to make it responsive to a broader range of challenges, the Washington Post reported two weeks ago.

The briefing document that was presented to Secretary Rumsfeld has been circulating on the internet (the Washington Post commendably posted a copy). But the document was "locked" by the author in such a way as to prevent copying and printing.

Now an "unlocked" version is available, thanks to a Secrecy News correspondent.

"I had to hack the password for the PDF," wrote M. "Now you can print [it]."

See the printable version of "A Conceptual Framework for Strategic Thinking," For Official Use Only, 19 August 2004, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/framework.pdf>

See also "Shift From Traditional War Seen at Pentagon" by Thomas E. Ricks, Washington Post, September 3, 2004:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A57491->

2004Sep2.html

RED LESSONS LEARNED (DSB)

The Defense Science Board has been asked to undertake a study of how U.S. adversaries gather information about U.S. military capabilities, how they exploit such information, and what can be done about it.

"Each U.S. Military engagement provides ample opportunity for an adversary to observe U.S. capabilities and respond to them," according to the Terms of Reference for the new study. "The opportunity is enhanced, today, by the documentation provided by embedded and otherwise intrusive news media."

A DSB task force will "identify the channels through which adversaries learn about U.S. capabilities," and will address the question: "Are there any methods that can be used to disrupt, manipulate or control these channels?"

The new project was first reported by Dan Dupont in Inside the Pentagon, September 16, 2004.

A copy of the DSB Terms of Reference on "Red Lessons Learned," August 30, 2004, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/dsb/red-tor.pdf>

DEFENDING AGAINST CLANDESTINE NUCLEAR ATTACK (DSB)

A recently completed Defense Science Board study calls for a new defense initiative to confront the threat of clandestine nuclear attack.

"The [DSB] Task Force addresses the threat of nuclear or radiological attack, by anyone for any purpose in any scenario, against the United States or U.S. military operations, delivered by any means other than missiles or aircraft. In effect, this means hidden/smuggled nuclear weapons, devices, or materials," according to the cover memo from DSB Chairman William Schneider Jr.

"The Task Force finds that this threat is serious enough, and that there are sufficient indications that effective means of preventing successful attack might be developed over the long term, to warrant starting a DoD effort to develop comprehensive capabilities in DoD's areas of responsibility."

Defense against such attacks "should warrant national and DoD attention that is as serious as that devoted to missile defense," the DSB said.

A copy of the Report of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Preventing and Defending Against Clandestine Nuclear Attack, dated June 2004, is now available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/dsb/attack.pdf>

NONSTRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS (CRS)

The issues raised by the continued deployment of thousands of nonstrategic nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia are the subject of a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

It is CRS policy to deny direct public access to such reports. But a copy of "Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons," September 9, 2004, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RL32572.pdf>

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Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>Subject: New Orb Images

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>not lens reflections, but real objects in motion at some
>distance from the camera.

Barry,

With All Due Levity

If these folks want to save a lot of film by getting an "orb" in every shot, just tell them to shuffle around on the carpet for a few seconds before taking photos. This seems to "awaken" the "staubengeists" and gets them into a photogenic mood.

Also, using really old film and a camera with a loose door and a dirty lens will heavily increase your success rate. A drooping plastic strap likewise draws out some very odd characters from time to time. A smoker in the room is a definite plus. Also you should always shoot with a flash. Staubengeists seem to like these things.

More Sincerely

What I would really like to see is a pair of photos taken at the same time and place, both showing the same orb. Or a photo taken with high-speed film and without a flash. Staubengeists seem to prefer flash cameras, or at least a bright light at the photographer's back. You might even say they depend on it.

Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what most would call a bad photo...marred by dust, smoke, etc. They are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible under non-ideal conditions.

Is any serious student of UFO-related anomalies actually studying the subject of orbs? From any kind of scientific perspective? The "enhancement" images on the site do not qualify, IMHO. Like the previously noted "Hungarian UFO", enhancing distortion or noise simply makes the noise louder. Not at all revelatory, but wholly obfuscatory.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:10:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Rudiak

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul, "- UFO UpDates
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:42:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs they are
>>oil well gas flames!

>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

>>My own video recording showing I was right.

>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/CANTARELL_SEP_2004/index.html

>The FLIR video of March 5th has been shown to a rather wide
>audience by now. E.g., Maussan showed it at the Bay Area UFO
>Expo. For these viewers as well as the airplane's crew, it is
>indisputable that the objects could not have been well-gas
>flames.

>During one section of the video, the most notable objects were
>in a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the
>port
>side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud
>top, then pass behind * an even closer cloud-top fragment,
>then emerge.

>Thus, it seems silly to press the case for a well-gas-flame
>explanation, in which flames show up in the visible, not just
>the infrared, to anyone who has viewed the March 5th video.

Jim and List,

This whole question of how gas-flames from 80 miles distance
could show up so strongly on the FLIR equipment while remaining
invisible to the naked eye sure has me puzzled

Infrared is much more strongly absorbed by the atmosphere than
visible light.

While probably 99% of the radiation emitted by a gas flame would
be in the infrared (just like a candle flame), this would be
compensated for by strong infrared absorption, particularly by
water vapor.

This was a very humid environment, looking out over jungle and
ocean in the direction of the oil wells.

I would be very surprised if any infrared from the oil well
flames made it through all that atmosphere, not to mention
clouds, which should be extremely strong absorbers of infrared.

Yet not only do the lights show up strongly on the FLIR viewer,

they appear undiminished in brightness in front of intervening clouds.

Amazing!

On the other hand, the plots showing the lights generally to be in the same direction as the oil wells does give me pause. There are still a whole bunch of loose ends to this case.

David Rudiak

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:47:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:13:28 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Rudiak

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:16 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:10:28 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 17:05:45 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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>I am interested in the search of the truth, whatever it turns
>out to be, and I am sure I'm not alone. Have you passed your
>findings to people like David Rudiak, Bob Durant, Mark
>Rodeghier, Bruce Maccabee, Wendy Connors?

>I don't believe that all the researchers would refuse to listen,
>if you have found something very important on Roswell.

>Well, I suppose this is going to be another "Roswell mystery". I
>am sorry that you don't want to say more.

>BTW, last year, I showed that just by carefully reading the
>USAF Roswell Report, it is pretty obvious that Mogul 4 never
>took off. I don't recall much interest about this on the List,
>with the exception of David Rudiak. I don't think you said
>one word about it.

>The lack of response may be frustrating, and I understand
>your irritation.

It's not that I don't want to hear what Brad has to say. It's
that he won't tell me anything, even though I've asked in
private email. All he tells me is that I'm blinded to the truth
by pro-ET bias, I and others have it all wrong, drops an
occasional hint as to what he has, but never spells it out.

I find this enormously frustrating. It's like the guy at the
poker table saying he's got everybody beat with a royal flush,
but refuses to show his hand. Nobody is going to pay up until
they see what he's got. This has nothing to do with biases or
agendas.

I'm sure Brad could write a 2 or 3 paragraph synopsis of what
his theory is and what evidence he has to back it. Then there
would be something concrete to discuss. I have no problems if
he doesn't want to carry on a public discussion of it. I just
want to know what he has.

At the top of my list of things any Roswell theory should
properly explain is the Brazel debris field and the many
eyewitness accounts, both military and civilian, of highly
anomalous debris. I've always thought this was central to the

ET theory of Roswell. How could a non-ET event generate such debris? After Brad and I shredded Charles Moore's fraudulent Mogul #4 trajectory calculation, I doubt if Brad thinks the debris field was created by a Mogul balloon. So what created it?

For a compendium of eyewitness accounts about the debris:

www.roswellproof.com/debris_main.html

For modern materials that begin to mimic the witness debris descriptions:

www.roswellproof.com/debris9_nanotech.html

David Rudiak

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Re: New Orb Images - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:04:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:27:21 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>Subject: New Orb Images

>Some people more then others seem to have the ability to
>photograph Orbs in a variety of locations and situations. One
>gentleman and his female friend in the UK are two people that
>have found that they are able to photograph some unusual
>phenomena inside and outside their homes. This page is dedicated
>to just some of the unusual photos they have taken over the last
>two years.

><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/spirit13.htm>

Putting on my skepti-bunker hat for a moment. All they look like
to me is dust or water particles blurred out of focus.

I would be a lot more convinced if these people could get a 3-D
camera or two identical and synchronized cameras and get a
stereo pair showing these "orbs". Then we might be able to get a
decent approximation of distance so we could tell if it's dust
out of focus or some larger structured phenomenon.

Thanks .

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:09:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:30:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2004 10:14:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>I know that Jerry thinks highly of James McDonald's views on
>>this case, but on reading his submission to the 1968 US House
>>Committee Symposium on UFOs, I was amazed to find that he
>>interviewed the two pilots in 1968, *twenty years* after the
>>event. In these circumstances I cannot regard this interview as
>>having anything other than anecdotal value.

>A brief submission:

>A good account and discussion of the Chiles-Whitted case is in
>the Condon Report p.567-582, in Process of Perception,
>Conception & Reporting, by William K. Hartmann. Worth reading.

>Don't forget that the one passenger witness did not describe the
>UFO in the same detail as did the pilots.

Uh huh. Know why? Because his sighting was briefer and he was
barely awake; therefore, as any sensible person would conclude,
that testimony is of marginal value.

Oh, excuse me, I forgot: it is highly valuable and, moreover,
precisely accurate because it does not "describe the UFO in the
same detail as did the pilots" and therefore can be incorporated
into meteor theory. See, folks, in the pelicanist world the
testimony of two alert, experienced airline pilots can be
discarded in favor of that of a drowsy lay passenger if it
serves the purpose.

We all know what pelicanists would make of the testimony of a
half-awake individual who claimed an exotic sighting. In fact,
no sensible ufologist (excuse me, "ETHer") would make much of
it, either.

As pelicanists won't tell you, there was a fully conscious,
knowledgeable observer who, an hour before, witnessed what may
well have been the same object. It didn't look like a meteor. As
I write in my book, "On August 10 [1948] the officer in charge
of the Sixth District Office of Special Investigations ...
interviewed Walter Massey, a ground-maintenance crewman
stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Massey related
that two hours prior to the Chiles-Whitted sighting [which
occurred just southwest of Montgomery, Alabama, at 5000 feet] he
was 'standing fire guard on a C-47' ... and facing north when he

spotted something coming from that direction. At first it looked like a 'stream of fire,' but when it passed directly overhead on a straight, level course, he could make out the details. It appeared to be a cylindrical-shaped object with a long stream of fire coming out of the tail end. I am sure it [was] not a jet since I have observed P-84s in flight at night on two occasions.' He thought it was the size of a B-29 or 'a little larger in circumference It was too large for a jet. It seemed to be a dark color and constructed of an unknown metallic type [of] material.'

"He estimated that it was at 3000 feet but acknowledged that was a guess. Asked if he saw windows, he pointed out, 'It would be hard to tell if there were windows and a divided deck could not be recognized from the ground.' The object reminded him of a German V-2 rocket that he and a fellow soldier had observed in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge, except that the one over Georgia was bigger and faster."

In the context of CW, Sign investigator Capt. Robert R. Sneider took note of four separate incidents, "one having occurred on 24 July 1948 and the others on 26 July 1948. A preponderance of the evidence is available to establish that in almost all cases an unidentified object was seen within stated times and dates over an extended area, pursuing a general Southerly course. Descriptions as to size, shape, color and movements are fairly consistent."

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>spaceship, but I agree that ETHers will never accept the answer
>given, especially if they regard the whole Condon Report as a
>whitewash.

Now, there's a shocker. Seriously, folks, it doesn't take much for the likes of Christopher Allan to be "fully convinced" of what they already are predisposed to believe, and it helps to have zero tolerance for ambiguity, too. For the rest of us:

The problems with the Condon report are not in the text, which is virtually a brief for UFOs as puzzling anomalies, but in the notoriously misleading, dismissive introduction. What Christopher has written above is simplistic and just plain wrong. If he wants to prove that the striking pro-UFO evidence in the text is consistent with the negative introduction (which the UFOphobic Ed Condon wrote to serve himself), he has his work cut out for him. In any event:

In my book Strange Skies (Citadel, 2003) I discuss sightings of UFOs - in daylight and under excellent viewing conditions -- identical or markedly similar to the one Chiles and Whitted observed (see pp. 81-87). Pelicanists, of course, pretend that those don't exist, only the meteor sightings that Condon investigator (and UFO-hostile astronomer) William K. Hartmann discusses, neglecting to point out that in this case (February 9, 1913) the spectacular meteors were observed from Saskatchewan to the New Jersey coast. On the other hand, the CW "meteor" -- though a spectacular one - was weirdly confined to three observers over a small area of air space over Alabama.

Though he lazily declares it, Hartmann doesn't provide any documentation that the extraordinary observation he cites is indeed meteoric. All we know is that of the many thousands of witnesses, one - let me repeat, one - claimed to have seen what "resembled a large aeroplane or dirigible, with two tiers of lights strung along the sides." If one were so inclined, one could argue - and not have to worry that anybody can conclusively prove otherwise - that this is exactly what the witness saw. After all, other witnesses have seen the same when no meteor shower, or meteor at all, was in evidence. Perhaps the witness did see a UFO, while the meteor shower that happened to be going on around him at the same time was simply coincidental. There's no reason to believe that UFOs can't appear in the midst of meteor showers; after all, as decades of sighting reports attest, they can show up pretty much whenever and wherever they want to.

Obviously, I am not arguing this is necessarily the case, though not because I know it can't be true. All I am certain of is that we just don't know. All we can say is that Hartmann takes a convenient quote out of any discernible context and runs with

it, "fully convincing" the likes of Christopher, whose skeptical facilities evaporate whenever he comes upon something that makes him feel warm and fuzzy.

Not content with this simple and uncertainly relevant anecdote, Hartmann goes on, in the familiar pelicanist manner, to relate his own after-dinner story, in this instance about his own sighting of something he allegedly saw from an airliner but couldn't immediately identify, until later he realized it was another airliner.

As we all know, pelicanists hate anecdotes, except, of course, the anecdotes that serve them obediently. Hartmann uses his little yarn to advance the underwhelmingly original observation that witnesses are sometimes mistaken; therefore, the CW case closed. Kids, in case you've been wondering, that's the scientific investigation of unidentified flying objects.

>However, in the Battelle Study (Blue Book report 14) it is >listed as one of the 12 "good unknowns". But Battelle did no >investigation whatever.

Your point being? Battelle was tasked, as it always is whatever the subject, to conduct analyses, not investigations. I could point out that Christopher Allan has done "no investigation whatever" of the CW sighting. Neither, by the way, did his friend Hartmann, who cites as his sources NICAP and Menzel and Boyd's debunking book (see Condon Report, Bantam edition, p. 581), not C&W themselves. In common with all other meteor believers, Hartmann couldn't be bothered to interview Chiles and Whitted, both still alive in the 1960s when Condon's committee was active. As I have already remarked, those who actually talked with the two pilots agreed that they must have seen something fantastic; it's only those who didn't who cling to the meteor speculation.

In point of fact, as I write in my book, "it is impossible to prove that Chiles and Whitted did not see a meteor." It's also impossible to prove that

- (a) they did not make up the story out of whole cloth;
- (b) they did not fall asleep and dream it;
- (c) they did not see a stationary astronomical body and hallucinate movement and structure;
- (d) they did not observe an advanced, still-secret experimental aircraft of earthly - presumably American, possibly Soviet, maybe even Atlantean - origin and perhaps embellish or imagine some details; or
- (d) they were not drunk or under the influence of drugs at the time.

It follows, of course, that all witnesses who before, then, and since have reported comparable UFOs are suffering from one or more of the above- stated afflictions.

In retrospect, the CW sighting's evidential value has diminished because other, better cases have replaced it. You can't conclusively disprove the meteor theory or any of the other ones cited above (or for that matter any other one you want to make up), any more than you can prove them. All we can do is make our judgments on whatever testimonial evidence is available to us, and beyond that on what Michael Swords has called our "vision of the possible." We can also compare it to other sightings of similar objects seen in contexts where meteors need not apply. Christopher is only pointing out the obvious (though apparently under the impression he is offering some sort of devastating insight) when he notes that even by the early 1950s other, better, more interesting unknowns were there to puzzle investigators and analysts.

This whole discussion began when one of the Johns (I no longer recall which) declared as if it were an established fact that the CW sighting had been conclusively explained as a meteor. As I have shown, that is far from the case. It is no more than a hypothesis which at this late date is essentially unfalsifiable -- which is no mere happenstance; it's exactly how pelicanists like it. As Brad Sparks has cogently remarked, we shouldn't even

be discussing this case. Nothing (if ever it could) can be established with anything close to certainty. The sanest course surely is to acknowledge as much - God, it seems obvious enough -- and move on.

In the meantime, CW's sighting recedes ever deeper into history, eclipsed by many other reports which more compellingly make the case for anomalous UFOs. The case for UFOs neither stands nor falls on the CW incident, whose interest to 21st-Century ufology is more historical than evidential. At least, however, we can do it the courtesy, when the subject comes up, of thinking clearly about it and not pretending to certainties that probably will forever elude us.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 14:46:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:33:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

>A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.
>Brisbane, Australia. www.uforg.asn.au

<snip>

>August 2004

>In August Paul Bolton gave a talk on the nature of Time. He
>presented the Toroid of Time spoken of by Einstein, Tesla, Von
>Neumann and others. These scientists based their mathematics on
>the toroid, a donut-shaped, fixed loop spiral which shows that
>time, as we know and live it, actually has a starting point and
>an ending point.

<snip>

A toroidal time model does not show that time has a starting point and an end point. The model suggests that time has no starting or ending point... in other words, it is not linear. This lack of linearity is what prompted Einstein to make the statement you later quote.

>They used this fact and the associated maths to alter the time
>reference in a specific area, by manipulating the electrostatic,
>magnetic and gravitic fields around a battleship, (among others
>things), to make it optically and radar invisible in the
>Philadelphia Experiment 12/08/1943.
>This experiment created a tear in the fabric of time. The
>problems that this experiment created necessitated a recovery
>mission, in time, which was initiated as part of the Montalk
>Project on the 12/08/1983 by Von Neumann, who by the way
>invented the computer.

<snip>

Not to in any way minimize von Neumann's contributions to mathematics and computer science, but he did not invent the computer. He proposed the use of stored programs in computers, and proposed a design concept for such a machine. He did not invent the computer.

Computers were in existence since at least the time of Babbage's "mathematics engine", and even von Neumann himself worked with early computers. This would not have been possible if he had yet to invent them. Well, not unless he went through a time-dilating toroidal temporal singularity, invented the computer, and then returned to his present to work on them. This I doubt. At least he never published any claim that such was the case.

Also, the project noted in this post was the Montauk Project, not Montalk...perhaps a simple repeated typo.

Sounds like an interesting conference, at any rate. The

Philadelphia Experiment ranks high on my list of strange stories for one reason... a lone weirdo was able to single-handedly create a controversial story which was purchased in its entirety by many in the UFO community.

While research on mine invisibility and radar cloaking were of much interest to the military...and still are...this does not lend any credence at all to Allen's ravings. The Philadelphia Experiment as a topic for Lists such as this was invented from whole cloth by an eccentric, and the fact that it is still discussed as some sort of anomalous time-shift with horrible consequences is utterly indicative of the propensity of some to embrace wild theories simply because they are wild.

Of course this is all my opinion...I could be wrong.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:20:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 10:42:23 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Kaeser

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell
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Actually, a number of UFO researchers like to use the validity
of the Condon Report as a test to see if someone is really
paying attention or whether they simply want a crutch to hang
their beliefs on. But we would probably disagree on how it's
being applied.

However, I would suggest that it would be better to back and
read the actual Condon Report, as opposed to one person's
interpretation, unless you want a limited perspective. It's
pretty clear that the conclusion of the Condon Report was not
fully supported by the documentation (as limited and targetted
as it could be) within the actual full Report. Others far more
knowledgeable than I have written about the flaws of the Condon
Report, and I'll refer to articles if there's interest. One of
the primary flaws seems to have been the fact that the Report's
conclusions were solidified by Condon before the actual evidence
was gathered and presented. He was then able to frame the type
of evidence that he would allow, so that his conclusions could
be supported. This is the same problem that I find with many of
the devoted believers on both sides of this debate.

This thread seems to be more of a philosophy of science
discussion, rather than a discussion of the evidence, but if
everyone's having fun... what the heck.

Steve

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Re: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

From: **Brian Vike** - HBCC UFO <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 12:27:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 10:53:27 -0400
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Newsletter Release: September 17 , 2004

Chicoutimi, Quebec White Object

Date: December 24, 1978 or 1979
Time: Late evening ?

In the mid 70's in Chicoutimi, Qc, Canada. It was Dec 24 (not sure of the year), a white object that filled about half the sky flew by in about 1 second (real fast). A few seconds later, someone in the street mentioned that it was a comet. This object was obviously very close and very large. I don't know if it was a UFO but wanted to share it with you.

Additional Information:

It was about 10 miles from the Canadian Air Force Base of Bagotville (Fighter Squadron). Don't know what shape it was as it filled most of the sky and went by real fast. It was white and directly above. It had to be very large. There was light snow and it was late night. 1978 or 1979.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Fort Collins Colorado Round Ball Of Light.

Date: May 14, 2004
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Round ball of light.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was looking at clouds and enjoying the day when I saw a small light in the sky. It was motionless as clouds were passing by. I watched for about 5 minutes to see if it was going to move. It did not so I hurried inside to get my camera. I got back outside and filmed the object (digital video camera) for about 2 minutes but I'm not very steady. I went inside very quickly to get tripod but when I got outside the object was gone! Nothing. That's why I know it was a UFO. Sun was in the western sky and had about 2 hours before sunset. I'm an avid skywatcher so I take confidence in knowing what's in the sky. This was not a star, plane, bird or whatever else.

Anyways, best wishes and I could send a video if you wish.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Phoenix, Arizona Silver Disc

Hey Brian! How are you?

I recorded this object on July 31st, 2004 during the day and I found it to be very interesting. I must have forgot to send it to you for some reason but here it is.

I remember on this day it was partly cloudy, 109 degrees, and no winds. I was in downtown Phoenix on the roof of my parking garage recording another object when this metallic looking disc-like object came from the West heading Southeast very quickly.

At first I thought it was a bird because it was tumbling along but once I saw light reflect off of it I knew it was something other than a plane or bird. It was only a few thousand feet high and probably going 200-300mph. It was about 20-30 ft in diameter and is definitely saucer shaped.

I taped it for a minute and a half before I lost sight of it. At the time I had no idea what it was but upon further reviews of the tape in slow motion and pausing it frame by frame I saw that I captured something unique. The object was the classic disc shape.

I didn't send the tape to anyone to analyze yet so if you want to send it to someone for further analysis I would love to hear what they think.

Thank you.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report. Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip Silver Disc Phoenix, Arizona 2.80mbs

To view video clip:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1858>

Scarborough, Ontario Daytime White Light

Date: September 8, 2004
Time: 12:00 p.m.

On September 8, 2004, just after 12:00 p.m. in Scarborough, Ontario. Looking west you can still see the moon. When you look at 7 to 8 o'clock down away from the moon you see a dot of light. Observed with binoculars you see a small pea shape of white light. The distance I would guess would be as high as even orbit. Another possible sighting and as always I grabbed 4 witnesses that also confirmed they could see it with the naked eye also and asked, what is it? The condition of the sky was rich blue (no overcast). I personally watched the object on and off for 2 hrs. In observation, it moved with the moon in the same range of distance apart. With the various sightings one sees, the first thing that comes to mind is it natural? In other words, could this have been Mars or any other planets seen with the naked eye in the middle of the day?

I would very much appreciate any feedback on this by you or any astronomer. Reason being is also I've seen this type of sighting in eastern Ontario in Mid July, 2004 at 1:15 -3:00 p.m. but at a more westerly direction along in Aug.2004 from Oshawa at approx.12-1:00 p.m. in looking westerly at 12:00 o'clock above. Different dates, different westerly sky positions, observed in different locations of observation and in all these type of sightings one dot a white light. Again I wonder, is this in fact just a planet or something else? Take Care.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Kelowna, B.C. Lights

Date: September 12, 2004
Time: 10:15 p.m.

I=92m from Kelowna, B.C. and here is my story. On Sunday night (Sep 12, 2004) at about 10:15 p.m. my parents went to go for a

walk and when they went outside my dad noticed an odd light in the western sky, he called me out to see it and we stood there for about 20 minutes watching it. It hovered up and down a little bit and was flashing red and blue. It honestly looked like a police car way off in the distance except way up in the sky. After watching it for a bit a second light exactly the same started moving north from it. It looked like it came out of the first light. When it was moving it disappeared for a few seconds then reappeared as if it was going behind clouds, but there were no clouds in the sky because there were stars all around. Then suddenly after about 7 seconds it just disappeared all together. When my dad came back from his walk at about 11:00 p.m. he said that the light was gone.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

San Jose, California Small Orange/Red Light In The Sky

Date: September 15, 2004
Time: 12:45 a.m.

Location of Sighting: San Jose/Los Gatos Border from foothills towards south San Jose.
Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Round bright orange/red.

Hello,

About 30 minutes ago I was letting the cat out and decided to go out front of the house for some fresh air. I was standing in the front yard scanning the sky as just a moment earlier I saw a shooting star. As I was looking up towards the foothills I saw a small orange/red light in the sky coming in my direction. At first I thought it might be the police helicopter as I see it quite often this time of night. As it got closer I noticed that it wasn't a helicopter at all. I thought it might be a plane. But as it approached there was no sound and no blinking lights what so ever. I kept an eye on it as it moved very smoothly and from where I was standing it disappeared behind some trees briefly and as it emerged from behind the trees I noticed that it slowed down some...almost to a standstill and then what looked like some jerking motion. And then it suddenly disappeared.

I continued to scan the sky for a good ten minutes in the general area that it disappeared into and saw absolutely NOTHING thereafter.

Note: The sky was and still is completely clear of clouds or any mist/fog.=

Thanks.
Thank you to the witness for the report.

Kaufman County Texas Triangle, Boomerang Shaped Craft Pictures

Date: September 15, 2004
Time: 3:16 p.m.

Hi Brian

I was out taking a few pictures of the sky and clouds when I noticed this thing going northwest. It was probably going about 3 or 4 hundred miles an hour, not too fast, but I didn't have my camcorder with me. Just got this one picture with my Kodak camera. I thought it was a black triangle at first but it looks like it's got a straight backside and rounded on the front sides kind of like a half moon, what you think? Anyways I'm sending you a copy of the main picture and some enlargements, (you might want to make your own) if you decide to post this. It was partly cloudy today with a slight breeze, maybe 10mph. I saw one jet afterwards with a contrail heading southeast. The picture was taken at 3:16 p.m. today 09-15-04. Need more info, let me know...Later my friend.

Thank you to the witness for the report and pictures.

To view pictures:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1863>

Charlotte, North Carolina Rectangle With Reflecting Panels

Date: September 15, 2004
Time: 5:05 p.m.

Location of Sighting: North Charlotte around UNCC campus.
Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Rectangle

Full Description of event/sighting: I was driving north on I-85 approaching the UNC Charlotte campus. Traffic was heavy during the 5 o'clock rush hour. I was going about 15 mph. Suddenly in the sky ahead of me about 1/2 mile away appeared a large gray rectangle. I estimate it's length as long as a football field. It was gray with panels that were somewhat reflective. It floated motionless and then drifted to the right. I lost sight of it behind the tree line as I drove along. I had time to remove my sunglasses so I watched it for approximately 10 seconds.

As I drove along toward the campus, there were several auto accidents. I can't explain what I saw.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian,

In response to your questions:

Weather conditions: predominately cloudy, some sun mixed, big puffy gray and white clouds

UFO location: Northeast Mecklenburg county, object was about 1/2 mile away from me, about 1,000 feet up

UFO movement: object hovered maintaining altitude, no up or down movement, then moved east very slowly. I lost sight of it as I drove along and it disappeared behind tree line. When I topped a hill which provides a great vista view, it was not there.

Area of sighting: University of North Carolina Charlotte area, approximately 15 miles northeast of downtown Charlotte

Aircraft in vicinity: None. Charlotte airport is about 15-18 miles southwest, Concord airport about 8-10 miles northeast

I contacted: UNCC campus police - they had no reports. Fox News (local news) - no reports. Mecklenburg county police - no reports.

UFO description: No visible lights. No fins or wings. Panels were dark gray and slightly reflective and appeared to be encased with metal. Resembled panels of skyscrapers. (If I had to compare this object to something, I would say it looked like a skyscraper floating horizontally.)

Brian, this is not the first time I have witnessed objects I can't explain. Since June 2003, I've seen 4 objects (including this one) which in my opinion are not man-made. If they are man-made, we sure as hell need to bring this technology to bear in the war in Iraq. I appreciate your interest and will continue to watch and report anything I see. Which leads me to my biggest question - why am I seeing these things? I'm a rational college educated woman and although I have often exclaimed that I would love to see a UFO, I am astounded that it's happening.

Sincerely,

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Alburque, New Mexico Round Very Bright Light

Date: September 16, 2004
Time: 6:45 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Northern New Mexico, Smiths parking lot.
Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Round, very bright light.

Full Description of event/sighting: It was dusk out as my boyfriend and I were heading out to the car, and he looked up in the sky and noticed a very bright white object in the sky line. It did not move, but continued to shine bright in the sky line. We do not live far from the store so we rushed home to look at it through the binoculars. We noticed it was changing color ever so lightly, into a slight pink color, then the next thing the object was totally gone. I was wondering if anyone else saw this?

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Phoenix, Arizona Weather Balloon Being Reported To The Media

Date: September 17, 2004
Time: 7:03 a.m.

Hey Brian How Are You?

I received a call from a friend at 6:30 a.m. today regarding something in the sky. He told me to look up to the North about 1 o'clock and I will see something special. I went outside with him still on the phone and couldn't believe my eyes. I saw this weird looking balloon-like object hovering right by my house. I started to get my camera and tripod but as I was doing this my friend told me to not get so excited, it is only a weather balloon. He then told me to turn to one of the local news channels because they were talking about it and showing it on T.V.. Many people are calling in reporting this balloon since 5:45 a.m. thinking it's a UFO.

I was disappointed to say the least but really curious because the object was barely moving. I am writing this story to you now an hour later and it may have moved an inch. The news channels are reporting that this object came from New Mexico from an air force base and it's a new type of weather balloon. The dimensions are 300ft.tall and floating around 120,000ft.!

Well I guess it's not the mother ship but I just don't understand how I can focus in on something so high and get all the detail on this balloon. I will be reporting back on this to you when more information is available, probably tomorrow.

Thank you to the witness for the report, footage and pictures of the weather balloon.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.
Video clip and pictures are =A92004RichG.

Video clip Weather Balloon Over Phoenix, Arizona 2.36mbs
Video clip can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1866>

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 20:43:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:08:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico Governor...]

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia -
>>or anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions",
>>where I have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be
>>allowed out unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed
>>any other examples of regular insult and abuse.

>Certainly John;

>>From Magonia 83, December 2003:

>Dr David Jacobs, one of the most notorious abduction
>researchers, sees the whole business as physical rather than
>psychological and believes that very little can be done about
>it. He writes:

>"The secrecy surrounding the abduction phenomenon shows that the
>aliens have instituted an elaborate effort to prevent their
>detection. Detection, therefore, may be where they are the most
>vulnerable. If so, then perhaps we still have the opportunity to
>intervene. Yet so far, all our attempts at intervention and
>prevention have been ineffective. Experiments to interfere in
>abductions by using video cameras and other electronic equipment
>have, by and large, failed to stop them, although they have
>sometimes decreased their recurrence." (3)

>The Pelican has asked similar questions before, but it seems he
>needs to keep on asking: Can a person who writes something like
>the above paragraph, and who is presumably not joking, be sane?
>The Pelican's answer must be No, otherwise the concept of
>insanity loses its meaning. The thing to be done, therefore, is
>to urge people like Jacobs, Hopkins and others to seek the
>appropriate treatments for their condition. They are unlikely to
>listen, of course, so their pernicious practices, such as
>conducting hypnotic regressions while asking leading questions
>about disgusting grey aliens, should be actively denounced and
>discouraged, and their writings should be given the critical
>scrutiny which will expose them as the irrational nonsense that
>they are.

Yes, and The Pelican stands by every word of the above. This is
not insult or abuse, but plain speaking. This practice of
tinkering with persons' minds by unqualified amateurs obsessed
with mad theories about grey aliens is deplorable behaviour and
responsible people should miss no opportunity to say so.

>You are the editor. You take responsibility for the following:
>John Harney gets infuriatingly supercilious about a recent
>addition to the UFO abduction literature:

No, I am responsible. This item appeared in Magonia Supplement, which I started in 1998 and have edited ever since.

>Budd Hopkins and Carol Rainey, Sight Unseen: Science, UFO
>Invisibility and Transgenic Beings, Atria Books, New York, 2003

>One of them concerns the abductee Katharina Wilson who told
>Hopkins about an occasion when she flew from Portland, Oregon to
>Chicago to speak at a UFO conference

>So it seems we can indulge in any sort of fantastic speculation
>apart from the obvious one that Wilson was suffering from one of
>her mental fugues which caused her to lose an hour by wandering
>around aimlessly. This story will cause more sensible readers to
>wonder, not about a "changeable human energy field" (whatever
>that might be), but whether Wilson is fit to be allowed out on
>her own.

Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather more constructive attitude than apparently taking her story as being a true account of objectively real events?

>Pelican 6

>As the Pelican prepared to express his deep concern for American
>ufology, and in particular for the mental health of its
>practitioners, a communication from Hilary Evans - who needs no
>introduction to our well-read readers - arrived at the
>luxuriously appointed Magonia editorial offices. This expressed
>remarkably similar sentiments. Great minds think alike! Who said
>the Pelican was a birdbrain?

>In particular, Hilary noted that American ufologists took each
>other's books seriously, even if they were as crazy as Jacobs's
>The Threat or Hopkins's Witnessed, instead of expressing concern
>about the mental states of their authors. (1) He concluded: "Are
>these people writing fun books for entertainment only? Or
>seriously, to work something out of their system? Or simply to
>make a quick buck? Sometimes I find myself hoping that it's the
>last of these alternatives."

>Meanwhile, in the UK, we have our EThers and other nutters.
>There are the entertainers, who write silly books and give
>sillier lectures, illustrated with fuzzy video clips. There are
>the mentally unbalanced and the purveyors of numerous cranky
>theories, each of which purports to explain nearly all UFO
>reports. Then there are a few who take a practical, pragmatic
>view of UFO stories and simply try to establish the facts of
>each case, wherever this is possible. They know who they can
>trust, and who they should avoid in helping with their
>investigations, or they quickly find out.

Yes, most ufologists are a bit soft in the head. Perhaps it's unkind to mention it but it's just one of the facts of life.

>The above took about 10 minutes to dig out. Given a little more
>time and inclination, I would have also included some of the
>countless examples of abuse towards those who hold different
>views from you. Now where have I heard that phrase before?

>So in conclusion John, you are an undoubted hypocrite of the
>worst kind.

But he didn't actually write any of this stuff, I did.

>An do me a further favour. Don't pat me on the head
>patronisingly, as you recently did with Alfred, whereby you
>goaded him for days about not being able to come up with
>references for something or other, only to then ignore his
>efforts when he did.

>While I have, in the past, reacted negatively to calls on this
>List for your resignation, I'm beginning to feel that the time
>might now be more appropriate for such a consideration. Your
>presence here is no longer meaningful. It is, by your own
>admission, a game, whereby you creep into the lions den,
>raffishly tug his tail, and then run away squealing in childish
>glee, back to your similarly childish friends. It's boring and
>you must realise that you aren't taken seriously here any
>longer.

Yes, perhaps all those who like to engage in critical examination of UFO reports and theories should un-subscribe from this List, leaving it to the believers to indulge in the kinds of discussions which would not upset Pollyanna or Anne of Green Gables.

John Harney

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 21:01:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:12:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Rimmer

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico Governor...]

>>>Thank you John for providing us with a crystal clear example
>>>of hypocrisy.

>>>All of the above coming from a man who regularly insults and
>>>abuses people in Magonia, who frequently refers to abductees
>>>as mad or suggests they shouldn't be allowed out
>>>unaccompanied, and so on and so on.

>>Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia -
>>or anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions",
>>where I have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be
>>allowed out unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed
>>any other examples of regular insult and abuse.

>Certainly John;

I suppose I could be very nitpicky and say that the quotations
you have found were not written by me, but by John Harney and
The Pelican - who contrary to some rumours, is not me with a
false beak - but you're right, these quotes did appear in a
magazine of which I am editor and so to that extent I am
answerable.

However, there is one important thing: apart from the comment
about the unfortunate lady in the washroom at Chicago airport -
OK, I put my hands up for that, you've got me bang to rights
and were spot on with the quote - all the Pelican's comments
were about UFO abduction_investigators_, not abductees. And
that is an important difference.

Nobody, I think, asks to be an abductee, but abduction
researchers go into the field fully aware that they are
involving themselves in an area of considerable public
controversy. And, by and large, most of them are able to look
after themselves in the arguments they get involved in.

I, Harney, and The Pelican, feel free to describe anyone as
barmy who writes barmy articles or puts barmy articles in their
books. This does not apply to genuine experiencers of the
abduction phenomenon, who are trying as honestly as possible to
describe their experience, and sometimes find that their
experiences have been subsequently distorted by researchers.

<snip>

I have cut The Pelican's words of wisdom, and advise you that
they are available for consultation in the UpDates archive.

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>time and inclination, I would have also included some of the
>countless examples of abuse towards those who hold different
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>patronisingly, as you recently did with Alfred, wherebye you
>goaded him for days about not being able to come up with
>references for something or other, only to then ignore his
>efforts when he did.

I don't think I did ignore his efforts. He came up with a quotation from an ill-informed sceptic who made some very silly comments about the Hill abduction. I quite agreed with Mr Lehmborg's view, and I am glad he gave me the opportunity to demonstrate that sceptics can disagree amongst themselves - something which I had previously been told does not happen.

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>glee, back to your similarly childish friends. It's boring and
>you must realise that you aren't taken seriously here any
>longer.

That, as Mr Lehmborg would say, is not for you to call.

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

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:10:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:18:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Chace

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico...]

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>The above took about 10 minutes to dig out. Given a little more
>time and inclination, I would have also included some of the
>countless examples of abuse towards those who hold different
>views from you.

The examples Stuart cited strike me as blatantly arrogant and presumptuous, so much so that their author should have known they would come across that way when he wrote them.

It makes me wonder about the people we politely call hardened skeptics or less politely "pelicanists." Also, it very much reminds me of a time when Budd Hopkins was on the "Jenny Jones" show (I think this was 1993).

They had a couple of abductees on with him (including a young musician named Rusty Hudson - who was great) and a token skeptic.

The skeptic was an astronomer. Since UFO occupants are widely believed to have evolved on the planets of other stars then it would make sense that an astronomer would be an expert on UFO abductions, right?

In any case, the astronomer suggested that perhaps what the abductees were remembering as UFO abductions were actually other kinds of traumatic experiences that years later come out in this form.

That was a popular skeptical explanation at the time, as I recall, before sleep paralysis and false memory syndrome became more fashionable.

In response to the astronomer's suggestion, Budd offered that there are cases where the missing time or UFO abduction experience can happen to several people at once in which case the individual traumatic explanation does not work.

The astronomer's rejoinder was that it was one thing to claim that there are cases where this has happened to several people at once, but quite another to go through a "systematic, scientific investigation" to see if in fact, that is what the evidence would show.

It struck me as if he was simply assuming that Budd Hopkins was incompetent or given to making spurious claims to support his position. It was an arrogant lack of deference or professional courtesy for Budd's role as an empirical investigator of these cases.

Budd, of course, politely pointed this out, stating, "There's

only one of us here who's doing the empirical work in this field" and going on to say he has worked very hard in trying to get scientists and so forth involved.

I remember going through my video library of TV talk shows and what not, around that time, to pull together the many examples where the various token skeptics had made such blatantly arrogant, ignorant, presumptuous remarks. I think I had plans to compile a tape with all those pieces spliced together. I don't think I ever finished that little project, however, as I didn't really have an audience for it.

I just wish to add that, the remarks of some of the "pelicanists" clearly leave me wondering if they care about what the UFO abductees have actually experienced or have any desire to find out the truth about it.

Researchers like Dr. Jacobs and Budd Hopkins, however, have always struck me as being motivated by conscience and genuine intellectual curiosity, even though I have not always agreed with their conclusions. Nevertheless they come across as having a far better understanding of precisely what the lives of abductees are like, and what phenomena such as "missing time" truly entail, than the pelicanists do.

I have to conclude that Hopkins and Jacobs are simply better listeners than are the pelicanists.

David W. Chace

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Re: New Orb Images - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:25:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:19:49 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - White

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>under non-ideal conditions.

Orbs are visible to some people. More than that, there have been
camcorder clips of moving orbs and mists.

Orbs show on video where adjacent photos show no such "defects".

Eleanor White

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Re: New Orb Images - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:39:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:21:36 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

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>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>under non-ideal conditions.

Well said. I looked at the site and laughed a lot.

Bob Shell

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:44:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Clark

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:09:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico Governor]

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>As pelicanists won't tell you, there was a fully conscious,
>knowledgeable observer who, an hour before, witnessed what may
>well have been the same object. It didn't look like a meteor. As
>I write in my book, "On August 10 [1948] the officer in charge
>of the Sixth District Office of Special Investigations ...
>interviewed Walter Massey, a ground-maintenance crewman
>stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Massey related
>that two hours prior to the Chiles-Whitted sighting [which

Careful readers will have caught the contradiction here. Did
Massey's sighting take place one hour or two hours before
Chiles-Whitted's? I'm afraid I have it both ways here.

When writing the above, I was consulting several sources - one
my book, the rest other accounts of the incident. Most of those,
I am chagrined to learn, say the Massey observation occurred an
hour before.

I may have been in error in my own published account.

Apologies for confusing anybody who caught the contradiction. If
any patient and gentle reader can shed light on the matter,
please let us know.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:55:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:27:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Smith

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs they are
>>oil well gas flames!

>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

>>My own video recording showing I was right.

>This whole question of how gas-flames from 80 miles distance
>could show up so strongly on the FLIR equipment while remaining
>invisible to the naked eye sure has me puzzled

This is an oft-repeated question which can be answered by the narrow field of view of the FLIR video camera being far superior to the wide field of view of the human eye. If they had had binoculars or a telescopic sight to view them (and a steady hand!) then they would have seen them without the FLIR.

The FLIR field of view during the famous segment is .8deg by .6deg and .4 deg by .3deg. Thats damn narrow!

Regarding absorption of IR, I have not done the analysis so can only speculate, since I have only correlated lights and patterns with Landsat images.

Since the aircraft was fairly high up and looking essentially down at a shallow angle, then likely the FLIR view angle missed most of the water vapor.

Satellites commonly view in the infrared and go off-scale for the oil-rig flares. Of course the water vapor in the atmosphere directly above the oil-rigs is likely less than that in the distance from aircraft and oil flares.

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Conferences Around Australia

From: **Diane Harrison** <aufor.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 08:11:23 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:07:22 -0400
Subject: Conferences Around Australia

Hi Folks,

Conferences, Conferences, Conferences
All round Australia

Brisbane Queensland
Date: 24th, 25th & 26th Sept
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<http://www.nexusmagazine.com/nexconf2004.1.html>

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Speaker: Lloyd Pye from USA
Date: 27th Sept
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lots of new and interesting information.

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Regards Diane Harrison

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 18:08:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:13:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

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>How very curious I thought, but even more fascinating to me was
>the response by the audience at our UFO meeting. Some saw
>Blaine's levitation as a trick and offered ideas as anti-gravity
>plates under his shoes, invisible cables around his waist,
>others offered that spiritually advanced people have been
>reported as developing special abilities and maybe Blaine was
>one of them, while others just sat on the fence to wait and see.
>Later I wondered to myself if this might be at all reflective of
>our response to ETs landing on Earth.

Sheryl,

An interesting aside on the Blaine "Street Magic" special... The producers mentioned several times during the broadcast that there were no camera tricks used for Blaine's illusions.

Nonetheless, in the street scenes there are two versions of the levitation illusion. One is a "demonstration" of the levitation where Blaine is lifted by wires. The producers later explained that those that were watching this particular "demonstration" were aware of the wires, so no "trick" was involved. The other instances of Blaine's levitation illusion involve a simple yet startling parlor trick that depends on a highly specific viewing angle and the ability to raise ones weight onto the ball of one foot with little apparent effort. Under the proper circumstances it is a truly amazing illusion.

Blaine's illusions are very popular because they appear to be so impromptu... not staged. This is Blaine's talent, whether through innate ability or extended practice or both. He dresses in jeans and a t-shirt. His nonchalant manner is deceptive of his extreme control over the perception of those watching. Devilishly clever! :)

The gullibility of an audience watching a magic show, the willful suspension of disbelief, is an apt area of study for those involved with investigating UFO cases. The reactions of magic show patrons reflect the variety of reactions found in the UFO literature. It is precisely this dynamic which you observed at the conference. The environment was such that those present felt at ease letting the imagination run with it. In a different but equally manipulative setting, perhaps the timbre of the discussion would have been more sober and concrete and less theoretical.

I use the term manipulative in a non-pejorative sense here... UFO conferences are in the ideal a good environment for encouraging the imagination. We start to stagnate a little when we stop letting our imagination take us away a little now and then. Hence the popularity of magic shows even among those that

do not believe in it.

I honestly wonder how many truly unusual objects are seen every day, and dismissed as nothing but a misperception... and go unreported.

Thanks for the post!

Kyle

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Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 09:21:09 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:15:59 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>>Subject: New Orb Images

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>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>most would call a bad photo...marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>under non- ideal conditions.

>Is any serious student of UFO-related anomalies actually
>studying the subject of orbs? From any kind of scientific
>perspective? The "enhancement" images on the site do not
>qualify, IMHO. Like the previously noted "Hungarian UFO",
>enhancing distortion or noise simply makes the noise louder.
>Not at all revelatory, but wholly obfuscatory.

Kyle,

If you would like to put your "... time working in a commercial
photo lab, and your years of taking photographs..." experience
to practical use, then I offer you a page on my web site where
you can present your case and display your duplicated fake Orb
photos that we can use as comparisons to the real ones.

If you want to contribute practical research to this subject,
here is your chance. "Put your money where your mouth is", as
the saying goes. Produce your bad photo...marred by dust, smoke,
etc. If, as you say, "...are all easily reproducible, and
predictably irreproducible under non- ideal conditions". You
should have no problems with this. Then we can gauge who is most
"vociferous". (as you would say) That's not too obfuscatory for
you is it?

Barry Taylor

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Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 09:54:43 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:17:43 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:04:58 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>>Subject: New Orb Images

>>Some people more then others seem to have the ability to
>>photograph Orbs in a variety of locations and situations. One
>>gentleman and his female friend in the UK are two people that
>>have found that they are able to photograph some unusual
>>phenomena inside and outside their homes. This page is dedicated
>>to just some of the unusual photos they have taken over the last
>>two years.

>><http://theozfactor.nuclear-days.com/spirit13.htm>

>Putting on my skepti-bunker hat for a moment. All they look like
>to me is dust or water particles blurred out of focus.

>I would be a lot more convinced if these people could get a 3-D
>camera or two identical and synchronized cameras and get a
>stereo pair showing these "orbs". Then we might be able to get a
>decent approximation of distance so we could tell if it's dust
>out of focus or some larger structured phenomenon.

Hi Tim,

I wish all skeptibunker comments were as sensible as yours. I
fully understand your view on this and appreciate your 3-D
camera suggestion.

These people taking the UK Orb photos are using controlled
procedures as best they can under normal environmental
conditions. They do not deliberately try to fake these images.
They inform me they take hundreds of photos to get just a few
with Orbs, and have discarded many that they considered may not
be the real thing. They are most critical of their own work.

We have been debating the dust, lint and water droplet out of
focus issue for the last few weeks with researcher producing a
'Paper' on the subject of Orbs. You will become aware of this in
time.

I have just purchased a 3-D camera and will begin my own
attempts to photograph Orbs. This seems to be the most
convincing type of evidence to produce. Will be interesting to
see what flaws will be found in this by some. I have no doubt
the Orb Phenomena is real, we just need better and unique
evidence to display this fact.

Barry Taylor

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Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:19:30 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>>Subject: New Orb Images

<snip>

>With All Due Levity
>If these folks want to save a lot of film by getting an "orb" in
>every shot, just tell them to shuffle around on the carpet for a
>few seconds before taking photos. This seems to "awaken" the
>"staubengeists" and gets them into a photogenic mood.

<snip>

>Is any serious student of UFO-related anomalies actually
>studying the subject of orbs? From any kind of scientific
>perspective? The "enhancement" images on the site do not
>qualify, IMHO. Like the previously noted "Hungarian UFO",
>enhancing distortion or noise simply makes the noise louder.
>Not at all revelatory, but wholly obfuscatory.

May I suggest you visit:

<http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

Maybe you will find what you are... or are not.... looking for.

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:15:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:22:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul, "- UFO UpDates
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:42:59 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

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>>During one section of the video, the most notable objects were>
>>in a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the port
>>side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud
>>top, then pass behind an even closer cloud-top fragment,
>>then emerge.

Actually this is debatable. It could be that the cloud is thin enough to allow infrared through. The brightnesses of the lights changes in a manner expected if they were coming through cloud and then get brighter as the sighting line exits the cloud area.

Note that I said "sighting line" and not objects.

It is likely that the objects were much farther away than the clouds and the motion past clouds is an illusion.

The key question is: were they above the horizon?

The flir readout numbers suggest they were, but to be positive the flir must be calibrated.

>>Thus, it seems silly to press the case for a well-gas-flame >>explanation, in which flames show up in the visible, not just >>the infrared, to anyone who has viewed the March 5th video.

>Jim and List,

>This whole question of how gas-flames from 80 miles distance >could show up so strongly on the FLIR equipment while remaining >invisible to the naked eye sure has me puzzled

>Infrared is much more strongly absorbed by the atmosphere than >visible light.

>While probably 99% of the radiation emitted by a gas flame would >be in the infrared (just like a candle flame), this would be >compensated for by strong infrared absorption, particularly by >water vapor.

>This was a very humid environment, looking out over jungle and >ocean in the direction of the oil wells.

>I would be very surprised if any infrared from the oil well >flames made it through all that atmosphere, not to mention >clouds, which should be extremely strong absorbers of infrared.

The particular spectral range 3.5 - 5 microns was chosen to to avoid as much as possible the absorption. However, this still does not avoid it all. An experiment is needed.

>Yet not only do the lights show up strongly on the FLIR viewer,
>they appear undiminished in brightness in front of intervening
>clouds.

I have looked carefully for clear evidence of this "undiminished brightness in front of clouds"... and have found none. What I have found by triangulation (the plane moves, the azimuth angle changes is large distances to the lights.

>On the other hand, the plots showing the lights generally to be
>in the same direction as the oil wells does give me pause. There
>are still a whole bunch of loose ends to this case.

Yes. Experiments are needed.

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Re: Appeal Of Denial of FOIA Request For

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 04:10:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:25:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Appeal Of Denial of FOIA Request For

TO: Director
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
ATTN: Agency Release Panel (c/o Mr. Scott Koch)
Washington, DC 20505

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: September 18, 2004

By his Sept. 9, 2004, letter denying my fee-waiver request of Aug. 9, 2004 (his reference No. F-2004-01956), CIA FOIA manager Scott Koch errs in placing me in the requester category of "commercial" entity. My demonstrable status as an independent writer-researcher specializing in "national security" issues, public-records access, and First Amendment commentary entitles me to the requested records-search-fee waiver. What's more, his totally disingenuous, knee-jerk assertion that the public would gain no "significant" benefit from your agency's production of the sought-for records in this case of reported rogue CIA operations constitutes an unacceptable administrative cop-out.

If you need concrete evidence of my news-media publication credits, please consult the Internet via a "Google" search under my name (Larry W. Bryant); in this regard, I also can provide related correspondence between me and other agencies' FOIA-management personnel (including those at the Departments of State and Interior). As an update of my requester-status profile, here are my most recent publication credits:

(1) One or more articles/book reviews carried in the newsstand magazine FATE;

(2) An expanded edition of my book "UFO Politics at the White House: Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise," due out shortly from FATE's parent company, Galde Press.

In recent times, too, I've been contributing research to the news/information web site of <http://www.militarycorruption.com>

As you peruse this record of "news media" representation/interaction on my part, you cannot but conclude that my research/writing projects have much more to do with the public's understanding (and oversight) of government policies/activities/programs than they do with, say, the CIA's documentation/methods-and-sources for determining the price of tea in China.

If you insist on sustaining Mr. Koch's denial of my fee-waiver request, I hereby serve notice that, through my attorney (Mark S. Zaid, Esq), I shall seek judicial relief via a complaint to be filed within the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted message.

Larry W. Bryant

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 01:28:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:26:50 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - Hatch

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

>A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.
>Brisbane, Australia. www.uforq.asn.au

>"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of the
>shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling
>us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic
>level." - Dr John Mack

- - -

Hello Sheryl:

If the quote above were anonymous, I would instantly kiss it off
as meaningless new-age mind mush.

Since the good doctor is credited, and with some regrets, I have
to call it meaningless new-age Mack-mush.

Sorry

- Larry

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 12:33:13 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:28:42 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:47:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:16 +0200
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>I am interested in the search of the truth, whatever it turns
>>out to be, and I am sure I'm not alone. Have you passed your
>>findings to people like David Rudiak, Bob Durant, Mark
>>Rodeghier, Bruce Maccabee, Wendy Connors?

<snip>

>It's not that I don't want to hear what Brad has to say. It's
>that he won't tell me anything, even though I've asked in
>private email. All he tells me is that I'm blinded to the truth
>by pro-ET bias, I and others have it all wrong, drops an
>occasional hint as to what he has, but never spells it out.

>I find this enormously frustrating. It's like the guy at the
>poker table saying he's got everybody beat with a royal flush,
>but refuses to show his hand. Nobody is going to pay up until
>they see what he's got. This has nothing to do with biases or
>agendas.

>I'm sure Brad could write a 2 or 3 paragraph synopsis of what
>his theory is and what evidence he has to back it. Then there
>would be something concrete to discuss. I have no problems if
>he doesn't want to carry on a public discussion of it. I just
>want to know what he has.

<snip>

David

Thank you for clarifying this new twist in the Roswell debate.
The argument of Brad Sparks is just unacceptable. He must show
"his cards", or shut-up.

Gildas

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Bexley's New UFO Sighting

From: **Mo Elnadi** <mo.elnadi.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:05:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:33:52 -0400
Subject: Bexley's New UFO Sighting

Source: This Is Lewisham - London, UK

<http://www.thisislewisham.co.uk/display.var.528802.0.they.were.over.there.honest.php>

09-17-04

They Were Over There, Honest!

A Pensioner's early morning trip to the bathroom turned into a close encounter of the third kind when she spotted three UFOs hovering outside her bungalow.

Dorothy Godfrey, 72, of North Road, Belvedere, was returning to bed at around 5am on Monday when she looked out a back window to check on the weather.

The grandmother had to call her husband to witness the amazing sight.

She said: "There were three lights in the sky, they looked like light bulbs but they were quite a long way away.

"After a few seconds one zipped off toward Woolwich and another zipped to the Thames. The third one stayed for a while longer before zooming off in the direction of the river. I called my husband because I knew if he didn't see them he would think I was dreaming."

She added: "I'm not senile, I know what I saw. Before this morning I never really believed in little green men, but there is obviously something up there. My daughter believes everything about Martians. She's very much into these things and she said I should report it."

The sighting comes just four miles from Bexley's most famous UFO incident.

In 1955 a UFO was spotted in King Harold's Way, Bexleyheath, by more than 30 people. The craft, which hovered above the ground and had eight suckers' on it, flew off over Bedonwell Primary School when people tried to touch it.

For more information, visit newsshopper.co.uk/sfiles/strange/ufos/ If you know what the mysterious lights were, call the newsroom on 01689 885724.

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:23:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:38:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:09:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico Governor]

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>I know that Jerry thinks highly of James McDonald's views on
>>>this case, but on reading his submission to the 1968 US House
>>>Committee Symposium on UFOs, I was amazed to find that he
>>>interviewed the two pilots in 1968, *twenty years* after the
>>>event. In these circumstances I cannot regard this interview as
>>>having anything other than anecdotal value.

>>A brief submission:

>>A good account and discussion of the Chiles-Whitted case is in
>>the Condon Report p.567-582, in Process of Perception,
>>Conception & Reporting, by William K. Hartmann. Worth reading.

>>Don't forget that the one passenger witness did not describe the
>>UFO in the same detail as did the pilots.

>Uh huh. Know why? Because his sighting was briefer and he was
>barely awake; therefore, as any sensible person would conclude,
>that testimony is of marginal value.

>Oh, excuse me, I forgot: it is highly valuable and, moreover,
>precisely accurate because it does not "describe the UFO in the
>same detail as did the pilots" and therefore can be incorporated
>into meteor theory. See, folks, in the pelicanist world the
>testimony of two alert, experienced airline pilots can be
>discarded in favor of that of a drowsy lay passenger if it
>serves the purpose.

All right; forget his testimony altogether. It does not affect
Hartmann's lengthy discussion in the slightest.

The sleepy passenger probably mistook night pelicans for the UFO
anyway.

>We all know what pelicanists would make of the testimony of a
>half-awake individual who claimed an exotic sighting. In fact,
>no sensible ufologist (excuse me, "ETHER") would make much of
>it, either.

>As pelicanists won't tell you, there was a fully conscious,
>knowledgeable observer who, an hour before, witnessed what may
>well have been the same object. It didn't look like a meteor. As
>I write in my book, "On August 10 [1948] the officer in charge
>of the Sixth District Office of Special Investigations ...

>interviewed Walter Massey, a ground-maintenance crewman
>stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Massey related
>that two hours prior to the Chiles-Whitted sighting [which
>occurred just southwest of Montgomery, Alabama, at 5000 feet] he
>was 'standing fire guard on a C-47' ... and facing north when he
>spotted something coming from that direction. At first it looked
>like a 'stream of fire,' but when it passed directly overhead on
>a straight, level course, he could make out the details. It
>'appeared to be a cylindrical-shaped object with a long stream
>of fire coming out of the tail end. I am sure it [was] not a jet
>since I have observed P-84s in flight at night on two
>occasions.' He thought it was the size of a B-29 or 'a little
>larger in circumference. It was too large for a jet. It seemed to
>be a dark color and constructed of an unknown metallic type [of]
>material.'

>"He estimated that it was at 3000 feet but acknowledged that was
>a guess. Asked if he saw windows, he pointed out, 'It would be
>hard to tell if there were windows and a divided deck could not
>be recognized from the ground.' The object reminded him of a
>German V-2 rocket that he and a fellow soldier had observed in
>Europe during the Battle of the Bulge, except that the one over
>Georgia was bigger and faster."

>In the context of CW, Sign investigator Capt. Robert R. Sneider
>took note of four separate incidents, "one having occurred on 24
>July 1948 and the others on 26 July 1948. A preponderance of the
>evidence is available to establish that in almost all cases an
>unidentified object was seen within stated times and dates over
>an extended area, pursuing a general Southerly course.
>Descriptions as to size, shape, color and movements are fairly
>consistent."

Exactly. That is why the C-W case shook the USAF so severely
when it occurred. See Ruppelt's book.

But with the passage of time it clearly lost its impact, and was
not taken anything like so literally as it was by the Project
Sign team in 1948.

In 1948 some of the team were undoubtedly concerned about the
possibility of visiting spaceships. See my riposte below on the
'Estimate of the Situation'.

>>Hartmann fully convinced me that the C-W case was not a
>>spaceship, but I agree that ETHERs will never accept the answer
>>given, especially if they regard the whole Condon Report as a
>>whitewash.

>Now, there's a shocker. Seriously, folks, it doesn't take much
>for the likes of Christopher Allan to be "fully convinced" of
>what they already are predisposed to believe, and it helps to
>have zero tolerance for ambiguity, too.

Who said I was "already predisposed to believe"? Only Jerry
Clark. In fact, before I first read those pages, in 1969 or 70,
I was disposed to believe it was a likely spaceship, like the
Sign team in fact!.

You have got it back to front this time Jerry, sorry!

>The problems with the Condon report are not in the text, which
>is virtually a brief for UFOs as puzzling anomalies, but in the
>notoriously misleading, dismissive introduction. What
>Christopher has written above is simplistic and just plain
>wrong. If he wants to prove that the striking pro-UFO evidence
>in the text is consistent with the negative introduction (which
>the UFOphobic Ed Condon wrote to serve himself), he has his work
>cut out for him. In any event:

>In my book *Strange Skies* (Citadel, 2003) I discuss sightings of
>UFOs - in daylight and under excellent viewing conditions --
>identical or markedly similar to the one Chiles and Whitted
>observed (see pp. 81-87). Pelicanists, of course, pretend that
>those don't exist, only the meteor sightings that Condon
>investigator (and UFO-hostile astronomer) William K. Hartmann
>discusses, neglecting to point out that in this case (February
>9, 1913) the spectacular meteors were observed from Saskatchewan
>to the New Jersey coast. On the other hand, the CW "meteor" --
>though a spectacular one - was weirdly confined to three
>observers over a small area of air space over Alabama.

Hartmann was hardly "UFO-hostile" at that time. He was a fence sitter - witness his endorsement of the McMinnville photos. I don't deny he has hardened his anti-UFO stance since.

>Though he lazily declares it, Hartmann doesn't provide any
>documentation that the extraordinary observation he cites is
>indeed meteoric. All we know is that of the many thousands of
>witnesses, one - let me repeat, one - claimed to have seen
>what "resembled a large aeroplane or dirigible, with two tiers
>of lights strung along the sides." If one were so inclined, one
>could argue - and not have to worry that anybody can
>conclusively prove otherwise - that this is exactly what the
>witness saw. After all, other witnesses have seen the same when
>no meteor shower, or meteor at all, was in evidence. Perhaps the
>witness did see a UFO, while the meteor shower that happened to
>be going on around him at the same time was simply coincidental.
>There's no reason to believe that UFOs can't appear in the midst
>of meteor showers; after all, as decades of sighting reports
>attest, they can show up pretty much whenever and wherever they
>want to.

>Obviously, I am not arguing this is necessarily the case, though
>not because I know it can't be true. All I am certain of is
>that we just don't know. All we can say is that Hartmann takes
>a convenient quote out of any discernible context and runs with
>it, "fully convincing" the likes of Christopher, whose skeptical
>facilities evaporate whenever he comes upon something that makes
>him feel warm and fuzzy.

See above for my answer. Hartmann happened to convince me that it was a bright fireball, whereas I was prepared to accept the UFO was a spaceship before this.

Jerry: just stop assuming what my beliefs were 35 years ago! Why not consider instead what yours were? Hasn't anyone ever 'fully convinced' you (in one direction or the other) about a sighting or abduction?

>Not content with this simple and uncertainly relevant anecdote,
>Hartmann goes on, in the familiar pelicanist manner, to relate
>his own after-dinner story, in this instance about his own
>sighting of something he allegedly saw from an airliner but
>couldn't immediately identify, until later he realized it was
>another airliner.

>As we all know, pelicanists hate anecdotes, except, of course,
>the anecdotes that serve them obediently. Hartmann uses his
>little yarn to advance the underwhelmingly original observation
>that witnesses are sometimes mistaken; therefore, the CW case
>closed. Kids, in case you've been wondering, that's the
>scientific investigation of unidentified flying objects.

>>However, in the Battelle Study (Blue Book report 14) it is
>>listed as one of the 12 "good unknowns". But Battelle did no
>>investigation whatever.

>Your point being? Battelle was tasked, as it always is whatever
>the subject, to conduct analyses, not investigations. I could
>point out that Christopher Allan has done "no investigation
>whatever" of the CW sighting. Neither, by the way, did his
>friend Hartmann, who cites as his sources NICAP and Menzel and
>Boyd's debunking book (see Condon Report, Bantam edition, p.
>581), not C&W themselves. In common with all other meteor
>believers, Hartmann couldn't be bothered to interview Chiles and
>Whitted, both still alive in the 1960s when Condon's committee
>was active. As I have already remarked, those who actually
>talked with the two pilots agreed that they must have seen
>something fantastic; it's only those who didn't who cling to the
>meteor speculation.

Hartmann did interview the Trents and came down broadly on their side. So much for his 'pelicanism'.

What "friend" was he to me anyway?

He has never heard of me, whereas he certainly has heard of Jerry Clark. Your 'friend' I suppose?

I am prepared to accept his investigation & conclusion on this case. Jerry obviously is not. We all have our differences, don't

we?

>In point of fact, as I write in my book, "it is impossible to
>prove that Chiles and Whitted did not see a meteor." It's also
>impossible to prove that

>(a) they did not make up the story out of whole cloth;

>(b) they did not fall asleep and dream it;

>

>(c) they did not see a stationary astronomical body and
>hallucinate movement and structure;

>(d) they did not observe an advanced, still-secret experimental
>aircraft of earthly - presumably American, possibly Soviet,
>maybe even Atlantean - origin and perhaps embellish or imagine
>some details; or

>(d) they were not drunk or under the influence of drugs at the
>time.

>It follows, of course, that all witnesses who before, then, and
>since have reported comparable UFOs are suffering from one or
>more of the above- stated afflictions.

>In retrospect, the CW sighting's evidential value has diminished
>because other, better cases have replaced it. You can't
>conclusively disprove the meteor theory or any of the other ones
>cited above (or for that matter any other one you want to make
>up), any more than you can prove them. All we can do is make our
>judgments on whatever testimonial evidence is available to us,
>and beyond that on what Michael Swords has called our "vision of
>the possible." We can also compare it to other sightings of
>similar objects seen in contexts where meteors need not apply.
>Christopher is only pointing out the obvious (though apparently
>under the impression he is offering some sort of devastating
>insight) when he notes that even by the early 1950s other,
>better, more interesting unknowns were there to puzzle
>investigators and analysts.

>This whole discussion began when one of the Johns (I no longer
>recall which) declared as if it were an established fact that
>the CW sighting had been conclusively explained as a meteor. As
>I have shown, that is far from the case. It is no more than a
>hypothesis which at this late date is essentially unfalsifiable
>-- which is no mere happenstance; it's exactly how pelicanists
>like it. As Brad Sparks has cogently remarked, we shouldn't even
>be discussing this case. Nothing (if ever it could) can be
>established with anything close to certainty. The sanest course
>surely is to acknowledge as much - God, it seems obvious enough
>-- and move on.

>In the meantime, CW's sighting recedes ever deeper into history,
>eclipsed by many other reports which more compellingly make the
>case for anomalous UFOs. The case for UFOs neither stands nor
>falls on the CW incident, whose interest to 21st-Century ufology
>is more historical than evidential. At least, however, we can do
>it the courtesy, when the subject comes up, of thinking clearly
>about it and not pretending to certainties that probably will
>forever elude us.

I have merely stated what is acceptable to me in this case, and
Hartmann's analysis is just that.

If you disagree, then too bad.

Of course the case for UFOs does not stand or fall on the C-W
case. I do expect, however, that quite a few ufologists would
still list it as one of their top ten.

There are people who say the C-W case ranks of high importance
since it instigated the (in)famous "Estimate of the Situation"
in August 1948, and we all know its top secret conclusions, and
how Vandenberg destroyed it, don't we Jerry?

Whatever Brad Sparks says, we are perfectly free to discuss any
case we like - as long as someone is interested, and responds.
If nobody is interested, the responses will quickly cease, and
the case will become stale and then defunct. That is the test.

Any chance of a rediscussion on Adamski or Van Tassell, Jerry?

And just think of the acres of paper that have been spent on the McMinnville or Stephen Darbishire photos. Do you want to reopen those? I don't, but others might want to. Both guaranteed, yes guaranteed, to be a complete stalemate.

I'll bet you are agog with excitement.

CDA

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:41:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:40:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:44:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:09:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico Governor]

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>As pelicanists won't tell you, there was a fully conscious,
>>knowledgeable observer who, an hour before, witnessed what may
>>well have been the same object. It didn't look like a meteor. As
>>I write in my book, "On August 10 [1948] the officer in charge
>>of the Sixth District Office of Special Investigations ...
>>interviewed Walter Massey, a ground-maintenance crewman
>>stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Massey related
>>that two hours prior to the Chiles-Whitted sighting [which

>Careful readers will have caught the contradiction here. Did
>Massey's sighting take place one hour or two hours before
>Chiles-Whitted's? I'm afraid I have it both ways here.

>When writing the above, I was consulting several sources - one
>my book, the rest other accounts of the incident. Most of those,
>I am chagrined to learn, say the Massey observation occurred an
>hour before.

>I may have been in error in my own published account.

>Apologies for confusing anybody who caught the contradiction. If
>any patient and gentle reader can shed light on the matter,
>please let us know.

>Jerry Clark

Jerry,

In The UFO Evidence (1964, p. 44) I have it this way - following
is a quote from UFOE - :

At Robbins AFB, Georgia, on the same night, about 2:00 a.m., a
'long, dark wingless tube' was seen rushing overhead spurting
flame from the stern.

I think that was from the Air Force Blue Book files, but someone
can check that.

- Dick

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Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:49:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:42:01 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:25:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>Orbs are visible to some people. More than that, there have been
>camcorder clips of moving orbs and mists.

>Orbs show on video where adjacent photos show no such "defects".

>Eleanor White

Eleanor,

I completely agree that a camcorder could record a moving object or smoke cloud. In fact, I have made videos where these annoyances ruined an otherwise good shot.

We do not argue. Perhaps the more pertinent point is that I look at such a video and see dust motes and wispy smoke made vividly noticeable by bright light and sensitive film/CCD. Others see what they see and interpret it as they see fit. Perhaps you should explain what you mean when you say "orb". When I say orb, I mean a dust mote or other object or smoke wisp made artificially bright and large by lighting or the sun reflecting back into the lens of the camera.

Orbs are visible to some people. I'm not sure what this means, other than perhaps you are stating that a person reporting to have seen one must have seen some kind of supernatural thing. I do not know how you can make such a statement in the absence of any evidence. If I'm not understanding correctly, I apologize and ask for clarification.

Your final comment is a strong endorsement of my thesis. A camcorder records an "orb" while a still camera very close by records nothing.

If orbs are a real phenomena, how is this possible? Are orbs able to decide what devices are capable of recording them?

I have asked this before, and there are obviously lots of people taking meaningless photos of living rooms, back yards, etc., to get an orb on film/video. Show us two photos taken simultaneously which show the same object in the same place. This would allow the object to be measured for distance, size, etc.

Alas, it has yet to occur. As you said, orbs are in the eye of the beholder, whether the beholder is a human, a camcorder tape, or a still image.

And until evidence is presented to the contrary, there they shall remain.

The lack of simultaneous recording supports my position. In this case, if I may be forgiven, absence of evidence is evidence of

absence.

Warm Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:02:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:43:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:55:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

<snip>

>>This whole question of how gas-flames from 80 miles distance
>>could show up so strongly on the FLIR equipment while remaining
>>invisible to the naked eye sure has me puzzled

>This is an oft-repeated question which can be answered by the
>narrow field of view of the FLIR video camera being far superior
>to the wide field of view of the human eye. If they had had
>binoculars or a telescopic sight to view them (and a steady
>hand!) then they would have seen them without the FLIR.

>The FLIR field of view during the famous segment is .8deg by
>6deg and .4 deg by .3deg. Thats damn narrow!

One must also include the effect of daylight. At night the witnesses probably could have seen the lights. But in the daylight the visible light from the flares was competing with the atmospheric "background glow" caused by scattered sunlight. Had they used binoculars or a telescope they might have reduced the background glow enough (by narrowing the field of view) to make the fires appear. But, so far as we know, binoculars were not used.

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Re: New Orb Images - Shell

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 12:16:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:44:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:39:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

><snip>

>>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>>under non-ideal conditions.

>Well said. I looked at the site and laughed a lot.

Hi Bob,

The C2C web site has at this moment a photo on its main page. It is an outdoor shot of a cat. The image contains two odd bright spots of light. The photographer relates that they are perhaps ghosts of old family members.

On closer inspection, it is obvious that the points of light are reflections of the cat's eyes, made visible by a dirty lens. The light spots can easily be copied and superimposed over the cat's eyes to see the perfect match once they are reduced in scale. Also, the angle of the reflections are to the right and below the cat's eyes in the frame, just as the camera's flash is above and to the left of the eyes, unless this is a very odd camera. If the cat's eyes were to reflect back into the camera, this is just the place one would expect to see them.

The lens fog... skin oil, dust, whatever... diffuses the light reflections and in fact is evident in several other areas of the image. This is commonly done intentionally when a subject has wrinkles or other blemishes. The camera is fitted with a diffusion filter to mask the harsh lines and blur tiny details. Look for any TV commercial featuring Joan Collins... :) Since the cited image is only diffused in a few areas, I suspect the oil or dirt as the cause, rather than a filter, but the effect is the same.

Cameras do not see what the eye sees. Photographers grapple with this fact every time they shoot photos. It is one reason why fashion photographers shoot hundreds of shots to find one good one. Too many variables, and too many annoying artifacts to be sure of a single shot.

The folks out there trying to get orb shots should contact a photographer for his "rejects". He would likely give them away for free.

One man's trash is another's supernatural, intelligently controlled, inter-dimensional entity... or in your case, cause for a good laugh.

Greetings,

Kyle

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:32:24 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:46:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 20:43:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico Governor...]

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia -
>>>or anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions",
>>>where I have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be
>>>allowed out unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed
>>>any other examples of regular insult and abuse.

>>Certainly John;

>>>From Magonia 83, December 2003:

<snip>

>>The Pelican has asked similar questions before, but it seems
>>he needs to keep on asking: Can a person who writes something
>>like the above paragraph, and who is presumably not joking, be
>>sane? The Pelican's answer must be No, otherwise the concept
>>of insanity loses its meaning. The thing to be done,
>>therefore, is to urge people like Jacobs, Hopkins and others
>>to seek the appropriate treatments for their condition. They
>>are unlikely to listen, of course, so their pernicious
>>practices, such as conducting hypnotic regressions while
>>asking leading questions about disgusting grey aliens, should
>>be actively denounced and discouraged, and their writings
>>should be given the critical scrutiny which will expose them
>>as the irrational nonsense that they are.

>Yes, and The Pelican stands by every word of the above. This
>is not insult or abuse, but plain speaking. This practice of
>tinkering with persons' minds by unqualified amateurs obsessed
>with mad theories about grey aliens is deplorable behaviour
>and responsible people should miss no opportunity to say so.

Firstly, you might remember how this particular branch of this
thread began. It was in response to to John R denying that he'd
ever been abusive about people in Magonia.

The semantics that you employ - "It was me guv, it wasn't him"
and the lame excuse that it is all fair comment were rather
tiresomely expected.

Lets start with this "unqualified amateur" slur. Hopkins may
well have been unqualified when he first sat down with an
abductee. After more than 700 sessions with abductees since,
then as a former counsellor myself I can tell you he is now

qualified. Very, very adequately. He may not have letters after his name, which of course is the sort of status grinding badge that superficial gadflies insist on, but he is much better qualified by a very long way to sit down with an abductee than a qualified psychiatrist new to the field would be.

But I am puzzled. You seem able, from more than 3,000 miles away, to apparently confidently make statements not only about Hopkins' and Jacobs' professional abilities, but also, seemingly, about their mental states as well. Congratulations John. You must be the first holder of a new doctorate or degree that the rest of us have never heard of before, and one which would normally have resulted in immediate professional disbarment or censure under "the old way". I am referring to the practise of making a diagnosis about a "patient" without ever having had a consultation with them. Pray tell, which esteemed college awarded you this degree? The same one that awarded Dr. Ian Paisley his Doctorate in theology perhaps?

<snip>

>>So it seems we can indulge in any sort of fantastic
>speculation apart from the obvious one that Wilson was
>suffering from one of her mental fugues which caused her to
>lose an hour by wandering around aimlessly. This story will
>cause more sensible readers to wonder, not about "changeable
>human energy field" (whatever that might be), but
>whether Wilson is fit to be allowed out on her own.

>Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that
>concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather more
>constructive attitude than apparently taking her story as
>being a true account of objectively real events?

See previous above answer. I keep trying to push the word "arrogant" out of my brain in relation to you, but it keeps popping back in. What in god's name do you know about it? How are you qualified to offer such an opinion? What's your experience in the field, pray tell.

>>Meanwhile, in the UK, we have our EThers and other nutters.
>>There are the entertainers, who write silly books and give
>>sillier lectures, illustrated with fuzzy video clips. There
>are the mentally unbalanced and the purveyors of numerous
>>cranky theories, each of which purports to explain nearly
>>all UFO reports. Then there are a few who take a practical,
>>pragmatic view of UFO stories and simply try to establish
>>the facts of each case, wherever this is possible. They know
>>who they can trust, and who they should avoid in helping with
>>their investigations, or they quickly find out.

>Yes, most ufologists are a bit soft in the head. Perhaps it's
>unkind to mention it but it's just one of the facts of life.

Sounds like you're on the back foot here a bit John. If you just want to get plain abusive and resort to the sort of level I usually drop down to and which I am very good at, then by all means. But we'll bore the rest of the List even more than we're doing now.

>>It is, by your now own >admission, a game, wherebye you creep
>>into the lions den,>raffishly tug his tail, and then run away
>>squealing in childish glee, back to your similarly childish
>>friends. It's boring and you must realise that you aren't
>>taken seriously here any
>>longer.

>Yes, perhaps all those who like to engage in critical
>examination of UFO reports and theories should un-subscribe
>from this List, leaving it to the believers to indulge in the
>kinds of discussions which would not upset Pollyanna or Anne of
>Green Gables.

I see absolutely no evidence of what you describe on this List whatsoever. What I do experience are cases critically examined in detail and an honest acknowledgement of doubt when it occurs. Why, even the good Captain who has attempted to debunk the most interesting case for ages has been met with respect, congratulations and civility.

Time to change the glasses John. Put the rose coloured tinted

ones down and try some with a clear pair of lenses in them.

Stuart Miller

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 17:40:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:02:21 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - Hall

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 01:28:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
>>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

>>A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.
>>Brisbane, Australia. www.uforg.asn.au

>>"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of the
>>shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling
>>us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic
>>level." - Dr John Mack

>Hello Sheryl:

>If the quote above were anonymous, I would instantly kiss it off
>as meaningless new-age mind mush.

>Since the good doctor is credited, and with some regrets, I have
>to call it meaningless new-age Mack-mush.

Larry,

I had exactly the same reaction. It's the same sort of meaningless New Age jargon that put me off badly when I read his first book. Study of abduction cases didn't lead him to this mind-mush; he was already there. He apparently always has been an advocate of anti-Western, pro-Eastern mystical philosophy and navel-gazing. His pre-existing mindset led him to interpret abduction reports in terms of Cosmic B.S.

- Dick

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Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 12:49:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:04:15 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 09:21:09 +1000
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>>>Subject: New Orb Images

>><snip>

>>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>>most would call a bad photo...marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>>under non- ideal conditions.

>>Is any serious student of UFO-related anomalies actually
>>studying the subject of orbs? From any kind of scientific
>>perspective? The "enhancement" images on the site do not
>>qualify, IMHO. Like the previously noted "Hungarian UFO",
>>enhancing distortion or noise simply makes the noise louder.
>>Not at all revelatory, but wholly obfuscatory.

>If you would like to put your "... time working in a commercial
>photo lab, and your years of taking photographs..." experience
>to practical use, then I offer you a page on my web site where
>you can present your case and display your duplicated fake Orb
>photos that we can use as comparisons to the real ones.

>If you want to contribute practical research to this subject,
>here is your chance. "Put your money where your mouth is", as
>the saying goes. Produce your bad photo...marred by dust, smoke,
>etc. If, as you say, "...are all easily reproducible, and
>predictably irreproducible under non- ideal conditions". You
>should have no problems with this. Then we can gauge who is most
>"vociferous". (as you would say) That's not too obfuscatory for
>you is it?

Hi Barry,

As it happens, I am photographing a middle eastern dance show
this very evening. While the "mists" will be unlikely since
smoking is not allowed, I feel the vibrations are good for some
orb-viewing.

I shall cull through the results and pass along any I find of
interest. If I don't find that luck has shone on me, I will
resort to the garage... I have a billion orbs living out there.
I really expect to get a shot of at least one free range orb
tonight, however.

If I may ask, what is it that makes you feel that orbs are anything but what I describe? Do they talk to you? Respond to commands?

In other words, if I produce images as you request, why wouldn't you simply state that I had recorded a real orb? I ask because you mention "real ones". Please explain what you mean by "real ones".

Hopeful,

Kyle

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:53:51 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:06:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 21:01:10 +0100
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico Governor...]

>>>Would you please provide an example of anywhere in Magonia -
>>>or anywhere in my book "The Evidence for Alien Abductions",
>>>where I have said that abductees are "mad" or "should not be
>>>allowed out unaccompanied", or anything like that? Or indeed
>>>any other examples of regular insult and abuse.

<snip>

>However, there is one important thing: apart from the comment
>about the unfortunate lady in the washroom at Chicago airport
>- OK, I put my hands up for that, you've got me bang to
>rights and were spot on with the quote - all the Pelican's
>comments were about UFO abduction investigators, not
>abductees. And that is an important difference.

Read the last line of what you originally said again. I take
that to be a general proclamation, not a restricted one, as
you're suggesting above.

The detail John though is irrelevant. You are consistently rude
about those on "the other side" in a manner which I rarely find
elsewhere. Fine, if that's how you want to be, but don't be so
blind and indeed naive about what appears in your own
publication. And lets face it, describing someone as Simpsonic
or subscribing to the DOH hypothesis somehow doesn't seem as
generally unpleasant as some of the stuff that appears in
Magonia.

>>It's boring and you must realise that you aren't taken
>>seriously here any longer.

>That, as Mr Lehmberg would say, is not for you to call.

Mr. L's opinion aside - (you still alive down there in Alabama
Alfred? I was perhaps ill-advised to say that. Stay, please do.
I shall refrain from saying any more on this as Jerry seems
quite happy to fence point with you, so who am I to complain?

Stuart Miller

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:57:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:07:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:44:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 13:09:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting [was New Mexico Governor]

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:25:11 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>As pelicanists won't tell you, there was a fully conscious,
>>knowledgeable observer who, an hour before, witnessed what may
>>well have been the same object. It didn't look like a meteor. As
>>I write in my book, "On August 10 [1948] the officer in charge
>>of the Sixth District Office of Special Investigations ...
>>interviewed Walter Massey, a ground-maintenance crewman
>>stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Massey related
>>that two hours prior to the Chiles-Whitted sighting [which

>Careful readers will have caught the contradiction here. Did
>Massey's sighting take place one hour or two hours before
>Chiles-Whitted's? I'm afraid I have it both ways here.

>When writing the above, I was consulting several sources - one
>my book, the rest other accounts of the incident. Most of those,
>I am chagrined to learn, say the Massey observation occurred an
>hour before.

>I may have been in error in my own published account.

This illustrates a common problem in trying to evaluate UFO reports. Witnesses make the reports, usually giving the time, but often not making it clear whether the time is the local time (as defined by an officially recognised time zone, sometimes advanced one hour for "summer time"), or GMT (Greenwich Mean Time, also referred to as Universal Time or Zulu Time).

Obviously in this case the time of the Chiles-Whitted sighting is not GMT. This sighting was in Alabama and Walter Massey's sighting was in Georgia. However, this does not help to resolve the problem, as both states are in the same time zone (Eastern Standard), which would presumably have had the Summer Time hour added on.

Ideally the times of UFO reports would all be recorded in GMT together with date, latitude and longitude. It would then be easy - assuming the reports were stored in a computer data base - to calculate the local apparent time, from which relevant astronomical information could be calculated.

John Harney

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:02:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:55:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Groff

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:55:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2004 20:12:57 -0700
>>>Subject: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>>Mexican Air Force FLIR's video lights are not UFOs they are
>>>oil well gas flames!

>>>http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/REFERENCE_DATA.html

>>>My own video recording showing I was right.

>>>This whole question of how gas-flames from 80 miles distance
>>>could show up so strongly on the FLIR equipment while remaining
>>>invisible to the naked eye sure has me puzzled

>>>This is an oft-repeated question which can be answered by the
>>>narrow field of view of the FLIR video camera being far superior
>>>to the wide field of view of the human eye. If they had had
>>>binoculars or a telescopic sight to view them (and a steady
>>>hand!) then they would have seen them without the FLIR.

Capt. Franz has stated that he could see the oil well flares
quite easily without the use of binoculars or telescopic sight
and from 30,000 ft., 19,000 ft. higher then the airforce crew.

This again brings to question why the crew could not see them
even though I'm sure they were trained well enough to look out
of the window.

Terry

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Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:26:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:56:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 09:54:43 +1000
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:04:58 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 10:28:36 +1000
>>>Subject: New Orb Images

>>>Some people more then others seem to have the ability to
>>>photograph Orbs in a variety of locations and situations. One
>>>gentleman and his female friend in the UK are two people that
>>>have found that they are able to photograph some unusual
>>>phenomena inside and outside their homes. This page is dedicated
>>>to just some of the unusual photos they have taken over the last
>>>two years.

>>><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/spirit13.htm>

>>Putting on my skepti-bunker hat for a moment. All they look like
>>to me is dust or water particles blurred out of focus.

>>I would be a lot more convinced if these people could get a 3-D
>>camera or two identical and synchronized cameras and get a
>>stereo pair showing these "orbs". Then we might be able to get a
>>decent approximation of distance so we could tell if it's dust
>>out of focus or some larger structured phenomenon.

>I wish all skeptibunker comments were as sensible as yours. I
>fully understand your view on this and appreciate your 3-D
>camera suggestion.

>These people taking the UK Orb photos are using controlled
>procedures as best they can under normal environmental
>conditions. They do not deliberately try to fake these images.
>They inform me they take hundreds of photos to get just a few
>with Orbs, and have discarded many that they considered may not
>be the real thing. They are most critical of their own work.

>We have been debating the dust, lint and water droplet out of
>focus issue for the last few weeks with researcher producing a
>'Paper' on the subject of Orbs. You will become aware of this in
>time.

>I have just purchased a 3-D camera and will begin my own
>attempts to photograph Orbs. This seems to be the most
>convincing type of evidence to produce. Will be interesting to
>see what flaws will be found in this by some. I have no doubt
>the Orb Phenomena is real, we just need better and unique
>evidence to display this fact.

Hi Barry,

Here we go again with the labels. If I am debunking orbs, please fill me in on just what I am debunking. What are orbs if not what they most appear to be? What evidence exists to suggest that they are anything but dust, etc.?

I see a tree move outside... I say an invisible hand moved it, and the guy next to me says no silly... it's the wind. I say prove it. What is my friend left with? Prove the wind moved the tree and not an invisible hand? He will most likely just laugh. I'm not laughing at you. I am attempting to explain that photographic flaws can look very odd, but that that doesn't make them extraordinary. My friend may point to dozens of other trees and say, "See, they're moving. Are those all invisible hands?". I say, no, not all of them, but that first one was an invisible hand... I have no doubt. No "skeptibunker" is going to waste a moment on such drivel. I am however not a skeptibunker...

I would be much less harsh in my appraisal if orbs were stated as something specific. Otherwise, all I am left with is personal experience, which is often cited as good evidence in this forum.

You say you have no doubt that orbs are real... in fact you lend them some kind of faux credibility by capitalizing the term. Simple questions... what are orbs if they are not dust, etc.? What is your hypothesis? What is the basis for your lack of doubt? Why do the photographers cull out those that they do not find good? Are some orbs dust, and others not? What distinguishes them? What makes a good orb shot? And what qualifies a person to make such a judgement?

Utterly confused,

Kyle

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:39:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:58:26 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>May I suggest you visit:

><http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

>Maybe you will find what you are... or are not.... looking for.

Dr. Maccabee,

Well, shut my mouth! Thank you for jumping in. While I admittedly was asking a rhetorical question about orb investigation, I am pleased to find that the subject has been looked at scientifically.

Your very generous report explains in geometry and physics exactly what my photographic experience explained to me long ago.

I share you position that there are indeed photos that defy easy identification, but it is at best premature to count orb images among them.

Thank you!

Kyle

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Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:34:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:00:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:23:12 +0100
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>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 20:37:01 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Hi, Christopher,

>>This whole discussion began when one of the Johns (I no longer
>>recall which) declared as if it were an established fact that
>>the CW sighting had been conclusively explained as a meteor. As
>>I have shown, that is far from the case. It is no more than a
>>hypothesis which at this late date is essentially unfalsifiable
>>-- which is no mere happenstance; it's exactly how pelicanists
>>like it. As Brad Sparks has cogently remarked, we shouldn't even
>>be discussing this case. Nothing (if ever it could) can be
>>established with anything close to certainty. The sanest course
>>surely is to acknowledge as much - God, it seems obvious enough
>>-- and move on.

>>In the meantime, CW's sighting recedes ever deeper into history,
>>eclipsed by many other reports which more compellingly make the
>>case for anomalous UFOs. The case for UFOs neither stands nor
>>falls on the CW incident, whose interest to 21st-Century ufology
>>is more historical than evidential. At least, however, we can do
>>it the courtesy, when the subject comes up, of thinking clearly
>>about it and not pretending to certainties that probably will
>>forever elude us.

>>I have merely stated what is acceptable to me in this case, and
>>Hartmann's analysis is just that.

It is, in short, your personal belief statement. To that, of course, you are perfectly entitled.

If only you had said to start with - without implying that those who might disagree have some serious problem (such as being dreaded "ETHers"), or insinuating that Hartmann's interpretation is more compelling than it really is (or surely ever can be by the nature of the question it addresses) - I would not have responded. At least you afforded me an opportunity to provide an overview of the CW sighting's meaning, including its large role in early UFO history and the limitations of alternative, prosaic speculations, coupled with an observation or two about the

case's diminished significance as evidence over time.

Though I remain unconvinced by the meteor explanation, I cannot disprove it any more than you can prove it. It's doubtful that any discussion of the case can move beyond that sort of stalemate, which arises from what might be characterized as argument from context (or, for that matter, from conflicting sense of the possible).

>Of course the case for UFOs does not stand or fall on the C-W
>case. I do expect, however, that quite a few ufologists would
>still list it as one of their top ten.

You just made that up, didn't you?

>There are people who say the C-W case ranks of high importance
>since it instigated the (in)famous "Estimate of the Situation"
>in August 1948, and we all know its top secret conclusions, and
>how Vandenberg destroyed it, don't we[,] Jerry?

Please reread the words from my previous post above. There I stated that CW's sighting looms larger in history than in lasting evidence. What you've just written was - obviously - precisely what I was alluding to. My point was that things looked different in the early days of the UFO controversy, when the phenomenon was new and the pool of sightings not very deep, from the way they would look later when more compelling and evidential reports emerged.

>Any chance of a rediscussion on Adamski or Van Tassell [sic],
>Jerry?

Actually, Christopher, it's Van Tassel, unless you're referring to somebody unfamiliar to me, albeit with a name very much like that of the fabled California contactee. In fact, I'm happy to discuss early contactees at any time. As you may not be aware, I have written about them at length (a forthcoming university-press book contains a long paper of mine on '50s contactee Dorothy Martin, of When Prophecy Fails infamy), though never in the same breath as Chiles-Whitted or other credible witnesses to what may be genuine unknowns.

Beyond that, I am at a loss to grasp your point, I confess. But perhaps it takes a pelicanist to fly the distance between Chiles-Whitted and Adamski/ Van Tassel as if the trajectory were so logical as to require no explanation. Unless, of course, you're making a feeble effort to ridicule by association, and I am certain that you are far too noble to attempt anything so clumsy and embarrassingly transparent.

Therefore, being an unimaginative, earthbound soul who prefers to stick to the point, I think I'll stay where I am and try to refrain from what I am wont to do in the presence of pelicanists: scratch my head in bafflement.

Jerry Clark

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I am happy to agree entirely with John on this important point.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:42:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:06:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Sandow

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:32:24 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 20:43:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>The Pelican has asked similar questions before, but it seems he needs
>>>to keep on asking: Can a person who writes something like the above
>>>paragraph, and who is presumably not joking, be sane? The Pelican's
>>>answer must be No, otherwise the concept of insanity loses its
>>>meaning. The thing to be done, therefore, is to urge people like
>>>Jacobs, Hopkins and others to seek the appropriate treatments for
>>>their condition. They are unlikely to listen, of course, so their
>>>pernicious practices, such as conducting hypnotic regressions while
>>>asking leading questions about disgusting grey aliens, should be
>>>actively denounced and discouraged, and their writings
>>>should be given
>>>the critical scrutiny which will expose them as the irrational
>>>nonsense that they are.

>>Yes, and The Pelican stands by every word of the above. This is not
>>insult or abuse, but plain speaking. This practice of tinkering with
>>persons' minds by unqualified amateurs obsessed with mad theories about
>>grey aliens is deplorable behaviour and responsible people should miss
>>no opportunity to say so.

>Lets start with this "unqualified amateur" slur. Hopkins may
>well have been unqualified when he first sat down with an
>abductee. After more than 700 sessions with abductees since,
>then as a former counsellor myself I can tell you he is now
>qualified. Very, very adequately. He may not have letters
>after his name, which of course is the sort of status
>grinding badge that superficial gadflies insist on, but he is
>much better qualified by a very long way to sit down with an
>abductee than a qualified psychiatrist new to the field would be.

Let's remember something John Harney either never knew, has forgotten, or has chosen to ignore. When Budd Hopkins started working with abductees, he himself never hypnotized them. That work was done by credentialed psychologists, who then taught Budd to do it, and of course observed him doing it after he was taught. They believed Budd was qualified. John Harney may wonder if they're right, but he's only speculating. He certainly wasn't there.

Later in Budd's abduction career, he was closely observed (during his work on the "Witnessed" case) by two highly professional psychotherapists, one of whom has been awarded the Macarthur Prize, one of America's highest intellectual honors. I've spoken to both these people. Neither agrees with Budd's conclusions - neither believes that aliens (little, grey, or otherwise) are abducting people. But both told me that they admire Budd's methodology, and find it highly professional. I published this in my IUR study of the "Witnessed" case, so it's part of the abduction record.

And then there's this: No mental health professional who's worked with Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, or the abductees they've worked with has ever concluded that these abductees have had their minds "tinkered with." Nor has anyone qualified to examine the abductees - and who has actually examined them, or given them psychological tests - concluded that, as a group, they show any significant psychopathology. Moreover, as I've observed myself, the abductees themselves are far more independent of Hopkins or Jacobs than John Harney might imagine. The only people making the kind of assertions Harney makes are people with no first-hand knowledge of what's going on - people (including some professional psychologists, who should know better) who have never examined abductees, and never looked directly at the actual work abduction researchers do.

I don't know whether aliens are abducting anyone. I've also found fault with some aspects of Budd's (and Dave Jacobs's) work, as anyone knows who's read my 1997 study of the "Witnessed" case in IUR, or my essay "The Abduction Conundrum", published in Dennis Stacy's publication, The Anomalist. But after reading John Harney's latest - and, of course, much else that he's posted here over the years - I'm happy to borrow the kind of language he himself loves to use, and label him an arrogant, despicable buffoon.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale -

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:56:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:01:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:15:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:10:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul, "- UFO UpDates
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 09:42:59 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

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>>>During one section of the video, the most notable objects were>
>>>in a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the port
>>>side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud
>>>top, then pass behind* an even closer cloud-top fragment,
>>>then emerge.

>Actually this is debatable. It could be that the cloud is thin
>enough to allow infrared through. The brightnesses of the lights
>changes in a manner expected if they were coming through cloud
>and then get brighter as the sighting line exits the cloud area.

Was this a true, photometrically measured increase in
brightness, or just an apparent increase that could be
associated with the much lesser contrast between object and
cloud when "in front of" the cloud than when contrasted with the
colder background "sky"?

>Note that I said "sighting line"and not objects.

>It is likely that the objects were much farther away than the
>clouds and the motion past clouds is an illusion. ...

How does this possibility account for the objects having been
noticeable through the extensive cloud top but then have been
totally obscured for a few seconds when behind the still closer
cloud-top fragment - but obscured only when behind the latter?

Jim Deardorff

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:00:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:08:33 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 12:33:13 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:47:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:16 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>>I am interested in the search of the truth, whatever it turns
>>>out to be, and I am sure I'm not alone. Have you passed your
>>>findings to people like David Rudiak, Bob Durant, Mark
>>>Rodeghier, Bruce Maccabee, Wendy Connors?

<snip>

>>It's not that I don't want to hear what Brad has to say. It's
>>that he won't tell me anything, even though I've asked in
>>private email. All he tells me is that I'm blinded to the truth
>>by pro-ET bias, I and others have it all wrong, drops an
>>occasional hint as to what he has, but never spells it out.

>>I find this enormously frustrating. It's like the guy at the
>>poker table saying he's got everybody beat with a royal flush,
>>but refuses to show his hand. Nobody is going to pay up until
>>they see what he's got. This has nothing to do with biases or
>>agendas.

>>I'm sure Brad could write a 2 or 3 paragraph synopsis of what
>>his theory is and what evidence he has to back it. Then there
>>would be something concrete to discuss. I have no problems if
>>he doesn't want to carry on a public discussion of it. I just
>>want to know what he has.

<snip>

>David

>Thank you for clarifying this new twist in the Roswell debate.
>The argument of Brad Sparks is just unacceptable. He must show
>"his cards", or shut-up.

>Gildas

Gildas I will not "shut-up" and you have no right to tell me that! What an obnoxious attitude! You have no damn right to tell me to give you hundreds of pages of book manuscript material in various stages of editing, requiring major revisions because of new findings I have not had time to incorporate. Nor do you have the right to tell me to condense it into a post to UFO UpDates, minus all the scholarly documentation and argument that would be

in a book. It just happens not to condense very well - and I have made many efforts attempting to do so.

As for David, your request was on my Ramey Message findings, not on my findings of a, top secret, Roswell policy by the AAF/AF and other Roswell research in general. This is still a discussion, off-line, in progress, or to be continued.

Lastly, I posted quite a bit of my analysis on UFO UpDates about 3 years ago, when it was in its development stage. That is what I am referring to as the pro-UFO and anti-UFO camps having icy dis-interest in my findings - typically the only 'interest' was of the arrogant setup type "put up or shut up" like Gildas displayed. The setup is really a politician's type of argument to an opponent, where you know they really aren't truly interested in the other candidate's position. It's just a setup argument so they can say the other guy couldn't prove his case. Debunkers do that kind of unscientific partisan sniping all the time. Now we can see a pro-UFO pro-ETHer doing here to me.

And while on the subject of over-looked posts, Gildas, you forgot or missed my posts agreeing with you that the Foster Ranch debris could not be from a MOGUL balloon array, particularly Flight 4. Your research was very convincing and I added a lot of new argument to it which you have totally ignored.

I do not have time for this B.S. game-playing. I have many time-consuming obligations and occasionally a window of time opens up a little to respond to some of these discussions. But I certainly have no time now, to revise my book manuscript. I had more time available a few years ago but didn't get any real support or encouragement, just s--t from skeptics and Roswellians alike, or the icy cold "yeah that's <yawn> interesting - not."

Brad Sparks

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Re: New Orb Images - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 16:37:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:15:43 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - White

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 09:54:43 +1000
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>I have just purchased a 3-D camera and will begin my own
>attempts to photograph Orbs. This seems to be the most
>convincing type of evidence to produce. Will be interesting to
>see what flaws will be found in this by some. I have no doubt
>the Orb Phenomena is real, we just need better and unique
>evidence to display this fact.

I've head orb photographers/researchers say that a really good
place to catch orbs is outside a hospital. A really good time is
just as a well defined rain front is arriving.

Eleanor White

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Re: New Orb Images - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 17:06:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:17:06 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - White

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:49:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>We do not argue. Perhaps the more pertinent point is that I look
>at such a video and see dust motes and wispy smoke made vividly
>noticeable by bright light and sensitive film/CCD. Others see
>what they see and interpret it as they see fit. Perhaps you
>should explain what you mean when you say "orb". When I say orb,
>I mean a dust mote or other object or smoke wisp made
>artificially bright and large by lighting or the sun reflecting
>back into the lens of the camera.

The orb videos taken by Steve A. Lee of Colorado are so obviously not any of the lens or environmental aberrations proposed that anyone seeing them doesn't feel a need to defend them. The moving orbs were lit by the normal camera mounted lighting used for nighttime recording.

The moving orbs kind of bounced up and down as a light attached to the head of someone walking would. The forward speed and cadence really suggested someone walking. The orb position was out of doors, well above the ground.

The brightness was perhaps like a 3-cell flashlight with fresh batteries aimed directly at the camera. The image was spherical, not just a bright point of light.

Beyond that, orbs have appeared on video above crop glyphs, also seen by some witnesses.

>Orbs are visible to some people. I'm not sure what this means,
>other than perhaps you are stating that a person reporting to
>have seen one must have seen some kind of supernatural thing. I
>do not know how you can make such a statement in the absence of
>any evidence. If I'm not understanding correctly, I apologize
>and ask for clarification.

Bright spheres of light have been reported by many witnesses under many different environments. Haunted places, crop glyphs, certain geographical areas, even over Lake Ontario.

UFOs are reported to appear and disappear at will. It would seem that orbs which do the same would be of interest to UFO researchers.

>Your final comment is a strong endorsement of my thesis. A
>camcorder records an "orb" while a still camera very close by
>records nothing.

Well, when you are dealing with physics advanced well beyond what college physics profs know about, that's not necessarily a surprise. The sightings and photos continue.

>If orbs are a real phenomena, how is this possible? Are orbs
>able to decide what devices are capable of recording them?

Maybe, IMO. Experiments with some of the geography-specific orbs result in their showing on some cameras and not others, or showing on cameras but not being seen.

"Real" doesn't mean they have to obey contemporary college physics laws. Phenomena which don't can still be quite real, just their physics has yet to be discovered by the unclassified world. Given the state of today's electronic harassment technology, I have a feeling that the black project world already has this level of physics. (I won't expand on that on this forum.)

Eleanor White

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Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 17:27:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>>Is any serious student of UFO-related anomalies actually
>>studying the subject of orbs? From any kind of scientific
>>perspective? The "enhancement" images on the site do not
>>qualify, IMHO. Like the previously noted "Hungarian UFO",
>>enhancing distortion or noise simply makes the noise louder.
>>Not at all revelatory, but wholly obfuscatory.

>May I suggest you visit:

><http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

>Maybe you will find what you are... or are not.... looking for.

Hi, Bruce:

Can you believe this stuff is still going around?!

Three studies (including your excellent work) and links to the authors concerning alleged "orbs" can be found at:

<http://ifo.s5.com>

(Please excuse the pop-ups on this old freebie site, I will be moving it to my new web site soon.)

I find "orb" images in all kinds of photographs I take and have deliberately reproduced these "orb" images dozens of times by photographing rain at night, snow falling, dust particles in the air, etc. The kids and I have a good laugh every time we find "orbs" in our various photographs (we are amateur photographers going professional). But instead of spreading them on the Internet as some kind of phenomena, we find better things to do with our, and other people's, time.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) -

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 09:43:45 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:20:38 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) -

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 01:28:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 08:09:00 +1000
>>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>UFO News 17th September 2004 (Australia)

>>A report on the activities of UFO Research Queensland Inc.
>>Brisbane, Australia. www.uforg.asn.au

>>"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of the
>>shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling
>>us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic
>>level." - Dr John Mack

>- - -

>Hello Sheryl:

>If the quote above were anonymous, I would instantly kiss it off
>as meaningless new-age mind mush.

>Since the good doctor is credited, and with some regrets, I have
>to call it meaningless new-age Mack-mush.

Hi Larry,

You know, sometimes when I am feeling cynical I say the same
thing but I just spent yesterday afternoon with a group of
people who have had close encounters and something is certainly
collapsing in their lives. They are on a journey into another
way of thinking, feeling and living that has got me curious.

I want to know what's going on.

Sheryl

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UFOs + ECHELON

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 16:49:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:30:06 -0400
Subject: UFOs + ECHELON

The tricky subject of UFOs has been raised in the European Parliament for the first time since the Belgian "flying triangle" flap a decade ago.

Given the hostile reception the topic received from British politicians back in 1993-94, Italian MEP Sebastiano Musumeci referred to "unexplained atmospheric phenomena" rather than UFOs in his question to the Commission in March.

Musumeci said some reports of aerial phenomena remained unexplained and continued to give rise to theories about alien visitors, which he said were "so far lacking any foundation."

He wants a serious scientific study of phenomena such as the mysterious lights seen for decades at Hessdalen in Norway to be undertaken at a Europe-wide level, possibly by a responsible body such as the European Space Agency.

But although Musumeci's request is a sensible and long overdue one, it is unlikely that any politician who wanted to remain in office would ever vote to spend public money researching a subject like UFOs with its lunatic fringe connotations.

Nevertheless, his question prompted the newspaper, European Voice, to devote a feature article on the many perplexing sightings that were made in Belgium in 1989 and 1990, and the subsequent attempts to get the topic taken seriously by the European Commission.

One scientist who was involved in the 1994 debate told the paper he found all attempts to discuss the subject seriously were blocked by ridicule and added: "I was accused of asking for money to do research into Father Christmas and things of this kind."

European Parliament:

http://www.europarl.eu.int/home/default_en.htm

I couldn't find Musumeci's question to the Commission.

European Voice:

<http://www.european-voice.com/>

Temporary committee on the ECHELON interception system - July 2000- :

http://www.europarl.eu.int/committees/echelon_home.htm

Terry W. Colvin

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Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:49:31 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:35:31 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:25:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

><snip>

>>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>>under non-ideal conditions.

>Orbs are visible to some people. More than that, there have been
>camcorder clips of moving orbs and mists.

>Orbs show on video where adjacent photos show no such "defects".

Hi Eleanor,

Thanks for your informed comment. A couple of evenings ago, I noticed a very fast moving illumination zap past me about 4 feet away. After seeing it for the second time I got my digital still camera and proceeded to shoot off 25 photos randomly around the room while seated in the same position.

Nothing unusual showed on any of the photos except #18. Here a round Orb is seen against a white door. This door was in several other photos with no anomaly. So what does that tell you?

It tells me that this is a true mysterious phenomena that deserves serious study. And this has not be done to date.

Barry Taylor

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:24:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:37:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Hatch

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:36:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:57:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:44:02 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

<snip>

>>>This illustrates a common problem in trying to evaluate UFO
>>>reports. Witnesses make the reports, usually giving the time,
>>>(as defined by an officially recognised time zone, sometimes
>>>advanced one hour for "summer time"), or GMT (Greenwich Mean
>>>Time, also referred to as Universal Time or Zulu Time).

>>Ideally the times of UFO reports would all be recorded in GMT
>>together with date, latitude and longitude. It would then be
>>easy - assuming the reports were stored in a computer data base
>>- to calculate the local apparent time, from which relevant
>>astronomical information could be calculated.

>I am happy to agree entirely with John on this important point.

Please let me second (third?) that.

I am sick to death of UFOs that appear "right after dinner" and
which fly away "over Kelly's barn" as if clock, calender and the
North Pole were vague abstractions, designed by eggheads to
distract honest kids from the fish in the creek.

Best

- Larry

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 00:04:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:39:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:02:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:55:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

<snip>

>>This is an oft-repeated question which can be answered by the
>>narrow field of view of the FLIR video camera being far superior
>>to the wide field of view of the human eye. If they had had
>>binoculars or a telescopic sight to view them (and a steady
>>hand!) then they would have seen them without the FLIR.>

>Capt. Franz has stated that he could see the oil well flares
>quite easily without the use of binoculars or telescopic sight
>and from 30,000 ft., 19,000 ft. higher than the airforce crew.

>this again brings to question why the crew could not see them >
>even though I'm sure they were trained well enough to look out
>of the window.

It is easy to see distant lights at night.
During th daytime the distant lights have to compete
with the airglow caused by sunlight. For example, we can't
see stars in the day time, even though they are there.

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Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 14:16:36 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:44:26 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:39:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>><snip>

>>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>>under non-ideal conditions.

>Well said. I looked at the site and laughed a lot.

Bob,

Pleased I was able to amuse you.

While you are in such a good mood, I would like to put your
expertise in photo analysis to good use. You have worked
for/with the CIA and called upon by the Court as expert photo
analyst to make professional judgement on photographic evidence
that presumably would influence decisions made by Judge and Jury
during prosecution of the accused.

Lets play out a small court room scenario. I am the accused. I
claim that the photo on Dr. Bruce Maccabee's web site at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/orb3.html>

(Photo added by Cornet for comparison being Orb tube photograph
taken by Byron Williams (Sargel 18), is a genuine Orb photo and
that the Orb was pulsing and left a motion trail as it very
rapidly moved just above ground away from the photographer
during the short open camera shutter of approx. 1/60th of a
second.

You are employed by the prosecution to examine this photo. If it
is found that I am wrong about this photo, then I am guilty and
given 10 years for fraud. If the Jury finds my claim true, then
I am entitled to compensation.

What is your verdict?

Barry Taylor

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Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 16:09:55 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 10:56:01 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:39:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

><snip>

>>May I suggest you visit:

>><http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

>>Maybe you will find what you are... or are not.... looking for.

>Dr. Maccabee,

>Well, shut my mouth! Thank you for jumping in. While I
>admittedly was asking a rhetorical question about orb
>investigation, I am pleased to find that the subject has been
>looked at scientifically.

>Your very generous report explains in geometry and physics
>exactly what my photographic experience explained to me long
>ago.

>I share you position that there are indeed photos that defy easy
>identification, but it is at best premature to count orb images
>among them.

Kyle,

Not much science analysis related to Orbs in Maccabee's Orb
'Paper'. Just an example of "how to fake Orbs photos".

It is like me throwing a hub cap into the air and photographing
that. Writing a scientific 'paper' on the UFO subject based on
this type of false image. Basically worthless to the
contribution of the real phenomena. Just adding a few
meaningless formulas, angles of degrees and exaggerated
observations does not make good science, even if I tell you it
does. The only real Orb photo at the end of the 'paper' is still
overlooked.

Maccabee's science 'paper' concludes with:

"Of course, I cannot state positively that every anomalous image
of the orb type considered here (not self-luminous so that
nothing was seen when the flash photo was taken and the image is
a small, "transparent" circle or disc or an elongated "tube")
was caused by a reflection of light from a tiny object close to
the camera. However, it seems to be a "good guess" that many or
most of them are."

"Good guess"? That sure is a positive scientific statement is it

not?

Nothing personal Bruce, as you know, but more serious work on this subject is underway as we speak.

Barry Taylor

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HALIFAX -- UFO sightings are on the rise in Canada, and a group gathered in Halifax is hoping to figure out why.

The Canadian Mutual UFO network held its first national symposium on flying saucers yesterday.

But turnout was low at just 25 people for lectures on alien encounters and space travel in what organizers hoped to make a yearly event.

But speaker and ufologist Stanton Friedman says interest in UFOs is actually quite high in Atlantic Canada it's just that most people are afraid to admit they're a believer.

He says about one in 10 people who come to his lectures all over North America say they've had an encounter with extra terrestrials.

Annet Tol of Cornwall, P.E.I. is one of those people.

She says she came to the Halifax seminars to find out if what she saw on a transatlantic flight five years ago was actually a UFO.

Canadian UFO sightings were up 40 per cent last year, with 31 sightings in Atlantic Canada.

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 09:51:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 11:06:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 09:43:45 +1000
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

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>You know, sometimes when I am feeling cynical I say the same
>thing but I just spent yesterday afternoon with a group of
>people who have had close encounters and something is certainly
>collapsing in their lives. They are on a journey into another
>way of thinking, feeling and living that has got me curious.

>I want to know what's going on.

Sheryl,

Be very careful when applying your curiosity to such statements
and the people making them. History warns us... Heaven's Gate and
Jim Jones preyed on such curiosity and on people's sense of
"collapse". It didn't do much for the participants' way of
thinking, feeling... and of course... living.

Curiosity is not constructive when it is accompanied by an
inability to resist a charismatic message. For many who feel a
collapse in their lives, such a message can become an answer.
The answer... tragically... can be much worse than the collapse.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Some Co-Incidence - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 11:04:34 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:24:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence - Freeman

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:12:29 +0100
>Subject: Some Co-Incidence

<snip>

>Mystery #1

>In 1726 a certain Jonathan Swift wrote: "They [the Laputians]
>have likewise discovered two lesser stars, or satellites, which
>revolve about Mars, whereof the innermost is distant from the
>center of the primary planet exactly three of its diameters, and
>the outermost five: the former revolves in the space of ten
>hours, and the latter in twenty-one and a half,..."

>That was 150 years before Deimos and Phobos were first
>spotted:

<snip>

>Weird - Swift "guessed" correct number of moons, correct
>(approx.) distances from Mars, correct (approx.) orbit periods
>and hence their correct masses/densities.

>Compounded by Phobos's mass/density being so 'strange' that some
>recent astronomers have suggested that it_might_have been
>hollow, even artificial.

<snip>

>So - Deimos and Phobos (+ weirdness) PLUS Pluto and Charon (+
>weirdness).

>How came those detailed predictions and attendant weirdness? Any
>ideas?

Hello Ray, EBK and List,

Perhaps it really wasn't just a matter of guessing, but just one of those unexplained realities of unexplained science/knowledge we have yet to understand/perceive. Or perhaps instead of cases of coincidence, these mysteries are just instances of synchronicity that lie beyond our current understanding?

It could very well be, that all knowledge of the cosmos, etc. exists in the ether, or let's say, the nothingness of space, and such coincidences are really a result of the brain/mind of these individuals tapping into and translating the impressions received from this vast store of hidden knowledge/information.

Just an idea, as you requested, that I thought I would throw into the "fire" for discussion/debate. Repeat after me... just_an_idea. :)

Have a great day,

Kelly Freeman

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:03:19 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:26:38 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:00:20 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 12:33:13 +0200
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 10:47:46 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:16 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

><snip>

>>>>I am interested in the search of the truth, whatever it turns
>>>>out to be, and I am sure I'm not alone. Have you passed your
>>>>findings to people like David Rudiak, Bob Durant, Mark
>>>>Rodeghier, Bruce Maccabee, Wendy Connors?

><snip>

>>>>It's not that I don't want to hear what Brad has to say. It's
>>>>that he won't tell me anything, even though I've asked in
>>>>private email. All he tells me is that I'm blinded to the truth
>>>>by pro-ET bias, I and others have it all wrong, drops an
>>>>occasional hint as to what he has, but never spells it out.

>>>>I find this enormously frustrating. It's like the guy at the
>>>>poker table saying he's got everybody beat with a royal flush,
>>>>but refuses to show his hand. Nobody is going to pay up until
>>>>they see what he's got. This has nothing to do with biases or
>>>>agendas.

>>>>I'm sure Brad could write a 2 or 3 paragraph synopsis of what
>>>>his theory is and what evidence he has to back it. Then there
>>>>would be something concrete to discuss. I have no problems if
>>>>he doesn't want to carry on a public discussion of it. I just
>>>>want to know what he has.

><snip>

>>Thank you for clarifying this new twist in the Roswell debate.
>>The argument of Brad Sparks is just unacceptable. He must show
>>"his cards", or shut-up.

>Gildas I will not "shut-up" and you have no right to tell me
>that! What an obnoxious attitude! You have no damn right to tell
>me to give you hundreds of pages of book manuscript material in
>various stages of editing, requiring major revisions because of
>new findings I have not had time to incorporate. Nor do you have
>the right to tell me to condense it into a post to UFO UpDates,

>minus all the scholarly documentation and argument that would be
>in a book. It just happens not to condense very well - and I
>have made many efforts attempting to do so.

Brad,

The trouble with your attitude is you announce publicly that all researchers on Roswell, skeptics and "believers" alike, are wrong, that you have enormous documentation proving that, but that, since people don't seem to want to know about it, you are not going to say more for the time being. Maybe you will publish a book later, if you find the time.

What you show here is a lot of arrogance.

Are we supposed to just wait and hope that, someday, you will condescend to reveal the 'Truth'?

Of course I don't ask you to publish hundreds of pages. One reasonable answer, that you owe to us now, is to give at least a general idea.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Halifax Conference Tackles UFOs - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 11:16:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:27:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Halifax Conference Tackles UFOs - King

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>is actually quite high in Atlantic Canada it's just that most
>people are afraid to admit they're a believer.

>He says about one in 10 people who come to his lectures all over
>North America say they've had an encounter with extra
>terrestrials.

<snip>

Question for Stan Friedman,

Stan, are these statements accurate? Have one in ten of your
attendees claimed to have had an encounter with
extraterrestrials?

I ask because you have posted in the past about a "show of
hands" informal survey where attendees indicate whether or not
they have seen a UFO. Unless I mis-read, this is quite different
than stating they indicated they had an encounter with
extraterrestrials.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 12:06:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:33:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Allan

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:34:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:23:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

<snip>

>>I have merely stated what is acceptable to me in this case, and
>>Hartmann's analysis is just that.

>It is, in short, your personal belief statement. To that, of
>course, you are perfectly entitled.

>If only you had said to start with - without implying that those
>who might disagree have some serious problem (such as being
>dreaded "ETHers"), or insinuating that Hartmann's interpretation
>is more compelling than it really is (or surely ever can be by
>the nature of the question it addresses) - I would not have
>responded. At least you afforded me an opportunity to provide an
>overview of the CW sighting's meaning, including its large role
>in early UFO history and the limitations of alternative, prosaic
>speculations, coupled with an observation or two about the
>case's diminished significance as evidence over time.

>Though I remain unconvinced by the meteor explanation, I cannot
>disprove it any more than you can prove it. It's doubtful that
>any discussion of the case can move beyond that sort of
>stalemate, which arises from what might be characterized as
>argument from context (or, for that matter, from conflicting
>sense of the possible).

>>Of course the case for UFOs does not stand or fall on the C-W
>>case. I do expect, however, that quite a few ufologists would
>>still list it as one of their top ten.

>You just made that up, didn't you?

No I did not.

>>There are people who say the C-W case ranks of high importance
>>since it instigated the (in)famous "Estimate of the Situation"
>>in August 1948, and we all know its top secret conclusions, and
>>how Vandenberg destroyed it, don't we[,] Jerry?

>Please reread the words from my previous post above. There I
>stated that CW's sighting looms larger in history than in
>lasting evidence. What you've just written was - obviously -
>precisely what I was alluding to. My point was that things
>looked different in the early days of the UFO controversy, when
>the phenomenon was new and the pool of sightings not very deep,
>from the way they would look later when more compelling and
>evidential reports emerged.

>>Any chance of a rediscussion on Adamski or Van Tassell [sic],

>>Jerry?

>Actually, Christopher, it's Van Tassel, unless you're referring
>to somebody unfamiliar to me, albeit with a name very much like
>that of the fabled California contactee. In fact, I'm happy to
>discuss early contactees at any time. As you may not be aware,
>I have written about them at length (a forthcoming university-
>press book contains a long paper of mine on '50s contactee
>Dorothy Martin, of When Prophecy Fails infamy), though never in
>the same breath as Chiles- Whitted or other credible witnesses
>to what may be genuine unknowns.

>Beyond that, I am at a loss to grasp your point, I confess. But
>perhaps it takes a pelicanist to fly the distance between
>Chiles-Whitted and Adamski/ Van Tassel as if the trajectory were
>so logical as to require no explanation. Unless, of course,
>you're making a feeble effort to ridicule by association, and I
>am certain that you are far too noble to attempt anything so
>clumsy and embarrassingly transparent.

>Therefore, being an unimaginative, earthbound soul who prefers
>to stick to the point, I think I'll stay where I am and try to
>refrain from what I am wont to do in the presence of
>pelicanists: scratch my head in bafflement.

Jerry:

You wrote: "as Brad Sparks has cogently remarked, we shouldn't
even be discussing this case" (the C-W case).

My question, in effect, was: 'Why ever not?'
(This portion of my reply was excised).

I replied that any UFO case may be discussed if it turns out to
have sufficient interest to others. I agree the C-W case is old
hat now but may still be of interest. It was first raised by
someone else, not me.

I then rather frivolously suggested other cases that might (or
might not) be of interest. To be serious, no, I am not genuinely
interested in pursuing any of them, for the reasons I gave.

Hence my reference to Adamski & Van Tassel (1), as a joke.

Seriously though, Jerry: Neither you, Brad, nor anyone else has
the right to tell us which UFO cases we should or should not be
discussing in this forum.

And with that, I am closing [my portion of] this debate.

At least I hope so.

Christopher

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Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:48:38 +0100
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Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:32:24 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 20:43:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>>>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico Governor...]

>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>But I am puzzled. You seem able, from more than 3,000 miles
>away, to apparently confidently make statements not only about
>Hopkins' and Jacobs' professional abilities, but also,
>seemingly, about their mental states as well. Congratulations
>John. You must be the first holder of a new doctorate or degree
>that the rest of us have never heard of before, and one which
>would normally have resulted in immediate professional
>disbarment or censure under "the old way". I am referring to the
>practise of making a diagnosis about a "patient" without ever
>having had a consultation with them. Pray tell, which esteemed
>college awarded you this degree? The same one that awarded Dr.
>Ian Paisley his Doctorate in theology perhaps?

I have to judge by what they actually write, and they write
utter nonsense about greys floating through walls to abduct
people, alien implants, etc.

>>>>So it seems we can indulge in any sort of fantastic
>>>>speculation apart from the obvious one that Wilson was
>>>>suffering from one of her mental fugues which caused her to
>>>>lose an hour by wandering around aimlessly. This story will
>>>>cause more sensible readers to wonder, not about "changeable
>>>>human energy field" (whatever that might be), but
>>>>whether Wilson is fit to be allowed out on her own.

>>>>Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that
>>>>concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather more
>>>>constructive attitude than apparently taking her story as
>>>>being a true account of objectively real events?

>>>>See previous above answer. I keep trying to push the word
>>>>"arrogant" out of my brain in relation to you, but it keeps
>>>>popping back in. What in god's name do you know about it? How
>>>>are you qualified to offer such an opinion? What's your
>>>>experience in the field, pray tell.

OK, there are two possible explanations for Katharina Wilson
wandering around the airport for an hour and apparently having
weird experiences (1) she suffered some kind of mental

disturbance, as I suggested, or (2) she just made it up. I think (1) is the most likely. If you can think of a better explanation just say what it is.

>>Yes, most ufologists are a bit soft in the head. Perhaps it's >>unkind to mention it but it's just one of the facts of life.

>Sounds like you're on the back foot here a bit John. If you just >want to get plain abusive and resort to the sort of level I >usually drop down to and which I am very good at, then by all >means. But we'll bore the rest of the List even more than we're >doing now.

I'm not being abusive - it's a self-evident fact and the main reason why the subject is not taken seriously by mainstream science.

John Harney

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>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:42:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

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>Later in Budd's abduction career, he was closely observed
>(during his work on the "Witnessed" case) by two highly
>professional psychotherapists, one of whom has been awarded the
>Macarthur Prize, one of America's highest intellectual honors.
>I've spoken to both these people. Neither agrees with Budd's
>conclusions - neither believes that aliens (little, grey, or
>otherwise) are abducting people. But both told me that they
>admire Budd's methodology, and find it highly professional. I
>published this in my IUR study of the "Witnessed" case, so it's
>part of the abduction record.

If these people don't believe Budd's nonsense about aliens
abducting people how can they describe his methodology as "highly
professional"? It doesn't make sense.

>And then there's this: No mental health professional who's
>worked with Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, or the abductees they've
>worked with has ever concluded that these abductees have had
>their minds "tinkered with." Nor has anyone qualified to examine
>the abductees - and who has actually examined them, or given
>them psychological tests - concluded that, as a group, they show
>any significant psychopathology.

There is considerable disagreement concerning the question of if
or to what extent abductees differ psychologically from a
representative cross-section of the population.

<snip>

>But
>after reading John Harney's latest - and, of course, much else
>that he's posted here over the years - I'm happy to borrow the
>kind of language he himself loves to use, and label him an
>arrogant, despicable buffoon.

I'll make a note of that. Anyone who disagrees with your views
on UFOs and abductions is an "arrogant, despicable buffoon".

John Harney

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 21:37:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:42:20 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Pope

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 16:49:19 -0700
>Subject: UFOs + ECHELON

>The tricky subject of UFOs has been raised in the European
>Parliament for the first time since the Belgian "flying
>triangle" flap a decade ago.

>Given the hostile reception the topic received from British
>politicians back in 1993-94, Italian MEP Sebastiano Musumeci
>referred to "unexplained atmospheric phenomena" rather than UFOs
>in his question to the Commission in March.

>Musumeci said some reports of aerial phenomena remained
>unexplained and continued to give rise to theories about alien
>visitors, which he said were "so far lacking any foundation."

<snip>

Terry,

If it helps, I previously posted some information about this,
including the text of Sebastiano Musumeci's question, the answer
he received, and the text of the article that appeared in
"European Voice":

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/mar/m25-014.shtml>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/mar/m27-017.shtml>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:28:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:46:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale - Maccabee

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 11:56:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:15:34 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mexican FLIR Video And Story On Sale

>>>>During one section of the video, the most notable objects were>
>>>>in a doubled triplet formation, pacing the airplane off the port
>>>>side, and are seen to have passed in front of a nearby cloud
>>>>top, then pass behind * an even closer cloud-top fragment,
>>>>then emerge.

>>Actually this is debatable. It could be that the cloud is thin
>>enough to allow infrared through. The brightnesses of the lights
>>changes in a manner expected if they were coming through cloud
>>and then get brighter as the sighting line exits the cloud area.

>Was this a true, photometrically measured increase in
>brightness, or just an apparent increase that could be
>associated with the much lesser contrast between object and
>cloud when "in front of" the cloud than when contrasted with
>the colder background "sky"?

You can bet I looked and looked for a provable situation in
which the lights were in front of a cloud. Unfortunately, I could
find none. I would agree that there were a couple ambiguous
portions of the video which I initially thought were evidence of
the lights being closer than a cloud. But then upon further study
I realized that I couldn't prove it because clouds are not
opaque when thin. A cloud can reflect sunlight and appear
"thick" while actually being quite "thin". On the other hand,
the dimming of the lights by intervening clouds occurred
numerous times and triangulation indicated distances to the
lights that were much greater than distances to the clouds.

>>Note that I said "sighting line" and not objects.

>It is likely that the objects were much farther away than the
>>clouds and the motion past clouds is an illusion. ...

>How does this possibility account for the objects having been
>noticeable through the extensive cloud top but then have been
>totally obscured for a few seconds when behind the still closer
>cloud-top fragment - but obscured >only when behind the latter?

Again, unless you have found some images I missed, there is no
provable case of the lights being in front of a cloud.

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Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:37:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:48:21 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 17:27:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>May I suggest you visit:>

>><http://brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

>>Maybe you will find what you are... or are not.... looking for.

>Hi, Bruce:

>Can you believe this stuff is still going around?!

>Three studies (including your excellent work) and links to the
>authors concerning alleged "orbs" can be found at:

><http://ifo.s5.com>

I believe that a major study by Charles Leitzau and co-workers
will become available soon. I am not involved and don't know
when or where it will be available.

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Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:50:31 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 14:16:36 +1000
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:39:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 11:35:51 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

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>>>Perhaps my time working in a commercial photo lab, and my years
>>>of taking photographs have made me cynical, but I see nothing on
>>>the referenced site which appears to be anything more than what
>>>most would call a bad photo... marred by dust, smoke, etc. They
>>>are all easily reproducible, and predictably irreproducible
>>>under non-ideal conditions.>

>>Well said. I looked at the site and laughed a lot.

>Pleased I was able to amuse you.

>While you are in such a good mood, I would like to put your
>expertise in photo analysis to good use. You have worked
>for/with the CIA and called upon by the Court as expert photo
>analyst to make professional judgement on photographic evidence
>that presumably would influence decisions made by Judge and Jury
>during prosecution of the accused.

>Lets play out a small court room scenario. I am the accused. I
>claim that the photo on Dr. Bruce Maccabee's web site at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/orb3.html>

>(Photo added by Cornet for comparison being Orb tube photograph
>taken by Byron Williams (Sargel 18), is a genuine Orb photo and
>that the Orb was pulsing and left a motion trail as it very
>rapidly moved just above ground away from the photographer
>during the short open camera shutter of approx. 1/60th of a
>second.

I must alert the alert reader to the following fact: I was asked
by a representative (girlfriend?) of Sargel18 to remove the
photo of an "orb tube" from my web site. I have done so. However,
I have added the web address (not a direct link) of the same
photo.

For a rare case of an orb visible and photographed during the
daytime (clearly not flash orb) visit:

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

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) -

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:07:30 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:52:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 09:51:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 09:43:45 +1000
>>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

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>>You know, sometimes when I am feeling cynical I say the same
>>thing but I just spent yesterday afternoon with a group of
>>people who have had close encounters and something is certainly
>>collapsing in their lives. They are on a journey into another
>>way of thinking, feeling and living that has got me curious.

>>I want to know what's going on.

>Be very careful when applying your curiosity to such statements
>and the people making them. History warns us... Heaven's Gate and
>Jim Jones preyed on such curiosity and on people's sense of
>"collapse". It didn't do much for the participants' way of
>thinking, feeling... and of course... living.

>Curiosity is not constructive when it is accompanied by an
>inability to resist a charismatic message. For many who feel a
>collapse in their lives, such a message can become an answer.
>The answer... tragically... can be much worse than the collapse.

Kyle,

What are you driving at? I agree with some of your above
comments, but what has it got to do with my earlier statements?

And who said anything about a charismatic message?

Isn't the desire to know what is going on one of the driving
forces behind many researchers interest in the UFO subject?

Sorry, I think I've missed your point.

Sheryl

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 22:36:02 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:54:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Sparks

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:24:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:36:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:57:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:44:02 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

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>>>>This illustrates a common problem in trying to evaluate UFO
>>>>reports. Witnesses make the reports, usually giving the time,
>>>>(as defined by an officially recognised time zone, sometimes
>>>>advanced one hour for "summer time"), or GMT (Greenwich Mean
>>>>Time, also referred to as Universal Time or Zulu Time).

>>>>Ideally the times of UFO reports would all be recorded in GMT
>>>>together with date, latitude and longitude. It would then be
>>>>easy - assuming the reports were stored in a computer data base
>>>>- to calculate the local apparent time, from which relevant
>>>>astronomical information could be calculated.

>>>>I am happy to agree entirely with John on this important point.

>>>>Please let me second (third?) that.

>>>>I am sick to death of UFOs that appear "right after dinner" and
>>>>which fly away "over Kelly's barn" as if clock, calendar and the
>>>>North Pole were vague abstractions, designed by eggheads to
>>>>distract honest kids from the fish in the creek.

Still another agreement here. This raises the issue of evaluation of UFO report quality. Very poor judgment is continually displayed in the promotion of poor cases. As I said before the Chiles-Whitted case is a lousy case, and not one upon which the existence or non-existence of the UFO phenomenon should hinge. The reason, as I said before, is that it was very short in duration (5-10 seconds) and while certain expert observers such as a Lincoln LaPaz could have made an enormously detailed and accurate report of such a short observation or could have extracted such from his sophisticated investigation and reenactments with witnesses, there is no evidence of such accurate and precise visual observation by Chiles or Whitted in their reporting. So far as I can tell Chiles and Whitted never give any angles whatsoever (except their own course heading). The object was essentially in rectilinear motion at high speed, not hovering where one could observe more carefully.

There is little to distinguish it from a high speed brilliant meteor fireball and it does appear to have been sighted over several Southern states from the Virginia-North Carolina border (pilot Feldvary) to Georgia (Massey at Warner-Robins AFB) to Alabama (Chiles-Whitted) on a SW course. But the Chiles-Whitted passenger who awoke to see the flash said it was headed SE. Let me review the Strangeness factors that would putatively exclude a meteor and see how well they hold up (see below).

The Chiles-Whitted time of 2:45 AM seems casual, like most people who round off times to the nearest 15 or 30 minutes or even to the nearest hour. Was it really 2:44 or 2:46 or even 2:30 or 2:55 or whatever? Was it EST or EDT? Whitted specified EST but Chiles did not specify a time zone or standard in his report to the AF. It is my impression that airlines and railroads in that era used Daylight Saving Time. It's possible Whitted converted to EST in his reporting. The AF maintenance man in Georgia was apparently a bit confused in his time and date. Ruppelt seems to have assumed his 1:40-1:50 AM time was EST and Chiles-Whitted was 2:45 AM EDT and thus the same time, as Hynek seems to have suggested in his 1949 analysis.

This might be resolvable if one could check the newspapers for the July 1948 flight schedule of Eastern Airlines Flight 576. Major papers often printed airline schedules in that era.

The Strangeness factors that might exclude a meteor fireball are:

Rocket Ship Shape with Rectangular "Windows"
"Pull Up" Maneuver
Course Change
Speed
Altitude Possibly Below Clouds

As we will see the evidence for each is very weak, equivocal, or contradicted by the best data.

Rocket Ship Shape with Rectangular "Windows"

The famous double-decker row of rectangular or square windows on a Buck Rogers-type pointy rocket ship is what has made this case sensational. But there is an "airship effect" in which fast moving flaming objects such as meteors and reentering satellites can appear to have "windows" even sharply delineated "windows." Hynek may have been the first to notice this effect and suggested it specifically with reference to Chiles-Whitted. Typically the "windows" are bright blobs of flaming material that seem to be contrasted against a surrounding "darker body" typically thought to be cigar-shaped or rocket-shaped. Cases include the March 3, 1968, meteor-fireball or space debris reentry, the June 1969 Iowa Fireball that Klass likes to point out where a pilot over 100 miles away thought he needed to avoid collision with the objects, and the 1913 Chant Meteor Procession (meteors that apparently braked into earth orbit briefly).

The "double decker" parallel rows may be due to the meteor fireball breaking up into two major portions burning up along parallel paths shortly before final disintegration. Indeed the Chiles-Whitted portion of the long 500+ mile trajectory that began as far up as the southern Virginia border is the final end of the sighting series so far as we can tell. And Whitted made it clear to McDonald that the object did NOT disappear by going into clouds but by disappearing in mid-air. That is what meteors do, they burn up and disappear in mid-air.

Again, this is a problem with a short-duration high-speed moving object case where there was not a phase of hovering to give witnesses a chance to make better observations. The witnesses were not experts at short-duration observations of meteors as LaPaz was, they gave no angles and their timing data is relatively weak.

"Pull Up" Maneuver

The famous "pull up" maneuver reported by Chiles and Whitted was described by Whitted who had the best view because he was not distracted by flying the plane and veering to avoid a possible

collision as Chiles was doing. Whitted told AF interviewers on a followup that it was a "gentle climb" prior to "disappearance." Whitted told McDonald in Jan 1968 that he was widely misunderstood, by both the AF and his own pilot Chiles according to McDonald, to mean that the object vanished by going into the clouds in a sharp pullup when in fact "it climbed only perhaps a matter of a few hundreds of feet" and it was "suddenly just gone!" It had not gone into the cloud cover.

Again, Chiles and Whitted had a chance to prove some special expertise at visual observation by providing precise sensible angles and timing. But they didn't. They did not need to be astronomers or mathematicians (as LaPaz was) or Cal Tech aerodynamicists (as one of the Lockheed crew was). All they needed to do was understand the concepts of angular measurements and timing and do the best they could. But they did not understand the importance of angles and time and the AF investigators apparently did not either since they seem not to have extracted that info from Chiles or Whitted.

We are left to reconstruct angles and time from fragmentary data and logical deduction. Chiles said that at closest approach the object passed about 700 feet to their right about 500 to 800 feet higher than their altitude. Even though distance is difficult to impossible to determine, the relative ratio of height and distance can be fairly accurate, and that gives the tangent of the elevation angle, which is 36 to 49 degrees at closest approach.

Whitted estimated the speed at 700 mph (1,000 ft/sec) at 500 feet higher altitude than their DC-3 airliner. Then, as he told McDonald, it disappeared a few hundred feet higher than that (say 700-1,000 ft above airliner altitude). So supposing about half the sighting duration was spent passing the plane to disappearance we get about 2,500 to 5,000 feet distance traveled from close approach to disappearance.

But this makes the disappearance only 8 to 22 degrees above the aircraft local horizontal (using Chiles' close-approach distance estimate).. This is a huge drop in elevation angle from the 36-49 degrees. This is not a "pullup" or "gentle climb" but a descent. The angle drops. The "pullup" is apparently an illusion of distance perspective. Perhaps if the climb had been very sharp instead of "gentle" we could hypothesize that as the angle gradually dropped there was a sudden lift up. But Whitted was quite explicit in telling McDonald it was a "gentle climb" evidently over a large fraction of the sighting duration, which is clearly contradicted by the angles calculated.

A meteor could have been at about, say, 45 miles up at the close approach traveling at say 20 miles per second (72,000 mph), dropping to 40 miles altitude at disappearance. These numbers can be adjusted and are merely to illustrate how plausible a meteor scenario can be. At a ground distance of say 60 miles at close approach this would be an elevation angle of 37 degrees, consistent with the data from Chiles-Whitted. At disappearance perhaps 100 miles away the elevation angle would be 22 degrees, again consistent with the Chiles-Whitted data I previously calculated. Farther back up the trajectory in North Carolina, the meteor might have become visible at about 90 miles altitude (including earth dropoff of thirty miles or so). All these numbers are quite consistent with meteor fireballs.

Course Change

As Chiles veered the airliner to the left the object reportedly veered the opposite direction to their right. Or was the impression of the object turning simply an illusion caused by the airliner's own turn? Why should the reality of the UFO phenomenon have to hinge on a few seconds of a sudden and unexpected event like this with not even a quantitative estimate of how many degrees of the "turn"? This simply degenerates into an argument over pilot qualifications, etc., that do not prove anything one way or another. These pilots did not provide angles and their timing is very loose, so there is no reason from the weakness of their reporting to want to rely on them for the impression of a momentary course change by the object, an alleged course change whose size is completely unknown. Was it a trivial slight 1-degree turn, or 10 degrees or 45 degrees?? Who knows?

Without a numerical estimate the alleged turn remains rather subjective. This is how one can gauge whether to put much weight on a witness observation -- numerical estimates are to be preferred over non-quantitative subjective impressions. This is basic science.

A meteor in general cannot change course, though if it broke up or a portion broke off the different parts could veer off in differing directions. A portion could break off out of view depending on the angle of view, clouds that may hide that portion, and other visibility factors. Whether this rare possibility needs to be invoked is a good question. Chiles did not have a good view of the object disappearing because he was busy piloting the plane to avoid what he thought could have been a collision. The illusion of a pilot thinking he was about to collide with a distant meteor, thinking it was an aircraft much closer, is known from the Iowa Fireball case of 1969, as Philip Klass has pointed out many times without recognition by the UFO community.

AF flight mechanic Massey in Georgia about 200 miles from Chiles and Whitted and presumably observing slightly earlier in the meteor flight claimed the object "took a changing southwest course while in sight" after first being seen in the N. Massey did not give an angle for the turn. McDonald interpreted this as a 45-degree turn from a S heading to a SW heading but Massey is perhaps too fuzzy to rely upon for such an inference, as he seems a bit confused on his observational details, such as which day the sighting occurred (Friday the 23rd or Saturday the 24th), there are two different times attributed without explanation (1:40-1:50 or 2:05 AM), etc. And again Massey did not give any figure at all, nothing about a 45-degree turn or any particular number of degrees. Without a numerical estimate the alleged course change remains rather subjective. A meteor of course can be seen in the N and still be on a SW heading, without changing course.

Speed

Whitted reported the object seemed to be traveling at 700 mph. AF man in Georgia also said 700 mph, but also compared the object to a V-2 he had seen in France during the war, and V-2 speed was up to about 4,000 mph.

Because distance could not be reliably determined, Whitted's 1/2 mile distance estimate (he was not clear as to whether that applied at first sight or close approach or disappearance or just when) could be scaled up by a factor of a hundred to meteor distances. Then the speed scales up to 70,000 mph, which is in accord with the 72,000 mph meteor speed scenario I outlined above.

Altitude Possibly Below Clouds

No one ever explicitly said they saw the rocket ship silhouetted against clouds. If it had been seen against the clouds Chiles and Whitted could have said they had a reliable means to estimate the distance using the clouds. But they never said such a thing, never said they could use the scattered clouds for a distance reference, or upper limit. Whitted even had to complain to McDonald that his statement about the object disappearing was not meant to imply the object went into clouds (which would give us a distance marker) but that it had vanished in mid-air apparently against clear sky -- as a meteor would.

In summary, there is not enough reliable quantitative data in the Chiles-Whitted case from its short duration of 5-10 seconds to exclude a bright meteor fireball, and it should not be used as a strong case or best evidence for UFO reality.

Brad Sparks

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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:43:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 07:57:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Halifax Conference Tackles UFOs - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 11:16:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Halifax Conference Tackles UFOs

>>Source: Broadcast News

>><http://www.canada.com/maritimes/news/story.html?id=50182988-flaf-449e-938d-7d5c76177f4d>

>>09-19-04

>>Halifax Conference Tackles UFOs

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>>But speaker and ufologist Stanton Friedman says interest in UFOs
>>is actually quite high in Atlantic Canada it's just that most
>>people are afraid to admit they're a believer.

>>He says about one in 10 people who come to his lectures all over
>>North America say they've had an encounter with extra
>>terrestrials.

><snip>

>Question for Stan Friedman,

>Stan, are these statements accurate? Have one in ten of your
>attendees claimed to have had an encounter with
>extraterrestrials?

>I ask because you have posted in the past about a "show of
>hands" informal survey where attendees indicate whether or not
>they have seen a UFO. Unless I mis-read, this is quite different
>than stating they indicated they had an encounter with
>extraterrestrials.

No, the quote is not accurate. What I said was that I check my audiences after my lecture and ask how many believe they have seen what I would describe as a flying saucer, having defined the term early on.

Typically the hands go up slowly, each thinking he or she is the only one. I count out loud.

Typically 10% believe they have seen one.

Then I ask how many reported what they saw and 90% of the hands go down.

The Halifax Chronicle Herald of Sept. 19 got it right, on page 4, in an article by Jennifer Stewart "Public Asked to take UFOs Seriously."

Stan Friedman

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:01:45 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:20:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:03:19 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:00:20 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>Gildas I will not "shut-up" and you have no right to tell me
>>that! What an obnoxious attitude! You have no damn right to tell
>>me to give you hundreds of pages of book manuscript material in
>>various stages of editing, requiring major revisions because of
>>new findings I have not had time to incorporate. Nor do you have
>>the right to tell me to condense it into a post to UFO UpDates,
>>minus all the scholarly documentation and argument that would be
>>in a book. It just happens not to condense very well - and I
>>have made many efforts attempting to do so.

>Brad,

>The trouble with your attitude is you announce publicly that all
>researchers on Roswell, skeptics and "believers" alike, are
>wrong, that you have enormous documentation proving that, but
>that, since people don't seem to want to know about it, you
>are not going to say more for the time being. Maybe you will
>publish a book later, if you find the time.

>What you show here is a lot of arrogance.

>Are we supposed to just wait and hope that, someday, you will
>condescend to reveal the 'Truth'?

>Or course I don't ask you to publish hundreds of pages. One
>reasonable answer, that you owe to us now, is to give a least a
>general idea.

Brad,

I agree with Gildas and David. You may have all the info in your head, and nobody is asking you to write a book in response - though that does seem to be what you really want to do. But I, for one, am not psychic.

Len Stringfield used to put out crash stories that he couldn't check on himself, but he would not allow anybody else to check either.

It appears that you have come up with a whole new paradigm. But I surely can't tell what it is, or how you got there, or why you think you have provided any real clue.

Basically you have damned the work of most other researchers, but why bring it up if you can't summarize at least some of the details, instead of getting angry at people who would be quite willing to listen and perhaps agree?

Stan Friedman
Puzzled in Fredericton

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:06:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:04:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Ledger

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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First Terry, what does he mean by "the sky"? If he meant the
first 60 miles upward from the Earth's surface, your amateur or
professional astronomer is no more of an expert than the rest of
the population. Meteorologists and pilots work in that space,
not astronomers.

Don Ledger

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:24:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:07:09 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:07:30 +1000
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>What are you driving at? I agree with some of your above
>comments, but what has it got to do with my earlier statements?

>And who said anything about a charismatic message?

>Isn't the desire to know what is going on one of the driving
>forces behind many researchers interest in the UFO subject?

>Sorry, I think I've missed your point.

Hi Sheryl,

I meant no offense. I was only offering a word of caution. Your quote from John Mack was the kind of charismatic statement which can lead some to fall into a way of thinking that lends undue weight to the charisma of it while obscuring the true meaning of it.

When someone experiences trauma, it is not unreasonable to think they may want to find a meaning in the experience. Such persons are vulnerable to being misled.

I'm not saying that Dr. Mack is misleading anyone, but I reiterate my warning that believing a charismatic message can be a dangerous thing.

By charismatic, I mean a message which sounds plausible on the surface, but which is actually just one among many possibilities that aren't mentioned. People who have experienced something they feel is extraordinary tend to accept extraordinary explanations over the alternative. There are those out there who would, could, and have preyed on such people.

Caveat Emptor!

More specifically, I was drawn to the first words of the Mack quote you alluded to..."in the end...". It is this implication, that his statement is the final word, that moves beyond helpful counsel and into the area of charismatic, declarative truth. The statement clearly dismisses other possibilities, while sounding very satisfying. There is a danger there, as I mentioned.

While I have never met an abductee, I have talked to someone who witnessed a UFO at very close range, and who was physically injured by it (burns, numerous health problems which defy common explanation, etc). She had no feeling that she was being "enlightened" in the mystical sense. She felt she had been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

However, I must admit that her "duality" has indeed collapsed. She passed away some years ago...ill and with no sense of connectedness that made her feel better about it.

If abductions are an effort to enlighten, why is it done without explicit consent? Why not abduct those who are eager for the experience? Is our future one in which we travel the galaxy, kidnapping people in order to show them the truth? I think that's a stretch at best, but it can, and has been, stated in a very charismatic way.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:21:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:09:23 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Kaeser

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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I don't believe that this is entirely accurate. Let's not forget
Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, an astronomer who was involved in the
investigation of the Green Fireballs of the late 40's and early
50's, and also a witness to other UFO events. The statement made
is, in itself, a popular phrase that gets more attention than it
probably deserves.

[A different] Steve

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:35:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:10:45 -0400
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Regards,

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:31:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 10:11:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Clark

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 12:06:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:34:18 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:23:12 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

Christopher,

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Now you really are being silly.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:07:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:28:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:03:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:42:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>Later in Budd's abduction career, he was closely observed
>>(during his work on the "Witnessed" case) by two highly
>>professional psychotherapists, one of whom has been awarded the
>>Macarthur Prize, one of America's highest intellectual honors.
>>I've spoken to both these people. Neither agrees with Budd's
>>conclusions - neither believes that aliens (little, grey, or
>>otherwise) are abducting people. But both told me that they
>>admire Budd's methodology, and find it highly professional. I
>>published this in my IUR study of the "Witnessed" case, so it's
>>part of the abduction record.

>If these people don't believe Budd's nonsense about aliens
>abducting people how can they describe his methodology as "highly
>professional"? It doesn't make sense.

There it is, succinctly stated above, the problem with
pelicanism, magonia faction, in a nutshell:

(1) Anything that Harney and gang don't agree with is
"nonsense," period. Either John can cram it into a convenient
ideological container, or it's to be ridiculed out of
contention.

(2) Since theory is everything, it is therefore impossible not
to have a firm - and, to the point, orthodoxy-affirming -
dismissive view of heterodox testimony. After all, puzzling
data with no theory to crush them can only provoke dangerous
levels of cognitive dissonance, with attendant intellectual
meltdown, in the sensitive pelicanist, and we surely can't have
that, can we?

Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:59:37 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:35:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Ledger

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:35:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

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I meant to mention earlier that which will come as no surprise
to many in the field of UFO research that Clyde W. Tombough, the
astronomer who discovered Pluto in 1930 after 11 years of poring
through endless photographic plates using the blinking process,
had a UFO sighting on August 20, 1949 which he claims changed
his opinion of the phenomenon in a matter of minutes. He had
three different sightings-without the use of an optical aid- and
claimed the following:

"I have seen three objects in the last seven years which defied
any explanation of known phenomenon, such as Venus, atmospheric
optic, meteors or planes. I am a professional, highly skilled,
professional astronomer. In addition I have seen three green
fireballs which were unusual in behavior from normal green
fireballs...I think that several reputable scientists are being

unscientific in refusing to entertain the possibility of extra-terrestrial origin and nature."

He died in the Fall of 1997 and was the only astronomer to have discovered a planet in the solar system in twentieth century.

Don Ledger

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:00:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:38:03 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - Kaeser

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:24:41 -0500
>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

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Kyle,

I had to look up "charismatic" and find out the actual
definition, and found that it means:

1. Of, relating to, or characterized by charisma: "the warmth of a naturally charismatic leader" (Joyce Carol Oates).
2. Of, relating to, or being a type of Christianity that emphasizes personal religious experience and divinely inspired powers, as of healing, prophecy, and the gift of tongues.

However, I'm not sure which one applies with regard to your usage.

Steve

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:55:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Maccabee

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 22:36:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:24:48 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

SNIP
>>>>This illustrates a common problem in trying to evaluate UFO
>>>>reports. Witnesses make the reports, usually giving the time,
>>>>(as defined by an officially recognised time zone, sometimes
>>>>advanced one hour for "summer time"), or GMT (Greenwich Mean
>>>>Time, also referred to as Universal Time or Zulu Time).

SNIP
>Still another agreement here. This raises the issue of
>evaluation of UFO report quality. Very poor judgment is
>continually displayed in the promotion of poor cases. As I said
>before the Chiles-Whitted case is a lousy case, and not one upon
>which the existence or non- existence of the UFO phenomenon
>should hinge. The reason, as I said before, is that it was very
>short in duration (5-10 seconds) and while certain expert
>observers such as a Lincoln LaPaz could have made an enormously
>detailed and accurate report of such a short observation or
>could have extracted such from his sophisticated investigation
>and reenactments with witnesses, there is no evidence of such
>accurate and precise visual observation by Chiles or Whitted in
>their reporting. So far as I can tell Chiles and Whitted never
>give any angles whatsoever (except their own course heading).
>The object was essentially in rectilinear motion at high speed,
>not hovering where one could observe more carefully.

<snip>

>Altitude Possibly Below Clouds

>No one ever explicitly said they saw the rocket ship silhouetted
>against clouds. If it had been seen against the clouds Chiles
>and Whitted could have said they had a reliable means to
>estimate the distance using the clouds. But they never said
>such a thing, never said they could use the scattered clouds for
>a distance reference, or upper limit. Whitted even had to
>complain to McDonald that his statement about the object
>disappearing was not meant to imply the object went into clouds
>(which would give us a distance marker) but that it had vanished
>in mid-air apparently against clear sky -- as a meteor would.

>In summary, there is not enough reliable quantitative data in
>the Chiles-Whitted case from its short duration of 5-10 seconds
>to exclude a bright meteor fireball, and it should not be used
>as a strong case or best evidence for UFO reality.

The preceding detailed analysis of the CW sighting of a "meteor"
should be compared with the 2 1/2 - 3 *minute* sighting of

"remarkable meteors" from the deck of the the ship U.S.S. Supply in Feb. 1904. The witness statements imply that the "meteors" were seen below the clouds and subsequently soared upward through the clouds and changed direction. Although an argument has been made that these were, in fact, meteors (Barry Greenwood), upon analysis the meteor explanation , IMHO, falls apart. see

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

My MUFON symposium paper on this case will be posted soon.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:19:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 07:14:03 -0400
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False.

Back in the '70's I received reports from two amateur
astronomers. It's been so long ago I can hardly remember, but if
I look through my files I can perhaps find the reports.

I do recall one guy who took a photo that he thought was a rare
case of Jupiter being visible during the daytime. He ran and got
his camera on a tripod and took a picture. Then "Jupiter" split
into two parts and the parts "flew away."

As recall, the reports I checked on were in letters to the
editor of Astronomy mag.

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>Now you really are being silly.

As Jerry will affirm, there are many cases out there that are abject nonsense to begin with, disclaimed or ignored as being trash and not worthy of note. However some debunkers insist on investigating them to attempt to prove that the phenomemnon is groundless.

You can start with Dr. Edward Condon [or earlier] and work your way through to the present, however Condon frustrated, and dismayed some of his own researchers by insisting that the fringe element's claims [those building landing strips for the flying saucers, for example] be investigated as well, probably to skew the results, which didn't work. Lord knows Condon himself tried his damndest.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:30:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 07:20:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hall

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

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>astronomer friend, Steve. How true is his statement?

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>who would be knowledgeable about the sky, has ever photographed
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Terry,

I don't know whether his statement is true or not, but it certainly is not significant in regard to UFOs. I had a 4-inch reflector telescope and spent countless hours observing the Moon, Mars, etc. If a UFO flew through the Earth's atmosphere it would not likely be seen through an astronomical telescope. And the photographic interests of astronomers have nothing to do with the atmosphere, only deep space. They would not have any particular need for a videocamera, and a camera attached to their lens system would be useless. Their attention is focused on an extremely narrow angle of sky.

Now, if no pilot, or meteorologist, or weather observer, or meteor watchers, or control tower operators (people who look at the sky constantly) have ever photographed or videotaped a UFO, that would be significant.

- Dick

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hicks

From: **Simon Hicks** <slh.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 23:45:53 +0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 07:22:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hicks

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>The comment below is from my retired meteorologist and amateur
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Although not specifically dealing with classical UFOs, Ingo
Swann in his boo, Penetration, referenced a large number of
astronomers who between them have catalogued thousands of
anomalous events on the moon over a long period of time.

Regards

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:31:01 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 07:28:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Miller

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:48:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 18:32:24 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 20:43:50 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2004 15:48:15 +0100 (BST)
>>>>Subject: Magonia - The Truth Is There [Was: New Mexico
>Governor...]

>>>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 19:07:52 +0100
>>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>But I am puzzled. You seem able, from more than 3,000 miles
>>away, to apparently confidently make statements not only
>>about Hopkins' and Jacobs' professional abilities, but also,
>>seemingly, about their mental states as well. Congratulations
>>John. You must be the first holder of a new doctorate or
>>degree that the rest of us have never heard of before, and
>>one which would normally have resulted in immediate
>>professional disbarment or censure under "the old way". I am
>>referring to the practise of making a diagnosis
>>about "patient" without ever having had a consultation with
>>them. Pray tell, which esteemed college awarded you this
>>degree? The same one that awarded Dr.Ian Paisley his
>>Doctorate in theology perhaps?

>I have to judge by what they actually write, and they write
>utter nonsense about greys floating through walls to abduct
>people, alien implants, etc.

You still haven't answered the question. You have made an
absolute statement about something. I want to know on what basis
of credentials do you make this statement? Are you experienced
in this field?

Of course we all know you're not John. The experience you have
here is the experience of picking up a book, reading it, and
then making a pronouncement. Perhaps this is a new type of
science? Seems like sound scientific methodolgy!

How can you expect to be taken seriously with knee-jerk emotive
responses like this? Isn't life supremely ironic when roles get
swapped? Isn't this the sort of thing you'd say to a "believer"
who will prattle on about something without the slightest trace
of proof or evidence?

<snip>

>>>Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that
>>>concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather
>>>more constructive attitude than apparently taking her story
>>>as being a true account of objectively real events?

>>See previous above answer. I keep trying to push the word
>>"arrogant" out of my brain in relation to you, but it keeps
>>popping back in. What in god's name do you know about it? How
>>are you qualified to offer such an opinion? What's your
>>experience in the field, pray tell.

>OK, there are two possible explanations for Katharina Wilson
>wandering around the airport for an hour and apparently having
>weird experiences (1) she suffered some kind of mental
>disturbance, as I suggested, or (2) she just made it up. I
>think (1) is the most likely. If you can think of a better
>explanation just say what it is.

And contained neatly above in this nicely nailed-down little
narrative is the answer to everything.

What are you doing in this subject if the above is what you
think? Do you acknowledge the anomalous at all?

There are not two possible explanations for Katharina Wilson's
experiences. There are at least three and possibly more. The
third being that what she claims she experienced actually
happened. Too ridiculous for words? Then go back to your
knitting or playing bingo or whatever it is that you near-London
types do to while away the early autumn evenings.

>>>Yes, most ufologists are a bit soft in the head. Perhaps
>>>it's unkind to mention it but it's just one of the facts of
>>>life.

>>Sounds like you're on the back foot here a bit John. If you
>>just want to get plain abusive and resort to the sort of
>>level I usually drop down to and which I am very good at,
>>then by all means. But we'll bore the rest of the List even
>>more than we're doing now.

>I'm not being abusive - it's a self-evident fact and the main
>reason why the subject is not taken seriously by mainstream
>science.

I'm fine with that John as long as we agree that sceptics are
soft in the head too. That at least is fair and balanced. So,
everybody involved in this subject then is soft in the head. No
wonder we're not taken seriously by mainstream science.

Stuart Miller

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UFOs Bush And CBS News

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 07:53:48 -0400
Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

As you all know the top story is how CBS has now publicly addressed their 'lack of confidence' in the documentation that lead to their inquiry and broadcasting information regarding the National Guard service record of President George W. Bush.

After bantering back and forth for weeks, just now CBS and anchorman Dan Rather have apologized for being duped by the source of the documents that lead to this public display.

Sure newsmen make mistakes. We've all seen sloppy reporting and often downright vindictive, rotten, and haphazard reporting.

In this case with CBS, we're learning how easy it was to hoodwink the vaunted CBS team. Documents are documents. In today's high tech world of printing, it's easy to dupe documents. Actually it's always been easy just check out how difficult it's been for law enforcement to deal with counterfeiting.

The press was fooled. How about the public? Do we know a real document from a fake? Anyone train in this area?

It's scary. I wouldn't say CBS jumped the gun and ran with it but what we have here is deceit to up-end a news service and it's reputation and derail a President's character. It's ironic that CBS and Bush are in the same boat. No WMDs and fraudulent documents.

Could it be the same source? How many times have Ufologists been mislead, undermined, curtailed, hoodwinked, bamboozled by sources that turned out to have every agenda other than the truth?

We're going to get a lesson in the workings of the press and government. It could show us the "mechanics sinister" that hide behind the scenes.

Often the phrase "Keep watching the skies" pops up in ufology, coming from that great Howard Hawks' flick, The Thing. Perhaps we should be saying instead:

"Watch your back."

Best,
Greg

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Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:38:05 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:03:12 -0400
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Sparks

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:03:19 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 15:00:20 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>Nor do you have
>>the right to tell me to condense it into a post to UFO UpDates,
>>minus all the scholarly documentation and argument that would be
>>in a book. It just happens not to condense very well - and I
>>have made many efforts attempting to do so.
<snip>

>Or course I don't ask you to publish hundreds of pages. One
>reasonable answer, that you owe to us now, is to give a least a
>general idea.

I did give a "general idea" when I commented earlier in this
thread, and at greater length, when I was in the early stages of
research some 3 years ago - and no one was interested.

That was my point earlier in this thread, that no one was
interested in any friendly way - only in a hostile way.

At a time when I had not written-up hundreds of pages of
material, in the formative stages, I could have had a fruitful
exchange, had some encouragement. Do you even know what that is
Gildas or are you only capable of "put up or shut up!" jibes?

Now, I do not feel like surrendering my several hundred pages,
or making still another hopeless effort at writing a condensed
article - which I did back in 2001-2 and found the response to
it decidedly unenthusiastic. It would now, in light of
subsequent research, have to be completely revised and I no
longer have time for that.

Again, you ignore my supportive posts on your MOGUL research,
agreeing with you - you claimed I had not - and my work
extending your point with added important points, regarding
unique MOGUL material not found at the Foster Ranch debris
field.

Brad Sparks

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Close Encounter In Alaska

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:04:45 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:08:57 -0400
Subject: Close Encounter In Alaska

Interesting Close Encounter In Alaska

I spoke with this witness, who had a fascinating story to tell. This case would be very worthwhile to follow up, if it wasn't for the fact that the location is so isolated.

Bettles, Alaska
September 17, 2004
2:30 am

Witness' Narrative:

"I live in a remote town in northern Alaska. After having dinner at a friend I went home. My place is located about two mile south of town. There is a airport located there and a rotating beacon for the airport. I have lived here for nearly thirty years. Being located away from town it is extremely quite with very little noise. I went to sleep around 11:00PM. I was awaken by a humming sound that was not real loud, almost like a flourescent lamp with a bad ballast. I thought it was my inverted down stairs and got up to see if something was wrong. As I was laying in bed I could see the light from the airport beacon flashing in the north window. I sat up and noticed red and white lights flashing on the trees thru the east window. I thought it might be some of the locals stuck in my driveway and the red and white lights were from the rear of the vehicle. I then got out of bed to look out the window facing my driveway. I never even looked down as I immediately seen the source of the lights. Just above the tree top was an object just hanging there not moving. My best estimate it was about 20 to 30 feet across and about 6 to 8 feet thick. It was more or less disk shaped from what I could tell. The upper part of the object was dark while the bottom had red and white lights that flashed in no apparent pattern but random. I stepped back from the window and grabbed the phone to attempt to call the local weather service as they were staffed 24 hours a day. I was able to get someone and told them to look towards my house and see if they could see what I was seeing. Due to the trees in his area he was not able to see my house. I kept thinking to myself that this can't be happening, this is not real. After maybe a minute on the phone I was becoming desperate to get someone to see this and not just me. I then contacted another person I thought might be able to see my place. Again due to the trees surrounding his place he could not see my place. By now I had become very disturbed or a better word I was scared. I stood in the middle of the room not know what to do. It must have been two minutes by now and the object began to move toward the house. As it passed above the house it again stopped. It seemed to just stay there for a long time then suddenly there was an extremely bright white light that scanned the entire yard and house three or four times. It stopped and didn't move for a few seconds and then started moving to the south slowly. I didn't move till I could no longer see any lights outside. I then informed the other party that if he did not hear from me in two minutes to come looking. I then dressed grabbed a firearm and flashlight and went down stairs. I went outside looking for it but it was gone. I then quickly drove to town and stayed at the weather station till morning

light."

Investigator's Note:

The object's size, as judged by the witnesses from its movement over nearby trees, was 20-30 feet by 6-8 feet, and was within 50 feet of the witness. It was disc-shaped, dark on top and illuminated on the bottom. The witness was contacted on September 20, 2004, and was in good spirits but still shaken by the event. "I just keep thinking It couldn't have been real. Things like this don't exist."

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Re: Some Co-Incidence - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 18:49:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:13:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence - Dickenson

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 11:04:34 EDT
>Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence

>>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:12:29 +0100
>>Subject: Some Co-Incidence

>>So - Deimos and Phobos (+ weirdness) PLUS Pluto and Charon (+
>>weirdness).

>>How came those detailed predictions and attendant weirdness?
>>Any ideas?

>It could very well be, that all knowledge of the cosmos, etc.
>exists in the ether, or let's say, the nothingness of space, and
>such coincidences are really a result of the brain/mind of these
>individuals tapping into and translating the impressions received
>from this vast store of hidden knowledge/information.
>Repeat after me... just_an_idea. :)

Hello Kelly & Listers,

Right, and that idea of a Cosmic Information store, or to go one
step further, a Cosmic Intelligence, rings a bell.

Examining science's co-incidences, Prof. Sir Fred Hoyle & Prof.
Chandra Wickramasinghe wrote: "A cosmic intelligence could be
envisioned on a much more ambitious scale than the capacity of
our own brains" [in their "Cosmic Life-Force"]

And data collected by John Keel (from 'silent contactees')
points to a level of 'co-incidence' approaching spookiness. He
wrote:

"What astonished me most... predictions were coming in from wide
variety of sources... mediums... automatic writers... spirit
world... coming up with same as the UFO [silent] contactees" and
"Often the prophecies were phrased identically in different
sections of the country... we could not overlook the peculiar
set of correlative factors"

Keel added this caution:

"This is the tiger behind the door... I didn't [set-up] cult
impressed with accuracy of the... predictions. Others have not
been so lucky"

[John A Keel - "UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse" New York 1971]

More co-incidence? Both Jonathon Swift and Percival Lowell were
under considerable stress and some opprobrium in their public
lives, as you'd maybe expect the average contactee to be. Keel
found most contactees were 'silent' - not seeking publicity. And
remember Fred Hoyle was disapproved of and pressurized by the
establishment for his outspoken views.

So, _maybe_ some link between stress, rigged public disapproval,
and - sporadic - powers of accurate 'prophecy'/'prediction' - as
Kelly Freeman suggests?

Any more co-incidences?

Cheers,

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Praestegaard

From: Soren Praestegaard <soren.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:15:01 -0400
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>or videotaped a classical UFO." --Steve

I'm no astronomer, but isn't it so that astronomers usually look
at the sky using binoculars, focused on very distant objects,
thereby minimising the captured area of the earth's atmosphere.

You would have to be unbelievable lucky to capture an UFO, and
the UFO would be very much out of focus because of the distant
object in focus.

Soeren Praestegaard

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Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:34:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:50 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:37:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 17:27:30 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>I believe that a major study by Charles Leitzau and co-workers
>will become available soon. I am not involved and don't know
>when or where it will be available.

A "major study"? I find it sad that anyone is wasting any more
time on this nonsense when there are dozens of genuine phenomena
out there that need to be researched - like, maybe... UFOs!

You, Dr. Haselhoff, I and others have devoted valuable time to
study claims like "orbs", "chemtrails" and all the birds, bugs,
debris, etc. promoted as UFO's that could have been used to
study real phenomena. This is a waste of any researcher's
time. What's worse, there are people who continue to believe
"orbs" exist. Ah, folklore in the making.

A. Hebert

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HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

From: **Bran Vike** - HBCC UFO <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:12:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:30:55 -0400
Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Newsletter Release: September 20, 2004

Ghost In Our House

We had a ghost in our house when I was young; he normally took the form of a man from the 30's era or so, he had a pin-striped suit and a straw hat.

My brother saw him more frequently than anyone else (my older brother) though my mom and dad both admitted to seeing him or having strange things happen around the house.

We weren't the only home in this small town that saw him.

Some of our neighbors (especially the older folks) admitted to seeing him either in the neighborhood or in their homes. He seemed harmless. They called him the Traveling Man cause it was generally believed that he was the ghost of a traveling salesman.

My oldest brother (I am the youngest of 3) never really told me about strange experiences though, just the middle brother and my parents. My daughter hasn't told me about any strange things happening. She just seems to have had the normal childhood fears of the dark, etc.

Thank you to the person for the report.

San Antonio, Texas Alien Encounter?

Message: My name is (removed), I live in San Antonio, TX, and I have a couple of things to report. It is rather strange cause I really wasn't intending to make a report I was just curious about your site. However, I now feel compelled to report these strange happenings especially since I have only just read a bunch of stories and seen photos of 'scoop' marks... And I have an unexplained scar on my foot.

Anyway, to get to it: Years ago while a child in a small South Texas town, I somehow obtained an A-shaped (or triangle-shaped) scar on the top of my right foot (near the ankle). I remember impressions and 'feelings' more than any actual event concerning the scar. I remember asking my mother about it once and she said it must be a birthmark but it doesn't look like any birthmark I have ever seen... I even remember arguing with her (I was probably younger than 8 or so) about it saying that the 'ant' did it. When I think back, I have a feeling or impression of a large "ant" face. A gray perhaps?

At any rate, it is an upside down "A" shape that is raised like a scar. The reason I say "A" as opposed to "triangle" is that the center is a hollow "triangle" (so a raised triangle

surrounding a hollow triangle). I have had it for as long as I can remember but to this day it is somewhat uncomfortable if I press on it. I am wondering if maybe I was studied and "marked" in some way like you here about from time to time.

Throughout my childhood I was near terrified of the dark. I guess that isn't strange but I used to have vivid dreams and even see "ghosts" or something in the darkness of the room. As I grew older I began to experience night terrors, those situations where you wake up but you can't come to full consciousness and there is a terrible weight on your chest and a feeling of impending doom or death (and it is an absolute certainty that something is approaching- something is JUST outside the door).

After one particular night terror, I woke fully (and trembling) and started back to bed. Once there I had a CLEAR memory of two large but squat creatures dressed in dark clothing walking into my room followed by a tall gray. I think I dreamt it while I was in and out of my night terror, I don't know.

Now on to the sighting. I don't recall a good deal of it. For some reason my whole memory of it is fuzzy. I drove north on Interstate 10 from San Antonio, turned at Comfort, TX., on my way via back roads to my parent's place in Centerpoint, TX. My 3 year old daughter was with me. I am not sure what time of the year it was (which to me is one of the strangest things about this sighting- I put it out of my mind fairly quickly after experiencing it).

Anyway, I do remember that it was late afternoon/early evening. The sun hadn't quite started going down yet. The sky was really blue and there were few clouds (once again, certain things I DO remember). As we drove along behind a lady in a car (my daughter in the front seat of my truck) I suddenly saw sparks in the sky through my windshield. At the same time, the lady in front of my suddenly slammed on her brakes and pulled over. I pulled over as well (behind her) and was about to get out and ask her what was wrong when I saw her pointing up into the sky (we were headed roughly west and she was pointing up and slightly to the northwest).

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Toronto, Ontario Cylindrical Objects

Date: June 26, 2004
Time: 1:45 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Vicinity of Markham Road and Lawrence Ave.
Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 2
Shape of objects: Cylindrical

Full Description of event/sighting: Relaxing in my in-laws backyard on a lawn chair watching my three children play, I leaned back and gazed up at a very clear blue sky adorned with clusters of white clouds. I noticed a large off-white cylinder-type shape steadily moving towards the east at a constant rate of velocity. Periodically it would fly through grouped clouds and then re-emerge. I watched it until it vanished off in the distance some 90 or so seconds later. Unlike commercial aircraft, this object emitted no sound, exhaust or vapor trail. Based on my estimation of its altitude it appeared to be five to 6 times the length and width of a typical 747.

Approximately 30 minutes later, my brother in-law pointed out a small but distinct silver-grey disk-like object hovering towards the south-east. This second object was not moving in any direction, nor was it shrouded in cloud. The second sighting lasted approximately 2 minutes and merely vanished !

Over the years I have looked up and seen hundreds if not thousands of conventional aircraft. What I saw on that clear June day was nothing short of compelling. These two sightings were not conventional aircraft.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Alpine, Texas Meteorite Crashed Through Home (Photos)

Date: August 29, 2004
Time: Approx: 4:00 a.m.

On August 29, 2004 at approx 4:00 a.m. a 2 pound very weird meteorite hit our house in Alpine, Texas, my Dad and I were about 10 feet from where it went through the roof board and struck the garage door, scarred the hell out of us, do you know of any reported fireballs over Texas on this date and time, please let me know, thanks

Thank you to the person for sending along the photos.

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1871>

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Kaufman County, Texas Brilliant High Flyer (Video/Pictures)

Date: September 16, 2004
Time: Approx: 6:00 p.m.

I caught another High Flyer yesterday, (day light) I've been after him for about two weeks now. Where I usually set up just about the same time I'll look up and there he is. I got about 2 or 3 seconds of him about six days ago and he went behind a tree and I lost him. I saw him sooner yesterday and got 20 or 30 seconds before he went behind the tree.

Additional Information:

I've been trying to capture this object I've been seeing for about two weeks now. I call it the High Flyer because it's probably six or more miles up. I haven't heard a noise from it, but have seen it luckily about three times. It comes over close to the same time (about 6:00pm) or at least that's when I've been seeing it. On 09-10-04, I captured about 5 or 6 seconds of it, and on 09-16-04, I finally got about 20 or 30 seconds of it. I guess because of all the hurricanes, we've been having mostly clear days here, which is very unusual for here. Anyway this thing comes from the northeast going southwest every time I've seen it. With the naked eye it looks like a point of light in the blue sky. It moves pretty fast, I'd guess about 5 or 6 hundred miles per hour. It doesn't appear to have wings that I can see. I'm sending you a clip of it to see what you think

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video footage.

Video clip Kaufman County Texas High Flyer 9.57mbs

Video clip can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1873>

Kaufman County, Texas Object And Small Aircraft

Date: September 17, 2004
Time: Between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Hi Brian

This is another one I caught between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. on 09-17-04. I was taping this small plane when I noticed this orb either was coming down or going west, I really couldn't tell. This was very unusual to capture a white orb this late in the evening that was moving. It was mostly clear this evening with lots of planes and things in the sky, a very good day for skywatching here. I'm sending you a clip of it for your analysis.

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video footage.

Video clip Kaufman County Object And Small Aircraft 1.45mbs

Video clip can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1868>

Bettles, Alaska Humming Form UFO

Date: September 17, 2004

Time: 2:30 a.m.

Witness' narrative:

"I live in a remote town in northern Alaska. After having dinner at a friend I went home. My place is located about two mile south of town. There is a airport located there and a rotating beacon for the airport. I have lived here for nearly thirty years. Being located away from town it is extremely quite with very little noise. I went to sleep around 11:00PM. I was awaken by a humming sound that was not real loud, almost like a fluorescent lamp with a bad ballast. I thought it was my inverted down stairs and got up to see if something was wrong. As I was laying in bed I could see the light from the airport beacon flashing in the north window. I sat up and noticed red and white lights flashing on the trees thru the east window. I thought it might be some of the locals stuck in my driveway and the red and white lights were from the rear of the vehicle. I then got out of bed to look out the window facing my driveway.

I never even looked down as I immediately seen the source of the lights. Just above the tree top was an object just hanging there not moving. My best estimate it was about 20 to 30 feet across and about 6 to 8 feet thick. It was more or less disk shaped from what I could tell. The upper part of the object was dark while the bottom had red and white lights that flashed in no apparent pattern but random. I stepped back from the window and grabbed the phone to attempt to call the local weather service as they were staffed 24 hours a day. I was able to get someone and told them to look towards my house and see if they could see what I was seeing. Due to the trees in his area he was not able to see my house. I kept thinking to myself that this can't be happening, this is not real. After maybe a minute on the phone I was becoming desperate to get someone to see this and not just me.

I then contacted another person I thought might be able to see my place. Again due to the trees surrounding his place he could not see my place. By now I had become very disturbed or a better word I was scared. I stood in the middle of the room not know what to do. It must have been two minutes by now and the object began to move toward the house. As it passed above the house it again stopped. It seemed to just stay there for a long time then suddenly there was an extremely bright white light that scanned the entire yard and house three or four times. It stopped and didn't move for a few seconds and then started moving to the south slowly. I didn't move till I could no longer see any lights outside. I then informed the other party that if he did not hear from me in two minutes to come looking. I then dressed grabbed a firearm and flashlight and went down stairs. I went outside looking for it but it was gone. I then quickly drove to town and stayed at the weather station till morning light."

Investigator's note:

The object's size, as judged by the witnesses from its movement over nearby trees, was 20-30 feet by 6-8 feet, and was within 50 feet of the witness. It was disc-shaped, dark on top and illuminated on the bottom. The witness was contacted on September 20, 2004, and was in good spirits but still shaken by the event. "I just keep thinking It couldn't have been real. Things like this don't exist."

Thank you to Chris Rutkowski for this report.

Chris Rutkowski

Ufology Research of Manitoba

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Delphi/7998/>

Denver, Colorado Numerous Objects

Date: September 17, 2004
Time: 4:30 p.m.

About 4:30 PM yesterday (17th) I needed a break from the computer and went outside. I noticed a contrail to the West, waited a bit to see if it would turn into a chemtrail. At this time it was about 6 inches long. It was high and I couldn't really make out the plane, as the sun was nearby. All of a sudden the contrail went "poof" and disappeared. I thought the plane had too, but as I watched the plane did appear and fly high overhead. It was white and had a military look about it, no contrail. As I watched it pass nearly overhead, I all of a sudden noticed something round and shiny approaching closely from the North. It was at about the height that planes are taking off from nearby Denver International Airport as they go over my house. This ball seemed to turning over and over, I am not sure if it was a ball or a disk. As it rolled around it would flash light from the western sun. it passed directly over head and then one at a time 2 more appeared. The 3 of them appeared to be playing with each other, changing directions many times. I was entertained for about 5 minutes. They could have be morphing, but I think they were just rolling about. That is why I am not sure of the exact shape. But it was delightful to watch.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Chandler, Arizona Weather Balloon Spotted

Date: September 17, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Brian, I work for (removed) at their Chandler, AZ facility. One of the engineers I work with spotted the weather balloon at sunrise when it took on an eerie glow. I was on my way back from my morning break at about 9:00 a.m., when he pointed the balloon out to me. We looked at it for a few minutes and went on to our regular duties when I had an idea. I called the engineer to ask if he could get a hold of the digital camera we use to document equipment changes and set ups when he told me that he had found out it was a weather balloon launched by ASU! Your story states that it was launched from New Mexico. Seems like there was a lot of confusion at the time. Incidentally, I heard on the news last night that a hurricane was moving into the Baja area and were are expecting rain here today and Sunday. I wonder if the "calm before the storm" contributed to the balloons lack of movement. Thanks for the story and photos.

Thank you to the person for the report.

Oshawa, Ontario Round Circle Of Light

Date: September 20, 2004
Time: 10:30 to 10:45 p.m.

Location of Sighting: In Oshawa at the lake park.
Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: round circle of light centre was blue sky, reminded me of what a solar eclipse looks like at its peak with the outer ring of light.

Full Description of event/sighting: My mother and I were watching a small plane go by and head back north to the airport. While we were looking up but turned to look south east we saw this circle of light, blue sky in the centre. We took pictures and watched with binoculars. It was quite far but with the binoculars the circle was quite bright, reminding me of a solar eclipse. We watched for close to 15 minutes as it moved slowly across the sky to the east and then disappeared. There was a trail of exhaust from the small plane. The circle was near the exhaust but didn't lose its shape like the exhaust. I have four pictures with the circle. It may be nothing but I'm curious as to what it was.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Five New Canadian Sighting Reports

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 14:17:12 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:35:00 -0400
Subject: Five New Canadian Sighting Reports

Here are details for five sightings between Friday, September 17,
and Sunday, September 19, 2004.

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Toronto, ON
September 17, 2004
Daytime sighting

Young boy and classmate said they saw a "half circle with many lights." The object had "a cross on top and two horns' sticking out the top ends."

Les Escoumins, PQ
September 17, 2004
6:40 pm

Witness observed a stationary object for two to three minutes. The object had "many lights of high intensity." After 2-3 minutes, it "quickly disappeared heading west." Reported by Maritime Observation Centre to Montreal ATC.

Whitby, ON
September 19, 2004
1:30 pm

Police constable and three other witnesses watched a semispherical silver object sparkled as it flew slowly across the sky. The object was in view for eight to ten minutes before it flew into the glare of the Sun and was lost to view.

Dryden, ON
September 19, 2004
8:30 pm

A witness was sitting on his deck at Thunder Lake near Dryden when he saw a stationary, bright red light just above the treeline to the east. A second object appeared just above the first, then both lights turned a brilliant green. After five minutes, both lights suddenly disappeared.

Montreal, PQ
September 19, 2004
10:30 pm

A witness watched a horizontal, rectangular object with "white windows" on its underside, with multicoloured flashing lights. It was stationary in the south over an industrial complex for 1 1/2 hours. Then another light "appeared from nowhere and entered the object." The main object then "danced slowly" over the industrial park and then began to move towards the witness' condominium. The object crossed the St. Lawrence and was nearing the north side when the witness became frightened and closed the drapes, then went to bed.

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Astronomer UFO Sightings [Was: UFOs + ECHELON]

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 20:36:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:39:47 -0400
Subject: Astronomer UFO Sightings [Was: UFOs + ECHELON]

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>"The interesting thing is that no amateur astronomer - a person
>who would be knowledgeable about the sky, has ever photographed
>or videotaped a classical UFO." --Steve

List,

Here's one

"Jose Bonilla, chief astronomer, photographs a fleet of 400+
disks 200,000 km out, flying towards the Moon - 1883"

Account at <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/first.txt>

Cheers,

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: New Orb Images - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:16:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:44:38 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>For a rare case of an orb visible and photographed during the
>daytime (clearly not flash orb) visit:

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

The thing that's always interested me in this photo is not the red "orb" but the other color anomaly in the photo. It's a blue-green "orb" in the upper, left-hand corner of the photo approximately an inch and a half over and one inch down from the top.

I don't see any other colors like it in the photo, and was thinking that if this odd color is there, then perhaps there was some kind of processing error, despite what the witness says.

Just an observation.

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 20:44:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 09:09:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Hall

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:07:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:03:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

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Jerry,

Magonain truth is set in concrete, not to be assailed by data.
If you think otherwise, you are daft, unprofessional, and other
epithetical things. The concrete consists of hardened pelican
guano which wards off all dissenting arguments.

- Dick

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Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:12:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 09:19:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - King

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:59:37 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

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>I meant to mention earlier that which will come as no surprise
>to many in the field of UFO research that Clyde W. Tombough, the
>astronomer who discovered Pluto in 1930 after 11 years of poring
>through endless photographic plates using the blinking process,
>had a UFO sighting on August 20, 1949 which he claims changed
>his opinion of the phenomenon in a matter of minutes. He had
>three different sightings-without the use of an optical aid- and
>claimed the following:

>"I have seen three objects in the last seven years which defied
>any explanation of known phenomenon, such as Venus, atmospheric
>optic, meteors or planes.I am a professional, highly skilled,
>professional astronomer. In addition I have seen three green
>fireballs which were unusual in behavior from normal green
>fireballs...I think that several reputable scientists are being
>unscientific in refusing to entertain the possibility of extra-
>terrestrial origin and nature."

>He died in the Fall of 1997 and was the only astronomer to have
>discovered a planet in the solar system in twentieth century.

Don,

While I fully accept Tombough's data, the cited quote
specifically noted amateur, not professional, astronomers. I
assumed a point was being proffered by Steve that removed
professionals from the discussion. That could be an erroneous
assumption however.

Best,

Kyle

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:29:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 09:42:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:00:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

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>Kyle,

>I had to look up "charismatic" and find out the actual
>definition, and found that it means:

>1. Of, relating to, or characterized by charisma: "the warmth of
>a naturally charismatic leader" (Joyce Carol Oates).

>2. Of, relating to, or being a type of Christianity that
>emphasizes personal religious experience and divinely inspired
>powers, as of healing, prophecy, and the gift of tongues.

>However, I'm not sure which one applies with regard to your
>usage.

Hi Steve,

Perhaps my use of the word charismatic was unduly vague. A better word might be seductive, as in one who makes statements to those who might be predisposed to believe them, or at least embrace them, thereby seducing them into a belief system that addresses their desire for closure, but which ignores numerous other possibilities.

When I think of charismatic as I intended, I think of Jim Jones, Hitler, and the legion of con men who prey on people's fears, or ego, or desire for understanding of extraordinary experiences. Zetataalk ranks as a recent incarnation.

Another example is the UFO Twins, who will be guests on C2C tonight. Their web site attempts to explain hurricanes as punishment for early American slavery, and suggests that apology and compensation could stop them. I think this message would be seductive to some.

My personal experience with the Baptist church involves both of your definitions, by the way. *LOL*

Thanks for keeping me on my toes!

Kyle

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Jerry,

You make a very good point. After all, lots of scientists disagree with conclusions of others while fully agreeing that the methods used to reach said conclusions are highly professional. Debate hinges on just such conditions. Reasoned debate, that is.

Experiments support theories or they do not. Results do not prove anything, especially when interpretation of results is by fiat a subjective endeavor. And to qualify a scientists work as nonsense, one is disqualified from reasoned debate of the topic.

Why? Because the one qualifying has already passed judgment. He has removed any chance of being persuaded, because he is already convinced. What is there to debate? Why debate nonsense?

It seems pretty clear to me that to say that "questioning the conclusions while agreeing that the method is highly professional makes no sense" is ridiculous out of hand. It happens every day in any number of disciplines. It is the basis of nearly every debate on this forum, as well as others.

One does not have to agree with Hopkins' conclusions to agree that his methods are highly professional. I'm baffled that someone would even make such a statement.

Kyle

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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:43:30 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:24:41 -0500
>Subject: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:07:30 +1000
>>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

>>What are you driving at? I agree with some of your above
>>comments, but what has it got to do with my earlier statements?

>>And who said anything about a charismatic message?

>>Isn't the desire to know what is going on one of the driving
>>forces behind many researchers interest in the UFO subject?

>>Sorry, I think I've missed your point.

>I meant no offense. I was only offering a word of caution.
>quote from John Mack was the kind of charismatic statement which
>can lead some to fall into a way of thinking that lends undue
>weight to the charisma of it while obscuring the true meaning of
>it.

>When someone experiences trauma, it is not unreasonable to think
>they may want to find a meaning in the experience. Such persons
>are vulnerable to being misled.

>I'm not saying that Dr. Mack is misleading anyone, but I
>reiterate my warning that believing a charismatic message can be
>a dangerous thing.

>By charismatic, I mean a message which sounds plausible on the
>surface, but which is actually just one among many possibilities
>that aren't mentioned. People who have experienced something
>they feel is extraordinary tend to accept extraordinary
>explanations over the alternative. There are those out there who
>would, could, and have preyed on such people.

>Caveat Emptor!

>More specifically, I was drawn to the first words of the Mack
>quote you alluded to..."in the end...". It is this implication,
>that his statement is the final word, that moves beyond helpful
>counsel and into the area of charismatic, declarative truth. The
>statement clearly dismisses other possibilities, while sounding
>very satisfying. There is a danger there, as I mentioned.

>While I have never met an abductee, I have talked to someone who
>witnessed a UFO at very close range, and who was physically
>injured by it (burns, numerous health problems which defy common
>explanation, etc). She had no feeling that she was being
>"enlightened" in the mystical sense. She felt she had been in
>the wrong place at the wrong time.

>However, I must admit that her "duality" has indeed collapsed.
>She passed away some years ago...ill and with no sense of

>connectedness that made her feel better about it.

>If abductions are an effort to enlighten, why is it done without
>explicit consent? Why not abduct those who are eager for the
>experience? Is our future one in which we travel the galaxy,
>kidnapping people in order to show them the truth? I think
>that's a stretch at best, but it can, and has been, stated in a
>very charismatic way.

Kyle, Whoa there boy!

You seem to be reading a lot into this, but heck, lets go with the flow. By the way, I wasn't offended by your comments just confused.

I agree people can be quite vulnerable when enduring ordeals therefore open to skewed perspectives.

But who deems perspectives as skewed?

Are theirs, are ours, are Mack's?

I have my own view on abductions which is based on my interpretation of the events as reported, but it's highly likely that it is incorrect. Whose view is correct then?

Mack's quote again:

"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of the shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic level." - Dr John Mack

I find Mack's comments far from charismatic here although it is open to our individual interpretation once again. I have indeed observed the abduction experience (whatever it is) to shift people's consciousness and, in my opinion generally for the better, but certainly it changes into something different.

What is he suggesting we are connected to? Well that's open here but perhaps we would understand his reference if this quote were in context.

Personally, I have gleaned from many experiencers I have spoken to over the years that they develop a strong sense of connectedness to everything, the universe included.

So I think Mack's statement is spot on here.

I don't think abductions are an effort to enlighten anyone!
Who said that? Not me!

From my observations, any enlightening achieved is purely on the effort of the abductee in spite of their experiences. In fact, these changes can occur to people who undergo any sort of trauma, earthquakes, cancer, car crashes etc.

However, what the "information download" is all about during some experiences, I haven't got a clue. Meaning here, that some experiencers report all sorts of technical information that doesn't seem to make sense in our science. Corn-fusing!

Just an aside here, I believe genuine abductees consciousness expands so they can integrate their extraordinary experience(s) and in doing so they also seem to improve their compassion, tolerance, materialistic tendencies, tempers and many other things that personal development books cover.

I, like many others, hold those changes in high regard but it is only because of the value our western culture places on those qualities and I have been immersed in them for a lifetime.

Can anyone tell me how abductees from other cultures appear changed in consciousness? Are these changes cross-cultural?

Sheryl

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Docugate

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 19:10:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:47:42 -0400
Subject: Docugate

I presume the similarities between the CBS Docugate and UFO research into documents are apparent to readers of this List.

The Washington Post posted, on its web site, an excellent technical analysis of the disputed documents, comparing them to a definitely, real, document. This involves format, content and typewriter capabilities.

Of course, in this case they have living witnesses to talk to whereas, in the case of the Eisenhower Briefing Document, the Truman Memorandum, etc... there is no one to talk to.

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Great UFO/ET And Earth Mysteries Congress

From: Tom Benson <sparkle.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 20:04:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:52:29 -0400
Subject: Great UFO/ET And Earth Mysteries Congress

Dear List:

The subject Congress will meet on November 6 & 7, 2004 at The Days Inn, Route 206 & NJ Turnpike Exit #7 North, Bordentown, New Jersey. Saturday speakers include:

Jaime Maussan - The Big UFO & ET News From Mexico and The Big UFO & ET News From Mexico (Continued) - 2 presentations.

David Huggins - A Lifetime of Abduction Experiences

James Courant - Commercial Pilot Researches UFO's

Sunday speakers include:

Rob Swiatek - The 1952 Washington, D.C. Sightings

Harold Egelyn - Close Encounters from S.P.A.C.E.

Anthony & Lynn Volpe - How the Space People Interact With Us

T. Peter Park - Little Men, Mini-Men. and Frog-Men

For more information on registration, etc., please check website:

www.drufo.org

Biographies on speakers will be posted later.

Tom Benson

for

Pat "Dr UFO" Marcattilio

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Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 23:46:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:55:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting - Maccabee

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:14:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 22:36:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Chiles-Whitted Sighting

<snip>

>>In summary, there is not enough reliable quantitative data in
>>he Chiles-Whitted case from its short duration of 5-10 seconds
>>o exclude a bright meteor fireball, and it should not be used
>>as a strong case or best evidence for UFO reality.

>The preceding detailed analysis of the CW sighting of a "meteor"
>should be compared with the 2 1/2 - 3 *minute* sighting of
>"remarkable meteors" from the deck of the the ship U.S.S. Supply
>in Feb. 1904. The witness statements imply that the "meteors"
>were seen below the clouds and subsequently soared upward
>through the clouds and changed direction. Although an argument
>has been made that these were, in fact, meteors (Barry
>Greenwood), upon analysis the meteor explanation , IMHO, falls
>apart. See

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

>My MUFON symposium paper on this case will be posted soon.

Go to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/RemarkableMeteors>

and open the folder RemarkableMeteors2003.

Open the MUFON paper file, copy it and paste it into a word
processing program to read it. You can also look at the figures
which are mentioned in the text.

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Re: Fireball Crashes Behind Argentine Glacier -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 01:40:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:58:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Fireball Crashes Behind Argentine Glacier -

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 09:26:48 -0400
>Subject: Fireball Crashes Behind Argentine Glacier

>INEXPLICATA
>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>September 16, 2004

>Source: El Sureno

>[http://www.surenio.com.ar/index.php?s=ARligwdw\\$\\$diarios/veo\\$WWW514sykpc3vct](http://www.surenio.com.ar/index.php?s=ARligwdw$$diarios/veo$WWW514sykpc3vct)

>Date: September 15, 2004

>Witnesses Claim Seeing Fireball Crash Behind The Martial Glacier

>***In Ushuaia***

<snip>

Listers,

Let us examine how the skeptibunkers would look at this case if they are true to their methodology. They would say:

Witness testimony is totally unreliable especially when they are seeing something "incredible."

Witness testimony from scientists that suggest something incredible are unreliable.

The witnesses really say:

1. Weather Balloons
2. Venus
3. Stars or Constellations
4. It was really an elaborate Hoax

and

5. Even if we can't explain it with some/any explanation at this time, some day, some time, somebody is going to be able to explain it way so its a dead issue.....

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:44:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:01:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Reason

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:48:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>I have to judge by what they actually write, and they write
>utter nonsense about greys floating through walls to abduct
>people, alien implants, etc.

Brad Sparks recently said something here to the effect that the ETH in its general form was unfalsifiable, and that people should try to develop more specific forms of the ETH that could be tested. I'd be all in favor of this if only I had the slightest idea how anyone could go about doing it. But I take it as almost certainly the case that hypotheses about greys floating through walls to abduct people, alien implants etc are quite unfalsifiable.

You seem to be saying rather more than this, however, and claiming that there are good reasons to discard such hypotheses a priori. To date, though, you haven't provided any good reasons to back this up - not on this List, anyway.

Some of the phenomena associated with UFO abduction reports can be accounted for in terms of known psychological processes, but to account for all of them we would need to postulate additional psychological processes for which we have only the flimsiest of evidence, or even no evidence at all. And we have the problem also that it's hard to estimate the prior probability of any hypothesis - as I mentioned recently, one could quite reasonably argue that the prior probability of the ETH was 50% or more.

The argument you present here (insofar as it's an argument at all) rather resembles what in consciousness studies is sometimes called a "boggle" argument, in that it asserts that some proposition cannot be true because the mind boggles at the prospect. But "boggle" arguments aren't reliable - one would surely expect that alien technology would have the capacity to boggle the mind at least a little - I'm sure you're aware of Arthur C Clarke's "law" that any sufficiently advanced technology would be indistinguishable from magic. (Clarke, of course, is a profound UFO skeptic of the devout kind, rather than the critical kind.)

>>lose an hour by wandering around aimlessly. This story will
>>cause more sensible readers to wonder, not about "changeable
>>human energy field" (whatever that might be), but
>>whether Wilson is fit to be allowed out on her own.

>>Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that
>>concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather more
>>constructive attitude than apparently taking her story as
>>being a true account of objectively real events?

I've long since lost track of who actually is supposed to have written this, but there's simply no way I'm going to buy this as an expression of concern for anyone's mental health. It looks much more like a rather odious attempt to exploit the social stigma against psychiatric disorder for the purposes of

rhetoric.

I haven't read Magonia, so I can't comment on the general standard of its articles, but from what I see of it here, at least some of its contributors appear to be representing themselves as informed commentators on the state of UFOlogy who adhere to a somewhat higher standard of objectivity and methodology than is generally the case. However if what I see here is in any way representative, I don't see that the signal-to-noise ratio - in terms of the amount of spin, rhetoric and innuendo as opposed to evidence and coherent logic - is any better than in the rest of UFOlogy.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:48:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:03:22 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

<snip>

>Could it be the same source? How many times have Ufologists been
>mislead, undermined, curtailed, hoodwinked, bamboozled by
>sources that turned out to have every agenda other than the
>truth?

Joyce Riley is a former flight nurse and activist fighting to expose the medical crimes which culminated in Gulf War illness, not the least of which is the extensive use of "depleted" uranium ammunition, with a dangerous life in excess of a billion years.

Joyce and her husband Dave host a show titled "The Power Hour" which is webcast and broadcast via shortwave and AM-FM, their site being:

<http://www.thepowerhour.com>

Joyce, a U.S. Air Force veteran, has been investigating the service record of George W. Bush for the past year, and has many inside informants in the military. Earlier this year, one such informant provided Joyce with the service records of George W. Bush.

Joyce states this morning that the documents being touted as "fakes" - _aren't_.

It appears that this flap may be an attempt to cover up George W. Bush's deserter status, which is quite serious as his administration is punishing Gulf War II deserters.

If Joyce's information is correct, this has _major_ implications for UFOlogy, because it shows how total is the government cover up apparatus.

I am only passing on what I hear on my radio - I cannot defend Joyce's information personally, so I won't debate this bulletin.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:49:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:05:24 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

<snip>

>It's scary. I wouldn't say CBS jumped the gun and ran with it
>but what we have here is deceit to up-end a news service and
>it's reputation and derail a President's character. It's ironic
>that CBS and Bush are in the same boat. No WMDs and fraudulent
>documents.

It's important to understand that news reporters have to deal with documents every day and make decisions on their authenticity. This isn't exactly rocket science and it is always a very dangerous process when you have a story in mind and then go looking for documentation to back it up. Unfortunately, this is often the way documentaries and some investigative news stories are put together.

>Could it be the same source? How many times have Ufologists been
>mislead, undermined, curtailed, hoodwinked, bamboozled by
>sources that turned out to have every agenda other than the
>truth?

I believe that CBS has identified the "source" of the documents, and they've acknowledged that there is no provenance for them. I doubt there is any relation to ufology. Does it really make sense to put both of these into some sort of conspiratorial package together?

>We're going to get a lesson in the workings of the press and
>government. It could show us the "mechanics sinister" that hide
>behind the scenes.

>Often the phrase "Keep watching the skies" pops up in ufology,
>coming from that great Howard Hawks' flick, The Thing. Perhaps
>we should be saying instead:

>"Watch your back."

Ufology and CBS do have one problem in common, in that they both have now been found to draw conclusions from documents that really have no provenance. However, CBS has taken the step of acknowledging the problem.

Steve

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Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:08:29 -0400
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:16:02 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>For a rare case of an orb visible and photographed during the
>>daytime (clearly not flash orb) visit:

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

>The thing that's always interested me in this photo is not the
>red "orb" but the other color anomaly in the photo. It's a
>blue-green "orb" in the upper, left-hand corner of the photo
>approximately an inch and a half over and one inch down from
>the top.

>I don't see any other colors like it in the photo, and was
>thinking that if this odd color is there, then perhaps there was
>some kind of processing error, despite what the witness says.

>Just an observation.

Tim,

And a very astute observation at that. My opinion is that the
blue-green effect and the red ball are related.

If you draw a line from the center of the red ball to the blue-
green artifact, and extend that line, you would lead to or very
near the Sun.

Since the house casts a shadow on the ground between itself and
the camera, the sun is ahead and to the left...very nearly on
the line from the red ball to the blue-green.

I suspect lens flare on both counts.

Also, this would explain why the red ball is larger than the
blue-green...the point closest to the source will be smaller
than a point farther away.

Why blue-green and then red?

The sunlight is going through a prismatic effect due to the
surface coating on the lens. The red ball actually fades to
yellow at the lower right...again in line with the sun angle.

If the red ball were an object of mass, the near lower portion
would presumably be in shadow, contrary to what is observed.

This prismatic effect is common when shooting in the direction
of the Sun, and this photo clearly is shooting toward the Sun,
as opposed to away from it.

If the camera field of view were larger, the Sun would be in the photo. Classic lens flare. It would be notable if it were absent under such conditions.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:28:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:18:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Lehmberg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 20:44:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 09:07:23 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>Magonain truth is set in concrete, not to be assailed by data.
>If you think otherwise, you are daft, unprofessional, and other
>epithetical things. The concrete consists of hardened pelican
>guano which wards off all dissenting arguments.

>- Dick

...Guano with a high lead and mercury content, peppered with
broken Klass - painful! - and so useless for fertilization,
intellectual or otherwise, I add.

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Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Rutkowski

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 09:32:36 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:22:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Rutkowski

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>The comment below is from my retired meteorologist and amateur
>astronomer friend, Steve. How true is his statement?

>"The interesting thing is that no amateur astronomer - a person
>who would be knowledgeable about the sky, has ever photographed
>or videotaped a classical UFO." --Steve

How quickly they forget. I challenged debunker Phil Plait about
his Bad Astronomy rant about this as well. He responded by
singling me out for attack, of course.

One can point to the Sturrock Report, but that's about
professional astronomers who have seen UFOs, and not the same
group at all.

Then there's the Gert Herb Report, which specifically looked at
amateur astronomers and found that many of them had indeed seen
UFOs.

But photographing or videotaping them, that's another matter.
MIAC routinely videos fireballs on their all-sky camera network,
many of which are viewable online. Since many of these are seen
by laypeople and reported as UFOs, does that qualify?

The other thing is that many UFO witnesses identify themselves
as "amateur astronomers", and some of these produce photos or
videos of UFOs. Do these people qualify, or do they need to be
"registered" with amateur astronomy organizations?

But the others who responded made the point that there are many
reports made by amateur astronomers on record, one just has to
go looking for them. Their other point is probably the most
salient: that amateur astronomers would hardly be in positions
to photograph close-range UFO phenomena unless their experiences
were occurring within 100 feet or so of their home
observatories. It's like complaining that the police are never
around when you need them, when you're standing on a random
street corner getting mugged. Perhaps amateur astronomers should
spend more of their time at donut shops, too.

Nobody in particular

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:30:03 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:24:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>As you all know the top story is how CBS has now publicly
>addressed their 'lack of confidence' in the documentation that
>lead to their inquiry and broadcasting information regarding the
>National Guard service record of President George W. Bush.

<snip>

I've been out of the loop. Can someone point me to the alleged
document that damned Bush? How was it proven that the document
was a forgery?

Don Ledger

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Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 10:49:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:26:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Kaeser

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:12:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

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>While I fully accept Tombough's data, the cited quote
>specifically noted amateur, not professional, astronomers. I
>assumed a point was being proffered by Steve that removed
>professionals from the discussion. That could be an erroneous
>assumption however.

Kyle

I'm curious as to how do you define "professional astromomer"?

It's been acknowledged for many years that a vast majority of near Earth objects (NEOs) have been discovered by "amatuer astronomers", who far outnumber the number of paid professionals in the field and tend to keep more of a watch on the sky.Of course a major problem is the small section of the sky that they're examining at any one time, and the fact that their focus is set to look far beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

Steve

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:22:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:31:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Gates

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>As you all know the top story is how CBS has now publicly
>addressed their 'lack of confidence' in the documentation that
>lead to their inquiry and broadcasting information regarding the
>National Guard service record of President George W. Bush.

<snip>

>Could it be the same source? How many times have Ufologists been
>mislead, undermined, curtailed, hoodwinked, bamboozled by
>sources that turned out to have every agenda other than the
>truth?

Greg, Listers,

Amen to that one. For years in ufology we have had people (allegedly intelligence community insiders, government sources, top level informants, and so forth) unloading breathless tales and stories, everything from the famous intel community insiders who claimed that there would be mass ET landings in the desert SW in 1997 to Hoaglands informants claiming an ET landing on a mountain top in Arizona in Dec of 2000, to more recently Busrich's alleged tales about being an area 51 microbiologist.

What I always found even more interesting is how people will purvey these stories without checking them out...meaning go public without any kind of investigation because the story sounded right, or the person sounded sincere or whatever. For example we should quickly skim the CBS case for illustration purposes.

Now in the case of CBS you have a producer who is a self proclaimed left winger "with a axe to grind" (this was also verified by her father on a radio interview not long ago) you have Dan Rather who made a comment awhile back about how he hoped to see a Democrat in the White House. You have a supposed source for the document who is a retired Lt. Col. named Bill Burkett, a self proclaimed Bush hater. I mention that to illustrate that you have three people with their own bias involved here. Much like UFology where you have people with a bias and somebody tells them a story that tickles their ears, so they go with it.

Burkett unloaded the documents on CBS Producer Mary Mapes, and she supposedly had the documents verified...but the one problem with the verification was that their own experts tell us that they said they felt the documents were phoney and told her that... but never let that get in the way of people with a bias.

So, just like some do in Ufology, unloading the story is far more important then checking out little things... like facts, verifying documents and so on.

Then, much like some in Ufology, when doubts are raised and CBS can't answer it, they still continue to stand by the documents

and stories even when its clear they are bogus.

Now, unlike some in UFOlogy, CBS admits they got stroked and duped, further we find out that the source (or conduit depending on if you believe his story now) was a retired Lt. Col. named Bill Burkett... who now claims he lied about the source of the documents to both USA Today. Yup, thats right a retired Lt Col lied and apparently had no problems telling a lie as long as it suited his purposes... which in the long run of things was not a terribly important purpose.

I do give CBS credit for admitting that they got stroked and duped, as I have given Linda Howe credit for writing up the information she got about Busrich's background from the Georgia journalist which illustrated that his background apparently wasn't that of a microbiologist, but a prison guard etc etc. Linda could have easily have left it alone and dismissed the information as part of some alleged huge black program cover up, but she didn't.

So much like Ufology we have somebody with an axe to grind and unloads a story and alleged documents on other people who also have a ax to grind and they breathlessly put the documents on air, even when their own experts cautioned them that they thought the documents were phony...gee why does this sound familiar.

Now had Mary Mapes/Dan Rather prefaced the story with terms such as "alleged documents whose authenticity can't be verified by experts" or "they came from one source and no other independent sources can verify them" then the story could have flown a little bit...although people would have instantly reacted by saying this is a load of crap. This is the probably the same reason why some people in UFOlogy don't preface their stories from alleged confidential informants with things like "alleged" "can't be verified" and other terms because most people would then blow it off as crap.

In the case of Ufology, some people, instead of learning from these experiences, continue to go on unloading tales and stories they hear from the next person/persons who are claiming to be a high level intelligence community source without verifying facts, documents, and so forth.

To also be fair we have also had stories in UFOlogy which have been dismissed as weather balloons (Roswell) or hoax (Aztec) which when examined and investigated we find out their is much more to the story then what has been thought. Many people in UFOlogy (including myself) blew off Aztec as a hoax, yet in ground breaking work written up in the recent MUFON journal it appears there is more to that story then what is on the surface.

Bottom line is every story, no matter what your bias may be needs to be investigated, checked out, documents verified as best as possible.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Some Co-Incidence - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <b.holman.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 01:30:19 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:33:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 23:12:29 +0100
>Subject: Some Co-Incidence

>Weird - Swift "guessed" correct number of moons, correct
>(approx.) distances from Mars, correct (approx.) orbit periods
>and hence their correct masses/densities.

No - the mass or density of Phobos and Deimos cannot be inferred from this data. However, the mass of *Mars* could be inferred from the orbital properties of its moons, it might be interesting to do those calculations for Swift's moons and see if they give sensible answers... I'll try to do this if I find the time.

>Compounded by Phobos's mass/density being so 'strange' that some >recent astronomers have suggested that it might have been >hollow, even artificial.

Well, if by "recent" you mean in the 1960s, before we had seen the moons up close... I doubt any astronomers would propose such a theory now. Phobos' density (2 g/cm³) is not unusual if it were what it looks like, a captured asteroid. E.g. see:

http://aa.usno.navy.mil/hilton/asteroid_masses.htm

>So - Deimos and Phobos (+ weirdness) PLUS Pluto and Charon (+ >weirdness).

>How came those detailed predictions and attendant weirdness? Any >ideas?

As far as Swift is concerned, there are some interesting suggestions here:

<http://www.daviddarling.info/encyclopedia/S/Swift.html>

Kepler had put the idea of two Martian moons into circulation after a mistaken reading of a report by Galileo. I have read that there was also an idea that as Mercury and Venus had no moon, Earth had 1 moon, Jupiter had 4 known moons, and Saturn 5 known moons, then Mars, being in between, should have 2 moons (although it could equally have 3 moons on this reasoning), but I have not seen any real proof of this. As no moons had been observed by Swift's time, then it was reasonable to infer that they were too small and close to Mars to be detected by the telescopes of his day.

Of course, it has been suggested that the similarity between the real moons and Swift's moons is due to some sort of information from extraterrestrials, or perhaps a long-lost advanced civilisation on Earth. But then instead of having to explain why Swift was so close, you then have to explain why he was so far off (by a third to a half when it came to their periods). Any competent extraterrestrials or Atlanteans should be able to do a lot better than that. (Perhaps the orbits have decayed since they made their measurements, that would have been a very long time ago then.)

As for the discovery of Pluto, it was also just coincidence. I'm not sure what else it would be. Lowell's orbit was indeed reasonably correct. But his was only one of several trans-Neptunian planets predicted or inferred before 1930. And while Tombaugh was consciously trying to find Lowell's Planet X and did have his calculations, in the end they were of no use in actually finding the planet, as Tombaugh photographed the entire ecliptic (that is to say, the full 360 degree of the band of sky where most solar system objects are to be found) before he began examining the plates, so he clearly wasn't relying on Lowell's calculations.

Brett Holman

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CCCRN News: Tree Circles In Northwest Territories

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:36:52 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Tree Circles In Northwest Territories

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

September 21, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

UPDATE - TREE CIRCLES IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

An interview with the primary witness, Earl Hope, who first saw the two circles in tall poplar trees near Nahanni Butte has provided some further details.

They were first seen by the witness while flying on May 26, not in August. They have now been listed as two separate formations, as the second circle is some distance from the first one, approximately 1 kilometre (0.6 miles). In both circles, all trees are snapped and flattened radially inward with the tops pointing toward the centres, lying on the ground "like matchsticks." The sizes are estimated, as previously reported, to be approximately 151 metres (500 feet) and 91 metres (300 feet) diameters. Described as "perfect circles" with well-defined edges and no other damage seen to trees nearby. Witness did not see anything which looked like a sinkhole or similar depression in the ground, re the biologist's comments in the original article:

http://www.nnsl.com/frames/newspapers/2004-08/aug6_04a1.html

There is also another report of other similar circles, about 100 kilometres (62 miles) farther north from this location near Cli Lake. First seen a few years ago but still there according to another firsthand witness, a member of the local Deh Cho First Nations community. Three circles closer together, each estimated to be up to possibly 200 metres (600 feet) diameter, in birch and mixed trees, again being described as "perfectly circular" in shape but with the trees flattened both inward and outward.

Efforts are being made to find photographs of these or any other formations. The witness of the more recent circles near Nahanni Butte did not have a camera at the time of the sighting, but is willing to go back to try to obtain photos, possibly within the next month or so; they are still a fair distance from where he lives in Nahanni Butte (the closest settlement) in this remote wilderness location.

While blowdown, where trees are snapped and flattened from storms, is common in these forest regions, such areas tend to be, as might be expected, random swaths of damage. The same applies for twisters or dust devils. Unless permafrost or other mechanism does somehow play a role, then how to account for the radial lay or circular shapes?...

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:36:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:33:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Boone

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:48:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

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>Joyce Riley is a former flight nurse and activist fighting to
>expose the medical crimes which culminated in Gulf War illness,
>not the least of which is the extensive use of "depleted"
>uranium ammunition, with a dangerous life in excess of a billion
>years.

>Joyce and her husband Dave host a show titled "The Power Hour"
>which is webcast and broadcast via shortwave and AM-FM, their
>site being:

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

>Joyce, a U.S. Air Force veteran, has been investigating the
>service record of George W. Bush for the past year, and has many
>inside informants in the military. Earlier this year, one such
>informant provided Joyce with the service records of George W.
>Bush.

>Joyce states this morning that the documents being touted as
>"fakes" - _aren't_.

>It appears that this flap may be an attempt to cover up George
>W. Bush's deserter status, which is quite serious as his
>administration is punishing Gulf War II deserters.

>If Joyce's information is correct, this has _major_ implications
>for UFOlogy, because it shows how total is the government cover
>up apparatus.

>I am only passing on what I hear on my radio - I cannot defend
>Joyce's information personally, so I won't debate this bulletin.

Wow! Thanks Eleanor White! That's sure a revelation for sure!
I'll go as far as using the "I'll be gobsmacked!" expression :)

We all know of Joyce Riley's work! She's saved a lot of my guys
at the veteran's groups and care facilities. We knew they were
having problems way back when and they always talk about how
listening to the Jeff Rense radio program and listening to Joyce
Riley discuss this problem.

If Joyce Riley has verifiable documents then she'd best get on the ball and fork them over to the crew at CBS asap. If not CBS our other pals in the press would want to check them out for authenticity.

I'm sure Ms. Riley is sincere, but so was CBS. There's an old trick I learned of in high school from a teacher who had worked in intelligence. He would take us kids and sit us down and tell us every dirty trick in the book. One of them was to pass out a rumor and back it up with fake credentials, documents, witnesses. Let the enemy run with it and then pull the rug out.

If the stories of Bush's service are true then it's to be addressed and handled. If they're not true then they should stop and stop asap. It's evil to accuse a man of what people are accusing the President of.

Remember, the President of the United States is still your employee. If you make a disparaging remark against him you're still subject to the 'Employer/Employee' conduct laws. ;)

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:57:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:36:20 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia) - King

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:43:20 +1000
>Subject: Re: UFO News 17th Sept 2004 (Australia)

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>Kyle, Whoa there boy!

>You seem to be reading a lot into this, but heck, lets go with
>the flow. By the way, I wasn't offended by your comments just
>confused.

>I agree people can be quite vulnerable when enduring ordeals
>therefore open to skewed perspectives.

>But who deems perspectives as skewed?

>Are theirs, are ours, are Mack's?

>I have my own view on abductions which is based on my
>interpretation of the events as reported, but it's highly likely
>that it is incorrect. Whose view is correct then?

>Mack's quote again:

>"In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to be a part of
>the shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling
>us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a
>cosmic level." - Dr John Mack

>I find Mack's comments far from charismatic here although it is
>open to our individual interpretation once again. I have indeed
>observed the abduction experience (whatever it is) to shift
>people's consciousness and, in my opinion generally for the
>better, but certainly it changes into something different.

>What is he suggesting we are connected to? Well that's open here
>but perhaps we would understand his reference if this quote were
>in context.

>Personally, I have gleaned from many experiencers I have spoken
>to over the years that they develop a strong sense of
>connectedness to everything, the universe included.

>So I think Mack's statement is spot on here.

>I don't think abductions are an effort to enlighten anyone!
>Who said that? Not me!

>>From my observations, any enlightening achieved is purely on the
>effort of the abductee in spite of their experiences. In fact,
>these changes can occur to people who undergo any sort of
>trauma, earthquakes, cancer, car crashes etc.

>
>However, what the "information download" is all about during
>some experiences, I haven't got a clue. Meaning here, that some
>experiencers report all sorts of technical information that
>doesn't seem to make sense in our science. Corn-fusing!

>Just an aside here, I believe genuine abductees consciousness
>expands so they can integrate their extraordinary experience(s)
>and in doing so they also seem to improve their compassion,
>tolerance, materialistic tendencies, tempers and many other
>things that personal development books cover.

>I, like many others, hold those changes in high regard but it is
>only because of the value our western culture places on those
>qualities and I have been immersed in them for a lifetime.

>Can anyone tell me how abductees from other cultures appear
>changed in consciousness? Are these changes cross-cultural?

Hi Sheryl,

Perhaps I did read too much into Mack's comment. I have a
comment however.....

Mack states that the abduction phenomena seems to be a part of
the shift.

Note the use of the term *the*. He is not saying that these
people react by becoming more connected, he is saying that the
becoming more connected is part of a thing...the shift in
consciousness, etc.

I read this as a declaration that a shift is in progress. This
is the charismatic, or seductive, or elegant portion of the
statement.

He says there is a shift in consciousness underway, and the
abduction phenomenon is a part of that.

While current world events would argue that we are moving
further and further from any shift in consciousness toward a
collapse of duality, many might find Mack's comment comforting,
satisfying, and perhaps spot on. This assumption, that there is
underway a shift in consciousness, and that abductions are a
part of it, is not easily supportable since as you said, people
react to any number of traumatic experiences by becoming more
insightful, or open-minded, or generous. It is not the sole
province of abductions.

Mack's statement was phrased in such a way that to accept the
seemingly logical part requires silent acceptance of the "shift
in consciousness" part. Charismatic is the word I use for this.
It sounds so seductively modern, or elegant, but it just doesn't
seem to be true. I could be wrong, so I made my comments in a
more general way, not to indict, but to remind that elegant
explanations can harbor little untruths that get lost in the
listener's desire to find truth.

Also, Mack's comment clearly implies that abductions are a part
of his supposed shift...not abductees natural reactions. He even
adds that the shift in consciousness is based on a connectedness
beyond earth. This is not a psychological comment, it is clearly
intended to bring abductions into the realm of New Age
mysticism, and Age of Aquarius cosmic consciousness. Again, I
may be misreading, but I don't think it's unreasonable to expect
that some abductees might find comfort in the words,
irrespective of their validity.

I am fully in your camp on lacking a true understanding of the
abduction phenomenon. I have views on it as well, which are also
likely incorrect. My post are directed only at the cited
comment, which I find a little deceptive, though perhaps not
intentionally so. He was expressing a belief. He is entitled to
it, but it should not be taken as anything more. To do so should
be undertaken with the caveats I mentioned before... which was
my point.

I think the evidence clearly shows that the human race is
heading toward a great crisis. I think the evidence shows that
this crisis is underway.

While there may be a shift in consciousness toward a collapse of
duality underway, it would appear to be too little too late to
effect a change in our present course... a collision course
between disparate groups... religious, cultural, economic,
political. Duality seems to be rampant these days in just about

every arena.

Thanks for your comments! We agree in the main. I simply look at such statements as Mack's with a large grain of terrestrial salt. I could be cynical, but I think it's a safer bet in these days of widespread duality, or more accurately duplicity. Especially when vulnerable folks are involved.

Cheers!

Kyle

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>they're examining at any one time, and the fact that their focus
>is set to look far beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

Hi Steve,

In the post on Tombough to which I was replying, he was referred to as a professional astronomer. I was not defining the term, but noting that the quote by Steve was specific in stating what amateurs had never done. I again assumed that there was a point to limiting the statements scope to amateurs, although that was admittedly perhaps a mistaken assumption.

There is no question that amateur astronomers are regarded very highly by the academic astronomy community, and rightly so. By sheer numbers they are often able to confirm and even discover things new to academia. And their abilities and knowledge is not in question at all in my mind.

I think Steve's statement was silly, but I assumed there was some point behind it when perhaps this is not the case.

Thanks for the comments!

Regards,

Kyle

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>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>The comment below is from my retired meteorologist and amateur
>astronomer friend, Steve. How true is his statement?

>Terry

>"The interesting thing is that no amateur astronomer - a person
>who would be knowledgeable about the sky, has ever photographed
>or videotaped a classical UFO." --Steve

Just a few comments on some of the comments about this... I was
an amateur astronomer in my youth and an astrophysics grad
student in the more recent past.

There's certainly no way that professional astronomers could be
categorised as being particularly knowledgeable about the night
sky. Most of them only view it through a telescope, in fact via
a computer screen, possibly on another continent altogether
these days... They'll normally only look at the sky itself to
see if those dreaded clouds are rolling in. They should,
however, be able to recognise common astronomical phenomena and
so on. Non-optical astronomers are even less familiar with the
night sky.

The quote of course refers to amateur astronomers, a different
breed. There is of course some overlap, although in my
experience surprisingly little, as some professionals had been
or still are keen amateurs. They do spend much more time
looking at the sky. Contrary to what some have suggested here,
they don't spend all their time looking through telescopes (or
binoculars); for one thing you get serious eye- and neck-strain
if you are doing that 100% of the time, and for another it is
pleasurable just to appreciate the beauty of the entire night
sky.

Plus like the professionals, they are also watching for those
clouds... And there are some activities, such as meteor
watching, for which telescopes or even binoculars are more
hindrance than help. Also, amateurs do in fact use video cameras
for specialised purposes - e.g. taping occultations of stars or
planets by the Moon, eclipses, etc.

In my own experience, most of the few UFOs I ever saw were
during the period when I was an active amateur astronomer. Most
of them I was soon able to identify due to my knowledge of
astronomy or just experience at night-watching - not all were
technically astronomical in origin.

Being an amateur astronomer means you are more likely to see
strange things in the sky. But it's also a good filter for
common IFOs, so those UFOs that amateur astronomers do report
should be especially trustworthy. (Of course there are amateurs,
and then there are amateurs... personally I was a very amateur
amateur!)

I think, though, it would be a huge stretch to claim that *no* amateur astronomer had ever photographed or videotaped a UFO - where's the literature search to back up that assertion? But note that the quote actually refers to "classical UFO[s]". What does "classical" mean in this context? The author of the quote may have been thinking of daylight discs or Billy Meier type photos, rather than the sorts of photos Bruce Maccabee mentioned.

Brett Holman

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Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:20:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 16:40:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:12:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 11:59:37 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

><snip>

>>I meant to mention earlier that which will come as no surprise
>>to many in the field of UFO research that Clyde W. Tombough, the
>>astronomer who discovered Pluto in 1930 after 11 years of poring
>>through endless photographic plates using the blinking process,
>>had a UFO sighting on August 20, 1949 which he claims changed
>>his opinion of the phenomenon in a matter of minutes. He had
>>three different sightings-without the use of an optical aid- and
>>claimed the following:

>>"I have seen three objects in the last seven years which
>>defied any explanation of known phenomenon, such as Venus,
>>atmospheric optic, meteors or planes.I am a professional,
>>highly skilled, professional astronomer. In addition I have seen
>>three green fireballs which were unusual in behavior from normal
>>green fireballs...I think that several reputable scientists are
>>being unscientific in refusing to entertain the possibility of
>>extra-terrestrial origin and nature."

>>He died in the Fall of 1997 and was the only astronomer to
>>have discovered a planet in the solar system in twentieth
>>century.

>While I fully accept Tombough's data, the cited quote
>specifically noted amateur, not professional, astronomers. I
>assumed a point was being proffered by Steve that removed
>professionals from the discussion. That could be an erroneous
>assumption however.

Hi Kyle,

That's nit-picking, and as I'm sure you've noted, the statement
made by Steve is not true anyway. I've had three cases myself
in the last four years that were reports made by amateur
astronomers.

See my IUR article, fall of 2002, re the Cow Bay sighting for
example. The witness in this case is an amateur astronomer and
witnessed her monster Triangle UFO during the Persiads Meteor
shower.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 10:51:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 16:41:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Warren

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:30:03 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT
>>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>As you all know the top story is how CBS has now publicly
>>addressed their 'lack of confidence' in the documentation that
>>lead to their inquiry and broadcasting information regarding the
>>National Guard service record of President George W. Bush.

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>I've been out of the loop. Can someone point me to the alleged
>document that damned Bush? How was it proven that the document
>was a forgery?

Don, Greg, Et Al,

It hasn't been proven "conclusively" that the docs were forged;
the so-called experts were "split." The "source" (Bill Burkett)
has admitted lying about "his source," and Rather along with CBS
as a whole said that they shouldn't have "aired" the original
story on those merits.

The fascinating, as well as scary phenomenon is the "effect"
that the media has on the public's mindset. In this instance,
the original issues, i.e., where Bush was when he was supposed
to be with NG has been temporarily disregarded in lieu of
conspiracy theories. What was originally "damnation" for Bush,
is now a "golden goose" politically speaking; first the focus
has been taken away from his follies in the NG, and second
anything what comes down the pike will be "suspect," whether
authentic or not.

Not unlike Ufology, where a little "disinformation" is enough to
"cast doubt" on the main issues.

Sadly, politicians don't "act" they "react." They don't do
things because they are righteous (the deeds), they do them
based on "what the repercussions will be."

Finally, the media is the most powerful weapon on earth, and
those that ultimately hold the reins of that weapon are the most
dangerous.

Evidence of that is certainly evident with Ufology, where the
media was used early on to shape the public's mindset to the
phenomenon.

You can view the docs here:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/09/06/politics/main641481.shtml>

Regards ,

Frank Warren

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Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Caput

From: **Scott Caput** <scaput.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 13:25:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 16:42:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Caput

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>was a forgery?

Don, List,

Here is a link to the CBS news coverage of the whole mess. On
the menu bar on the left, you will find links to the documents
in question in .pdf format.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/09/06/politics/main641481.shtml>

Scott Caput

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Shattered Trees Found At Argentine Impact Area

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 13:47:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 07:49:37 -0400
Subject: Shattered Trees Found At Argentine Impact Area

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 21, 2004

Source: La Otra Realidad
Date: September 20, 2004

Argentina: Shattered Trees Found At Impact Area

Expedition found no craters and the mystery increases

9-20-2004 - (17:05) - The strange object that fell from the sky a few days ago behind the mountain range of the Martial Glacier, and which was seen by at least a dozen residents of the city of Ushuaia, caused damage to at least 150 square meters of forested area within the National Park, but no visible marks were found on the ground following the impact. This has increased the mystery surrounding the celestial event that caused wonder among the Fuegian population.

The "fireball", described thus by the press to counter act the lack of scientific details on the nature of the phenomenon, destroyed a considerable number of trees as it fell toward the Earth's surface, converting the impact site into a tree-clearing location. Some trees were sheared off at a height of some eight meters.

But researchers would like to double-check this information and shall set out tomorrow toward the site that was first surveyed by a police patrol that took photos and some soil samples. One of the investigators to visit the site will be Daniel Acevedo, a witness to the episode that captured the public's imagination. He plans to collect samples of the local sandstone to ascertain if there are pieces of metal or any material foreign to the Fuegian geography.

Acevedo will visit the epicenter of the crash accompanied by a forestry engineer who will determine if the condition in which the trees were found, in an area measuring "more or less forty meters across", as described by witnesses, correspond to human intervention, wind action or the consequences of the phenomenon being investigated.

For the time being, scientists have dismissed the possibility that it could have been a meteorite, since the impact would have involved a rock that usually leaves unconceivable traces of its impact against our planet. Nor have they discarded the possibility that Earth may have traversed the path of some comet and that these "fireballs" could be part of the evidence.

The survey headed by experts from the Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas (Cadic) shall be essential to define the characteristics of the event and put an end to this week-long mystery.

A five-hour long expedition on foot conducted by Fernando Garcia and Roberto Ceballos, authors of the photographs published in

today's issue of Botella al mar, verified the existence of "thirty to forty uprooted trees, some shattered in half and others exploded, all of them lying on the ground in a south-north direction."

It would seem that Garcia and Ceballos reached the same spot discovered by a local police patrol, but with a difference of a few meters. This means that there are at least two impact sites and this increases the number of traces of the event to be confirmed.

It should be recalled that residents of Ushuaia witnessed - on two consecutive nights - how two strange objects fell to the ground. Numerous phone calls were made to the Municipal Office of the Civil Defense and the Police to report the sighting, which was described at the time as "a multicolored fireball that fell behind the Martial Glacier."

For more information:

Fuente: http://www.botellaalmar.com.ar/detalle_nota.php?Id=3D270&tipo=3D4

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Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 07:51:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - McGonagle

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:39:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 14:42:11 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>>Later in Budd's abduction career, he was closely observed
>>>>(during his work on the "Witnessed" case) by two highly
>>>>professional psychotherapists, one of whom has been awarded the
>>>>Macarthur Prize, one of America's highest intellectual honors.

>>>>I've spoken to both these people. Neither agrees with Budd's
>>>>conclusions - neither believes that aliens (little, grey, or
>>>>otherwise) are abducting people. But both told me that they
>>>>admire Budd's methodology, and find it highly professional. I
>>>>published this in my IUR study of the "Witnessed" case, so it's
>>>>part of the abduction record.

>>>>If these people don't believe Budd's nonsense about aliens
>>>>abducting people how can they describe his methodology as "highly
>>>>professional"? It doesn't make sense.

<snip>

>One does not have to agree with Hopkins' conclusions to agree
>that his methods are highly professional. I'm baffled that
>someone would even make such a statement.

Hello Kyle, Greg, Jerry, List,

I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique as "highly professional" - I watched a television documentary about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one, probably one of the "sightings" series). In the programme, he was interviewing a young child, no more than seven years old. He asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?" and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien", then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video collection and try to identify which programme it was and provide direct quotes from it.

Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

Regards,

Joe

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Sheaffer Superciliously Silly

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:19:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:19:37 -0400
Subject: Sheaffer Superciliously Silly

Source: CSICOP On-Line

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2004-07/psychic-vibrations.html>

Psychic Vibrations
Toutatis Threatens Totally

Robert Sheaffer

Heads up=97the End of the World is coming again! This time it's the asteroid 4179 Toutatis, which, according to no less an authority than the celebrated Swiss UFO contactee Billy Meier, is in danger of slamming into Earth on September 29, 2004 (see <http://archives.zinester.com/40491/15876.html>). According to NASA, Toutatis will make a close approach to Earth on that date, passing within approximately one million miles, which is nothing on a cosmic scale (see http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179_Toutatis/toutatis.html).

But Meier is in contact with the space people from the Pleiades (he calls them "Plejarans"; I suppose that "Pleiadeans" sounds too unwieldy). And according to Michael Horn, who says he is the officially authorized media representative of Meier in the United States (which so far as I know Meier has never disputed), the Plejarans have warned that when Toutatis is closest to Earth, it will suddenly veer off course and head straight toward us. Horn says that it will require a "pre-emptive nuclear strike" to keep this multi-kilometer-sized asteroid from slamming straight into Earth. Before you dismiss this prophecy as the ravings of a demented man, be forewarned that Meier claims a long list of successful predictions (no doubt selectively culled from a much longer list of unsuccessful ones=97Meier reportedly has written thousands of pages of predictions). Horn says that Meier predicted back in 1987 that Islamic fanatics would destroy the World Trade Center in New York. If true, this information will be of great interest to the current Congressional investigation into the September 11 attacks: What did Meier know, and when did he know it?

Others are also starting to sound alarm bells. The Web site of the conspiracy-oriented radio host Jeff Rense carries similar warnings (see www.rense.com/general50/sep29th2004.htm). There is even a claim of a secret government missile program to save us from disaster on September 29. And the biblical prophecy expert Arnie Stanton suggests that the encounter with Toutatis indicates that the Second Coming will be just a few months away. Stanton also warns that a larger, as-yet undiscovered asteroid will definitely smack into Earth sometime in 2006.

This is the first time to my knowledge that the world is ending in 2004. The world most recently ended in May of 2003, when a mysterious Planet X, inhabited by Zetans, was reported to be on its way to a disastrous close encounter with Earth, moving the poles and flooding entire countries. The Web site www.zetatalk.com is still there. It talks a lot about the disasters expected in 2003 but says nothing about there being a

year 2004; as near as I can tell, their claim is that a disastrous planetary encounter did occur in 2003, but was covered up by NASA. Before that, the "planetary alignment" of May 5, 2000, was threatened as a trigger for all manner of earthly havoc. And of course, society as we know it ended on January 1, 2000, when every major computer system in the world not only failed, but became contagious, infecting even computers that did not suffer from the Y2K bug. The next scheduled major world-ending is in 2012, when, according to a number of reliable experts, the Mayan Calendar simply "runs out," apparently making it impossible for time to continue.

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During April a major conference on UFOs and "Exopolitics," called "the X-Conference," was held near Washington, D.C. (see www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/X-Conference.htm). It featured the usual suspects sounding alarm bells over supposed "government cover-ups" of UFO and alien hijinks. However, the speakers at this conference delved even farther into the vast conspiracy than anyone has dared to delve before. Phil Corso Jr., whose late father wrote in *The Day After Roswell* how much of our high-technology (such as transistors) was reverse-engineered from the crashed Roswell saucer, explained that the Roswell aliens were in fact simply "us" from the future, returning as time travelers. This he has learned from notes and manuscripts left by his father, explaining that "we" went back in time to warn "ourselves" about the nuclear threat.

There was much controversy over the claims of Dan Burisch, supposedly a Ph.D. microbiologist who has worked on designer diseases for the military at Area 51 in the Nevada desert and who also studied the extraterrestrial beings in residence there. Burisch warns of a sinister conspiracy between E.T.s and the military to develop deadly diseases to wipe out humans that the conspirators want to be rid of. Burisch is now reportedly in "lock-down" at Area 51, and is requesting immunity from Congress in return for his testimony about this nefarious program. Some of the ufologists at the conference cautiously supported Burisch's tales, others supported the stories even more strongly while accusing the first group of distorting them, and yet a third faction angrily charged that the Burisch supporters were disinformation agents charged with "spinning" wild tales to sow confusion within ufology. (Ufologists seldom believe that other ufologists with whom they disagree are simply mistaken—they are usually either pathological liars or government agents.)

Steven Greer was at the conference to talk about his Project Disclosure, which three years after its much-ballyhooed launch at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., featuring twenty supposedly credentialed military/intelligence/defense-industry witnesses (reported in this column, March/April 2002) has yet to present any of its supposedly solid evidence of UFO cover-ups to any official government investigations. Greer reportedly acknowledged his disappointment that more progress has not yet been made, but he kept the faith. However, the defrocked psychologist Richard Boylan charged that Greer and others are in fact disinformation agents funded by powerful moneyed interests. Apparently the purpose of the disinformation must be to keep ufologists from finding out what Boylan considers the real stuff, like alien-hybrid children and "Walk-in" Star Visitors (a contemporary analog of demonic possession).

For another example of the truly stellar quality of contemporary "scientific" UFO research (pun intended), see The Lawton Triangle UFO Hoax at <http://ufohoax.tripod.com>. In March 2002, hoaxer Carl Wilson submitted a dubious-looking, indistinct photo of red and white lights against a black background to Jim Hickman, a "research specialist" with MUFON, the largest UFO group in the U.S. He wrote of seeing these lights in the night sky over Lawton, Oklahoma. Hickman sent a copy of the photo to Bruce Maccabee, the best-known "scientific" UFO photo analyst, who has "authenticated" many classic UFO photos such as those from McMinnville, Oregon, and Gulf Breeze, Florida. It didn't take long for Maccabee to conclude "unless someone has a better idea, I would have to classify this as a True UFO (TRUFO), which might be some sort of Alien Flying Craft (AFC) (or two such craft)?"

Not content with fooling the "experts" once, a few months later Wilson submitted to Hickman a similar photo, purportedly of a

UFO seen hovering over Fort Sill, Oklahoma, near Lawton. Hickman again sent a copy to Maccabee, who could barely contain his excitement: "Wow! Got to pull out all the stops on this one! A rare event, two photos of the same (apparently) thing!"

Were these two photos of some alien craft? No, says Wilson: "In reality, these pictures were nothing more than a picture of Microsoft Optical Mouse taken with the room lights and camera flash turned off!" When he revealed his hijinks on the Internet newsgroup alt.alien.research, many asked him whether he was a paid government debunker. He replies, "I did it to demonstrate how easy it is to fool the so-called 'UFO experts' and how willing they are to take any claim at face value. But rather than learn from this example, their reaction was one of hostility." And he reports being harassed in many ways. Wilson concludes, "Clearly many of those involved with or supporting 'UFO research' are less interested in 'Finding the Truth' as they claim, as they are in silencing their critics."

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While NASA continues to glean astonishing amounts of information about Mars from the Mars Rovers, others are finding plenty of things in the photos that NASA seems to have missed. Ufologist George Filer, MUFON's Eastern Director, writes that "Our examination of thousands of images has led us to theorize that we might be observing an ancient civilization. . . . Strangely, the symbols and writing are very similar to English" (see www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/mar/ml0-029.shtml). He notes that "The symbols or letters A, E, G, H, P, V, and Y have been found. The Y symbol is the most numerous and often has deep round holes drilled at the three corners." (The letter B, Filer reminds us, had previously been spotted by the Viking lander carved into a rock way back in 1976.) Filer is far from the only person making such remarkable discoveries. According to a Knight-Ridder news story of March 6, NASA is being deluged by supposed "Mars discoveries" from civilians, including stone tools and dinosaur fossils (see www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/news/nation/8124461.htm).

The most dramatic Mars finding would appear to be from the above-mentioned Boylan: based upon news reports that Mars's ice caps appear to be melting, he suggests that Mars is being "terraformed" by alien intelligences to make it more habitable (see www.drboylan.com/trfmars2.html). Boylan informs us that "the U.S. has a tiny forward station on Mars, staffed by astronauts from a secret space program operated by a military black project agency. . . . the Star Visitors [also] have a long-term presence on Mars." The Mars Society proposes the eventual "terraforming" of Mars to turn it into another habitat for humans, but if Boylan is correct, we may arrive there someday to find the work already finished.

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In the May/June 2003 issue I reported about the giant scorpions allegedly being bred in Iraq by Saddam Hussein, to be used as secret weapons. While no giant scorpion bioweapons have yet been found, the Web site of the Coast to Coast AM radio show carries a photo of what is alleged to be a "camel spider" supposedly facing our troops in Iraq. According to one caller to that show, "They run 10 mph, jump three feet, are a nocturnal spider. . . . When they bite you, you are injected with Novocain [sic] so you go numb instantly. You don't even know you are bitten when you are sleeping, so you wake up with part of your leg or arm missing because it has been gnawing on it all night long" (see the purported photo of this critter at www.coasttocoastam.com/gen/page440.html).

As if to make up for the dearth of giant scorpions, the region is currently in the grips of UFO fever, with sightings running at a high pace, especially in Iran. Sa'dollah Nasiri-Qeydari, head of the Astronomical Society of Iran, told Reuters that people were probably seeing Venus, which was near its greatest brilliance in the evening sky. But Michael Salla, author of *Exopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence*, begs to disagree. Salla, who was educated in Australia and has degrees in government and in philosophy, is currently a Researcher in Residence in the Center for Global Peace, American University, in Washington, D.C. He suggests that the UFOs being seen across the Middle East are "very likely related to

Stargate/energy portal activity in Iraq/Iran and the region generally. It is very likely that the whole region comprising Iraq/Iran/ Afghanistan is a vast energy portal that was strategically chosen for this reason as the home base for extraterrestrials known as the Anunnaki during the Sumerian era" (see www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-15.htm). The anger of Moslems over the U.S. occupation is so intense that, according to Salla, "What they might manifest by all this rage/anger is an opening of the portals and literally the gates of hell opening with the return of the Gods=97the Anunnaki=97who take the rage around the region as permission to intervene and punish U.S. forces and their allies." But apparently Bush and his fellow conspirators, who head up a secret "shadow government" in collusion with extraterrestrials, knew about this all along, and this was the real reason for the war in Iraq: "it wasn't Oil, Weapons of Mass Destruction, or the =91War against Terror,' just a desire to be in Iraq if and when the energy portals/Stargates became active." He warns, "The ultimate result of extraterrestrial intervention responding to regional rage against the U.S. is a military confrontation that could lead to a domineering extraterrestrial race having a major strategic toehold in human affairs." And wouldn't that be terrible!

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Robert Sheaffer - Smirks & Sneers From Skeptical

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 13:06:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:22:55 -0400
Subject: Robert Sheaffer - Smirks & Sneers From Skeptical

UFO UpDates is a den of dimbulb believers it would seem... with additional irony that those labeled as believers are so labeled only because they won't believe Mr. Sheaffer... from the last Skeptical Inquirer.

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From: Robert Sheaffer  
To:  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 14:22:05 -0700  
Subject: Posting of Copyrighted Article

Dear Mr. Bruce-Knapp:

I do not know if you are aware that Alfred Lehmborg has apparently scanned and then posted the complete text from my Skeptical Inquirer article on the Campeche, Mexico UFO Video (see <http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m22-004.shtml> ). My understanding is that this is against the rules of UFO Updates, and it is surely violates the copyright law as well. It should be removed at once, and Mr. Lemberg should be warned not to do this again.

I am not concerned about my Psychic Vibrations article also posted, because CSICOP has chosen to put that text on the web, for anyone to read it. yours sincerely,

Robert Sheaffer

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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:25:40 -0400  
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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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### CALIFORNIA'S BIG CITIES VISITED BY UFOs

On Sunday, September 12, 2004, Laura Simmons and her friend "were chatting on the back porch" at her home on Fulton Street in San Francisco, she reported, "when I noticed movement in the sky. It was a silent, abstract blob almost like the underside view of a manta ray shape, moving quickly, quietly across the sky. I have no idea how high it was so I cannot judge the size."

She described the UFO as "very large, almost gossamer, sprinkled with lights but almost like dusted with a luminous powder. I can only describe it as if it were draped in 'star camoflaugé' or something. It had a swimming-amoeba-like effect. Sounds silly but it's true."

"We both drew pictures of our view before we ever started talking to each other about it, so as not to influence (each other)," and the sketches "are quite similar. We were facing north, and it streaked from the northwest to the northeast, then disappeared out of view. It is a clear night tonight and very windy, but around the thing it seemed kind of cloudy." (Email Form Report)

The following day, Monday, September 13, 2004, in Los Angeles, a UFO "appeared from the southeast at 9:05 p.m.," M.P. Forman reported, "Witnessed a large, fuzzy, orange fireball east of LAX (Los Angeles International Airport) lasting four or five seconds. Fireball was approximately 10 to 15 miles (16 to 25 kilometers) away, southeast of my location, and at less than 10,000 feet (3,000 meters), stationary in the sky and 70 percent of the size of the full moon."

"As the fireball dissipated, the color of the shape became crimson and redder with some 'fire chunks' visible. Afterwards, I could see what appeared to be a pinpoint, a pulsating, glowing 'ember' remaining that eventually disappeared a couple of seconds later. Whole event lasted 10 to 15 seconds. Couldn't find any news on it today." (Email Form Report)

UFO WITH SPOTLIGHTS SEEN  
IN AIRDRIE, ALBERTA

On Sunday, September 12, 2004, at 11:42 p.m., Lindsay Brown and her companions "were driving south on Eighth Street" in Airdrie, Alberta province, Canada (population 15,946) "when we noticed a flying object with lights on the craft and two beams of light projecting a long distance from the craft. We continued watching as the craft approached a small cloud in the sky, and, once the craft had reached the cloud, the lights became distant very, very quickly. The craft had vanished and was nowhere in sight."

"Once the craft had disappeared, the cloud itself diffused into the sky. It was the most bizarre thing I've ever seen in my life. The colour of the object was unknown. There were several bright white lights along the frame of the craft. The two beams of light protruding from the craft were facing completely opposite directions, one facing northeast and the other facing southeast."

"The craft was lower than an aircraft would usually be spotted flying and appeared to be much larger. The initial speed did not appear to be fast at all until the craft approached the cloud. By the time the craft reached the cloud, it was travelling at a high speed."

Airdrie is on Provincial Highway 2 approximately 18 miles (30 kilometers) north of Calgary. (Email Form Report)

#### SAUCERS UP NORTH

On Friday, September 17, 2004, at 3:39 a.m., eyewitness A.S. was asleep at her home in the Beaumont Trailer Park on Heyden Street in Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario province, Canada, at the eastern end of Lake Superior, when something strange jolted her awake.

"I was awakened by a weird sensation," A.S. reported, "I heard a very low humming and felt a weird sensation all over my body, so I went to go get my brother and could not find him. Then I saw the lights flooding through the windows, and, when I looked outside, they were almost blinding. But I was able to see my brother outside, looking up to the sky, so I ran to go and get him."

"At first, I thought it was one of them police helicopters searching for someone. But once I got a good look at it, I know it wasn't. It was much bigger, and it was shaped like a large submarine but with tons of lights everywhere. The bottom of it looked like a star field, and it had beams of light shining down the middle of it, in a straight line from one end to the other. I couldn't tell which end was the front or back."

"As this was happening, there was no wind, nor any kind of sound whatsoever, just the low humming, even though I didn't know what it was. I felt very much at peace and mesmerised by its beauty."

"The beams of light in the middle of it were moving in a very slow circular fashion along the ground as if it were searching for someone. All of a sudden, my brother and I heard sirens in the distance, and the lights went away. Then we heard what sounded like a really loud thunderclap, and the craft started to go higher and higher in the sky until we couldn't see it any more." (Email Form Report)

On Saturday, September 18, 2004, at 7:25 p.m., UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor was working aboard a tour train in northern Minnesota when he spotted an unusual-looking contrail in the sky to the northwest at an elevation of about 35 degrees above the horizon.

"We had completed the train's run-around maneuver at Palmer's Siding, approximately 17 miles (27 kilometers) northeast of Duluth, Minnesota, and we were on our way back to Union Depot," Trainor said, "We were traveling at 30 miles per hour, and I would estimate that we were a mile or two east of French River, Minn. when I spotted the contrail. It was a clear blue sky, no clouds, so the white plume was quite noticeable. I also saw that it was a very short and wide contrail, no more than four object-sized lengths from the object itself."

"I observed it with the naked eye for 20 seconds, but it was too distant for me to make out any details. So I grabbed the pair of Sport 4 X 30 binoculars we keep aboard the train--to spot ships out on Lake Superior--and focused

in on the object. It was no jet. What I saw was a silvery white disc with a fiery red tint around the leading rim. I don't know if it was reentry heat or the glow of the setting sun responsible for the red tint. The rear of the disc was totally obscured in white contrail mists. They were streaming off the disc, fanning out into a wide plume, much wider than a normal jet aircraft's contrail."

"The object was very high. I would estimate its altitude at 60,000 feet (18,000 meters). It was west of the train and traveling due north. The object was much, much larger than a conventional jetliner. I would estimate that the object was at least five times as large as a Boeing 747 jumbo jet."

"Our train passed a stand of fir trees, which obscured my view for five or six seconds. When I looked again through the binoculars, the sky was completely clear. The object and its contrail were gone. There is no way it could have reached the northern horizon in that brief span of time unless it had suddenly accelerated to a speed of thousands of miles per hour."

"Definitely a daylight disc! That's my fourth UFO," Trainor said, adding that he had previously seen UFOs in August 1963, August 1996 and December 2000.

French River, Minn. (population 40) is on Lake Superior's north shore about 340 miles (544 kilometers) west of Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada.

#### LUMINOUS DISC SIGHTED IN CONWY, NORTH WALES

On Sunday, September 5, 2004, at about 3 a.m., eyewitness G.B. woke up at her home in Rowen, in the Conwy district of North Wales, UK. She reported seeing "three lights, one very intense--not coloured--and two faint lights. The intense light and one faint light were in the same general direction, one much nearer than the other. Even the nearest must have been some distance away because it occasionally disappeared behind a bank of low cloud."

"I woke my husband to see them at 3:05 a.m.," G.B. added, "We watched the disc-shaped lights through binoculars. The faint lights went out soon after 3:05 a.m. The brightest object disappeared at 3:18 a.m. It was not an aircraft or a helicopter." (Email Form Report)

#### ALIEN MUMMY FOUND IN BRAZIL?

Wilson Estanovic Neto, curator and owner of "the Wilson Estanovic Museum of Natural History in Uberaba," a city in western Minas Gerais state in Brazil, "said that the museum, circus and theater, originally operated by his ancestor, has covered all the countries in the world. In their travels, they (the Estanovic family) has managed to obtain--through donations--artifacts, ruins and stones of all kinds which fall from space, as well as other startling items."

"A strange piece" has drawn the attention of Planeta Terra, a South American Fortean research group. It is "a rather different mummified skull, similar to an alien--large-headed, earless, with odd-shaped eyes and mouth. All of these characteristics were highlighted by experts" in extraterrestrial subjects.

"Museum administrators claim to know the provenance of the skeleton, which was discovered only recently when they tried to 'de-mummify' the piece, which was probably acquired in Egypt. The specimen is on display at the museum only on Sundays and under guard."

"According to the owner, at least ten attempts to steal the item have been made."

"The skull is about twice the size of an adult human skull and is out of proportion in relation to the rest of the body, which measures approximately 50 centimeters (20 inches). The six-toed foot is also mummified."

Uberaba is 210 kilometers (126 miles) west of Belo Horizonte, the state capital of Minas Gerais and 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Brasilia, the national capital.

Commenting on this case, UFO Roundup correspondent

Brunilda Barros said, "I'm not so sure this mummy is from Egypt. Uberaba is only 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of the headwaters of the Rio da Prata. The Kayapo Indians might have acquired this strange mummy from the hidden city of Matalir-Aconcagua in the Planalto (jungles of Mato Grosso do Sul state--J.T.) and then sold it to Senhor Estevanovic's ancestors." (See Planeta Terra for September 15, 2004. Muito obrigado a Scott Corrales e Andreia Xavier por eso caso.) (Editor's Note: Matalir-Aconcagua is a reputed hidden city in Mato Grosso do Sul, still thriving millenia after the demise of the lost continent of Atlantis. Colonel Percy H. Fawcett, his son Jack and Raleigh Rimmell vanished in the Mato Grosso back in 1925 while searching for it.)

BIZARRE "TREE CIRCLES"  
FOUND IN CANADA

It's the wildest swerve in the crop circle saga yet-- a bizarre formation of "tree circles" was found in early August 2004 in Canada's Northwest Territories.

According to Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network (CCCRN), "two large circles in poplar trees, first reported as a rumour on (Wednesday) September 8 (2004) were found at Nahanni Butte," near Fort Simpson, N.W.T. "The circles are estimated to be 151 meters (500 feet) and 91 meters (270 feet) in diameter. The trees were apparently flattened radially. No photos yet. Investigation in progress."

A local newspaper, the Deh Cho Drum, confirmed the find.

"It certainly is unique and different from most 'standard' crop formations, whether it is a case of 'unusual meteorological damage' (as the newspaper stated-- J.T.) or not."

Fort Simpson, N.W.T. is on the Mackenzie River about 700 miles (1,160 kilometers) northwest of Edmonton, Alberta." (See the Deh Cho Drum for August 6, 2004. Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN for this news story.) (Editor's Note: Fort Simpson was the site of a massive UFO flap back in March and April of 1996.)

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That's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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## Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:15:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:27:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:12:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 10:49:57 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

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>>I'm curious as to how do you define "professional astronomer"?

>>It's been acknowledged for many years that a vast majority of  
>>near Earth objects (NEOs) have been discovered by "amateur  
>>astronomers", who far outnumber the number of paid professionals  
>>in the field and tend to keep more of a watch on the sky. Of  
>>course a major problem is the small section of the sky that  
>>they're examining at any one time, and the fact that their focus  
>>is set to look far beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

>In the post on Tombaugh to which I was replying, he was referred  
>to as a professional astronomer. I was not defining the term,  
>but noting that the quote by Steve was specific in stating what  
>amateurs had never done. I again assumed that there was a point  
>to limiting the statements scope to amateurs, although that was  
>admittedly perhaps a mistaken assumption.

>There is no question that amateur astronomers are regarded very  
>highly by the academic astronomy community, and rightly so. By  
>sheer numbers they are often able to confirm and even discover  
>things new to academia. And their abilities and knowledge is not  
>in question at all in my mind.

>I think Steve's statement was silly, but I assumed there was  
>some point behind it when perhaps this is not the case.

>Thanks for the comments!

Has anyone mentioned Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer (and discoverer of Pluto), and his definitive sighting, along with his wife and two daughters, of a silver ellipsoid craft traveling between 600 and 900 mph? This was in 1947. July 10th. Five O'clock in the afternoon.

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:34:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:30:01 -0400  
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>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:04:45 -0500 (CDT)  
>Subject: Close Encounter In Alaska

>Interesting Close Encounter In Alaska

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>Investigator's Note:

>The object's size, as judged by the witnesses from its movement  
>over nearby trees, was 20-30 feet by 6-8 feet, and was within 50  
>feet of the witness. It was disc-shaped, dark on top and  
>illuminated on the bottom. The witness was contacted on  
>September 20, 2004, and was in good spirits but still shaken by  
>the event. "I just keep thinking it couldn't have been real.  
>Things like this don't exist."

This description nearly parallels my own sighting back in 1990  
while living in a small community of N. Wisconsin.

The line of sight for distance appeared to be more into hundreds  
of feet but, with any sort of accuracy that falls short of what  
I could determine to be called precisely. It was a dark night  
with clear skies although just great for astronomical viewing in  
the early hours shortly after midnight.

Just sitting on a lawn chair in the front yard unobstructed by  
city lights, suddenly you would have clearly noticed in the  
distance by eyesite alone, a strange disk-hub-shaped object  
traveling high in the night sky and moving at pretty decent  
clip.

While I should mention that this objects plane of view to my  
eyesight was at a slight skewed angle downward a couple degrees  
relative to my sight. This bottom we shall call it gave off this  
glow which partially illuminated the top portion that is the  
'hub-disk'.

The strange object but identifiable that is if knew it wasn't  
something else, could have been somewhere in the 50 foot  
diameter range, it's just to bad that this 'could have been' is  
hardly enough for an accurate depiction of size. To be a little  
more objective about the whole thing, I will say that it was  
dark, and taking into account distance in the night also the  
object was in motion, so it would be hard to give better  
account.

I sure wish I had been carrying a camera instead of a telescope  
that night, while not proof positive that others should believe  
this story, more importantly to show myself that I wasn't  
dreaming it up. I think I'm sort of scientific guy since early  
teenage years but as I sit here today and recollect from memory  
a few short moments, it's just so easy to get very very  
frustrated trying to describe to others what I think was their  
or what I saw late one night, when you would have little or no  
physical evidence to back up the story.

There have been a few cases of shall we say un-ordinary objects actually landing in my territory over the decades according to eyewitness, and there's no denying that if it happens again, if it hovers horizontally or stands on end vertically above the tree tops or if should make contact with the ground I can confidently say that me, my cameras and working running tenna shoes will be ready to shoot the action as quick as action Jackson.

Radiation or no radiation, proving to myself once and for all that this really weird stuff can happen stranger then any science fiction that we ever have read before.

Now here's a nightmare

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I should mention one fear I do have, call it a brief nightmare or an unhappy dream, this has to involve the landing of an object whereby I approach it for a closer examination. In this dream the landing gear touches the ground, I have my camera in hand when I start a slow walk around the object, when to my surprise and joy in a few short moments, this door opens up and I jump up the floor which has no stairs.

While me and my camera are just having a field day, I soon realize one odd thing, funny but there are no occupants inside this craft; to think that is odd, so I just gather it must be some kind of unmanned surveyor, great! there's nobody home, and I'll just take my pictures and be off like nobody ever noticed I was here... he, he, he.

A few minutes aboard now, I've taken dozens of pictures then I pause for a moment thinking to myself, clearly anyone would gather that nothing lives or could ever travel in this thing, where did it come from, what was it designed to do, what is it doing, is it recording something? .

All the sudden, after a minute or so pondering a hidden meaning, I hear a noise. Did I just hear something I ask?, well there it is again. Where's that strange sound coming from I ask,.. Oh No! I shout it's the door it's closing up!., next a humming is heard; What was that? Oh No! I think that's the landing gear, it's retracting!

There's gotta be away out of here gotta be a way? Ahh well,... then I go check out the thing that looks like a control console, when my confusion is mounting and the nervous sweat pours from off my forehead, I gaze at the wonders of a touchtone display, and I ask, are these the selector buttons over here ?; only then does panic ensue.

The whole console while illuminated in purple with these strange symbols resemble some type of heiroglyphics. Oh great now how in the...? am I supposed to read this...? Come on now hurry, hurry!, No, No! be calm, be calm .. you can figure this out just relax and think, all the sudden I get this really funny feeling in my stomach just like that lifting you know when your car goes over a hill.

The end..

Word of caution: Don't try this at home or at Halloween, your oxygen supply and destination are unknown.

John

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## Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 00:57:12 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:32:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Ledger

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 10:51:06 -0700  
>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:30:03 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:31:10 EDT  
>>>Subject: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>>>As you all know the top story is how CBS has now publicly  
>>>addressed their 'lack of confidence' in the documentation that  
>>>lead to their inquiry and broadcasting information regarding the  
>>>National Guard service record of President George W. Bush.

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>>I've been out of the loop. Can someone point me to the alleged  
>>document that damned Bush? How was it proven that the document  
>>was a forgery?

>Don, Greg, Et Al,

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>You can view the docs here:

><http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/09/06/politics/main641481.shtml>

Thanks Frank and Scott for the heads up. More he said, he said  
than documents in any event.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:13:56 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:34:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:16:02 -0700  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>For a rare case of an orb visible and photographed during the  
>>daytime (clearly not flash orb) visit:

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

>The thing that's always interested me in this photo is not the  
>red "orb" but the other color anomaly in the photo. It's a  
>blue-green "orb" in the upper, left-hand corner of the photo  
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>thinking that if this odd color is there, then perhaps there was  
>some kind of processing error, despite what the witness says.

>Just an observation.

I suppose you are referring to what appears as a sort of  
distortion of a small portion near the top left of the bush/tree  
with the light green leaves.

Don't know what did that. Don't know that there is a  
relationship between a slight greenish distortion and the rather  
prominent red "ball" silhouetted against the ground.

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:37:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Just an observation.

>And a very astute observation at that. My opinion is that the >  
>blue-green effect and the red ball are related.

>If you draw a line from the center of the red ball to the blue-  
>green artifact, and extend that line, you would lead to or very  
>near the Sun.

>Since the house casts a shadow on the ground between itself and  
>the camera, the sun is ahead and to the left...very nearly on  
>the line from the red ball to the blue-green.

>I suspect lens flare on both counts.

>Also, this would explain why the red ball is larger than the  
>blue-green...the point closest to the source will be smaller  
>than a point farther away.

>Why blue-green and then red?

>The sunlight is going through a prismatic effect due to the  
>surface coating on the lens. The red ball actually fades to  
>yellow at the lower right...again in line with the sun angle.

Perhaps the combination of red and green of the grass below  
'makes the yellow.

>If the red ball were an object of mass, the near lower portion

>would presumably be in shadow, contrary to what is observed.

Shadow from what? Trees?

>This prismatic effect is common when shooting in the direction  
>of the Sun, and this photo clearly is shooting toward the Sun,  
>as opposed to away from it.

I have seen lots of flares, but not with this much "prismatic  
effect."

>If the camera field of view were larger, the Sun would be in the >  
>photo. Classic lens flare. It would be notable if it were absent  
>under such conditions.

I would say "unusual lens flare". Does anyone have a lens flare  
photo with this much color aberration ("white" sun making a red  
flare?) Eric Byler (who investigated the case and interviewed  
the witness) examined several dozen photos to try to find a  
similar lens flare situation and couldn't.

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## Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 17:42:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:40:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:20:49 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 16:12:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

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>example. The witness in this case is an amateur astronomer and  
>witnessed her monster Triangle UFO during the Persiads Meteor  
>shower.

Hi Don,

Couldn't agree more. It's not a true statement, regardless of  
intent.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 20:29:56 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:19:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Friedman

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 11:20:49 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

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>shower.

Gert Herb working with CUFOs and the Amateur Astronomer's Assoc.  
(some similar name) did a survey of the members and found plenty  
of observations of things that could not be explained. I asked  
an audience of Amateur Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory  
in LA many years ago and a significant number had had  
sightings.. much before people were carrying high quality  
videorecorders.

Steve's statement was a proclamation supported by nothing, as  
so many of the comments from noisy negativists are.

For example, I have been asked "How come no scientists believe  
in UFOs?"... despite the fact that polls show there are more  
believers amongst scientists than non-believers, as I noted in  
an article, Who Believes In UFOs?

Recall that Dr. Seth Shostak in his book Cosmic Company asked  
why UFOs haven't landed, and why they haven't been seen on  
radar... clearly reflecting his ignorance.

With regard to Professional Astronomers, surveys done of them by  
Hynek back in the 50's, and Peter Sturrock decades later, showed  
there were sightings and, as might be expected, great reluctance  
to report them. After all Don Menzel had shown there was nothing  
to UFOs and Allan Hynek had praised one of Menzel's books.

One of my recent MUFON Journal columns dealt with some silly  
things said about UFOs by Phil Plait in Sky And Telescope.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:52:06 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:24:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:34:48 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:37:30 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>>I believe that a major study by Charles Leitzau and co-workers  
>>will become available soon. I am not involved and don't know  
>>when or where it will be available.

>>A "major study"? I find it sad that anyone is wasting any  
>>more time on this nonsense when there are dozens of genuine  
>>phenomena out there that need to be researched - like,  
>>maybe... UFOs!

>You, Dr. Haselhoff, I and others have devoted valuable time to  
>study claims like "orbs", "chemtrails" and all the birds, bugs,  
>debris, etc. promoted as UFO's that could have been used to  
>study real phenomena. This is a waste of any researcher's  
>time. What's worse, there are people who continue to believe  
>"orbs" exist. Ah, folklore in the making.

Amy,

It seems as if you think you and your colleagues have solved the orb mystery. Well, not so. There will be many others that will contribute their own slant on this subject, and so they should.

Each study will introduce more information and criteria that must be met in true Orb analysis. This is what the "major study by Charles Leitzau and co-workers" will do. It is not for me to say too much on this study until it is released by the authors, but I will say that one of the criteria ideas has been taken up by me in my study of Orbs.

If I, and others can produce the undeniable evidence that will prove the reality of, or confirm the close to lens artefact thesis as you and others have suggested by your work in falsifying similar images, then I will gladly openly admit I was wrong, if I am. Will you do the same if it is proven you were wrong?

Orbs, UFO's, it is all happening here. I again video taped UFOs during daytime on 17th and 18th September. These two phenomena alone are keeping me busy enough.

Barry Taylor

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## Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 23:45:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:25:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - White

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:36:23 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

<snip>

>If Joyce Riley has verifiable documents then she'd best get on  
>the ball and fork them over to the crew at CBS asap. If not CBS  
>our other pals in the press would want to check them out for  
>authenticity.

Joyce said she did contact CBS, but the people there expressed  
total disinterest in the documents.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 23:42:03 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:33:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Colvin

>The comment below is from my retired meteorologist and amateur  
>astronomer friend Steve. How true is his statement?

>Terry

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>"The interesting thing is that no amateur astronomer-a person who  
>would be knowledgeable about the sky, has ever photographed or  
>videotaped a classical UFO." --Steve

Response from 'Steve':

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I am a bit too busy right now to answer each message separately  
- I'm running very late tonight because I had a lot to do today.  
However, a couple of points.

First off, only a minority of Amateur Astronomers have home  
observatories. Most, like me, have portable telescopes so that  
we can take them places where the sky is dark.

Secondly, those of who became amateurs before the recent advent  
Go To computerized telescopes (I started in 1948) are quite  
familiar with the night sky and can quickly notice when  
something is awry and we don't spend the whole time looking  
through the telescopes.

Finally, to those who are unfamiliar with the night sky might  
often see something they can't identify and that would be, to  
them, a UFO.

Such an event might include Iridium flares or the longer  
duration flares from the Hubble Space Telescope both of which  
can be quite bright.

Such a flare happened the other night, when I noticed a bright  
object, which I soon realized was a satellite. From its position  
and path I was able to determine that it was the Hubble.

Someone not familiar with these flares would have seen an  
unidentified bright moving object that suddenly faded from view.

I am also aware of the reports of Lunar Transient Phenomena but  
unfortunately most reports are poorly documented or unconfirmed by  
supporting observations while it has now been demonstrated that meteor  
impacts on the Moon can be seen telescopically down here.

Steve

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 02:00:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:35:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 12:04:45 -0500 (CDT)  
>Subject: Close Encounter In Alaska

>Interesting Close Encounter In Alaska

>I spoke with this witness, who had a fascinating story to tell.  
>This case would be very worthwhile to follow up, if it wasn't  
>for the fact that the location is so isolated.

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>Bettles, Alaska  
>September 17, 2004  
>2:30 am

>Witness' Narrative:

<snip>

Hello Chris:

Oooh! That's a neat one. Too bad there is only one witness. Were there any audible subjective indications of credibility or reliability when you spoke to him?

I take it the guy was 2 miles South of Bettles, AK. Is that right? I will look for an airstrip south of that town. Should be close enough, I try to get within one minute of long/lat.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 03:15:23 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:37:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Hatch

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 03:11:48 +1000  
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 20:51:42 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

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>I think, though, it would be a huge stretch to claim that \*no\*  
>amateur astronomer had ever photographed or videotaped  
>a UFO - where's the literature search to back up that assertion?  
>But note that the quote actually refers to "classical UFO[s]".  
>What does "classical" mean in this context? The author of the quote  
>may have been thinking of daylight discs or Billy Meier type photos,  
>rather than the sorts of photos Bruce Maccabee mentioned.

Hello Brett, all:

The quote from "Steve" reminds me of a similar statement that  
"Most UFOs are seen in the USA." I don't know where these claims  
come from, but they are usually dictated with a certainty I find  
disturbing.

A fast scan of the \*U\* UFO Database finds no fewer than 197  
astronomer sightings, about 66 of those tagged as AM.ASTRON  
indicating Amateur Astronomers. 21 of the 197 occurred prior to  
1900, and 19 of the 197 are tagged 'PHT' for some sort of  
photography, film or video (and/or in rare cases a drawing  
perhaps.)

It seems like the people most dismissive of these matters, are  
(with notable exceptions) the least knowledgeable about them.

Please feel free to pass these numbers back to 'Steve'. I have  
no illusions about what good that might do.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## What's Going On in Ushuaia Argentina?

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:08:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:41:04 -0400  
Subject: What's Going On in Ushuaia Argentina?

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
September 22, 2004

Source: El Sureno (newspaper)  
Date: September 17, 2004

Unlikely Objects Found in Area Where 'Fireballs' Fell

The elements were recovered by members of the Special Services Division of the Police, who took photographs of the Valle de Andora region. Experts from CADIC shall try to ascertain their origin.

USHUAIA -- Unlikely objects were found in the forested area located behind the Le Martial Glacier, where the luminous objects reported late Tuesday and Wednesday allegedly fell.

The objects were recovered by personnel of the Special Services Division of the provincial police, who scoured the area. The objects and some photos taken in the area shall be submitted for analysis by experts of the Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas (CADIC).

No details on the items found were put forth, but it was learned that they did not correspond to the characteristics of the area.

The survey in Valle Andorra and the Le Martial Glacier - indicated as the sites of the fireball impacts - will continue today, weather permitting. Strong winds are forecasted for today, according to the weather report issued by official agencies.

The new projected expedition may include scientists from CADIC interested in discovering "in situ" the conditions under which the strange elements were found, and which drew the attention of police researchers. It is worth noting that Dr. Acevedo, a member of this research center, was one of the witnesses to the fall of strange luminous bodies over the skies of Ushuaia.

Acevedo suspects that the objects could be the remains of a meteorite or otherwise of a satellite that burned out upon reentry into Earth's atmosphere.

Readers will remember that on Tuesday night, almost at the same time -- between 20:30 and 21:00, over a hundred residents of Ushuaia alerted the Civil Defense and the Police about "fireballs" falling behind the Martial Glacier.

The phenomenon was also seen on Wednesday by residents of the city of Rio Grande. There were even rumors yesterday that new luminous objects had fallen from the sky around 9:00 o'clock at night.

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## Part Of Forest Destroyed By Mysterious 'Fireballs'

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:18:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:43:45 -0400  
Subject: Part Of Forest Destroyed By Mysterious 'Fireballs'

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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Source: El Sure=Flo (Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego) - Argentina  
Date: September 19, 2004

**\*\*Behind Le Martial Glacier\*\***

Part Of Forest Destroyed By Mysterious 'Fireballs'

Traces of destruction in a forested area measuring 150 square meters: that is what was found in the area in which the mysterious "fireballs" impacted. Sheared pastures were found in another area.

The most curious detail, which was made known yesterday, is that the damage was caused in the upper part of the trees -- some eight meters above the ground -- and that no prints were found on the ground that could serve as evidence for the collision of some strange object.

This appeared in a report broadcast by the "Botella al Mar" news portal based on an expedition conducted by two individuals to the alleged "fireball" impact site.

The report mentions Fernando Garc=EDa and Roberto Ceballos, who were in a forested area located behind the Le Martial Glacier and who took photos of the damage inflicted upon some 40 trees.

The expeditionaries ascertained the existence of some "thirty or forty uprooted trees, some of them broken in half and others exploded, all of them lying on the ground in a south-north direction."

It should be noted that a group of policemen from the Special Services Division also took photos at the site where the "fireballs" allegedly fell.

It is reported that pasture areas appear as though having been cut by a lawnmower, and that the imprint of a long trail was left behind, as if an object had been dragged along several meters.

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 07:38:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:46:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Lehmborg

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:39:59 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique  
>as "highly professional" - I watched a television documentary  
>about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one,  
>probably one of the "sightings" series). In the programme, he  
>was interviewing a young child, no more than seven years old. He  
>asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?"  
>and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>provide direct quotes from it.

>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

Like most with a conjectured, too narrow philosophical view, Sir,  
you take the above example, remove it from all context and  
rationality and blow it way out of proportion.

A host of inductive fallacies are loosely employed - Fallacy of  
Exclusion: evidence which would change the outcome of an  
inductive argument is excluded from consideration. Slothful  
Induction: the conclusion of a strong inductive argument is  
denied despite the evidence to the contrary. Unrepresentative  
Sample: the sample is unrepresentative of the sample as a whole.

Likewise with fallacies of category. You employ the inverse of  
Division: because the whole has a certain property, it is argued  
that the parts have that property. You employ Composition:  
because the attributes of the parts of a whole have a certain  
property, it is argued that the whole has that property.

More paragraphs could describe other aspects of fallacious  
employment. A few of them describe the irresponsible and the  
insulting. Ad hominum at its best.

Hopkins has pursued this subject diligently, intelligently, and  
creatively for three decades and has so far managed to avoid  
disgracing himself. He is respected by persons from both sides  
of the ufological aisle as a valued professional, shows a  
surprising humility despite a certain efficacious notoriety, and  
has assuredly added to the knowledge base.

As it stands you only come across as a person comfortable shining their kids on. If a kid comes to you and says they think they are interacting with aliens, it might be helpful to at least consider something outside the "M" cubed box (misled, misleading, mentally ill) as a potential. It is quite clear that something is occurring... Time to punt, Mr. McGonagle.

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 10:28:29 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:48:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Ledger

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:39:59 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique  
>as "highly professional" - I watched a television documentary  
>about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one,  
>probably one of the "sightings" series). In the programme, he  
>was interviewing a young child, no more than seven years old. He  
>asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?"  
>and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>provide direct quotes from it.

>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

That was a hatchet job done deliberately by NOVA. After hearing  
how the director and editors at NOVA spun the story to convey  
just what you are referring to, I lost much of my respect for  
that program and do not trust its opinion anymore. There are  
others that can describe much better than I what a sham that  
episode was.

Don Ledger

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## Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:55:19 -0400  
Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952 Incident

First off I would like to thank all those who post to this forum. As a long time lurker, I always come here first when I want to check on breaking UFO news and investigations, and I wish to thank all those who devote their valuable time and effort in pursuit of this worldwide phenomenon.

That said, It's time to report on something I just recently read in Naval History magazine.

Now, many researchers and readers of this forum are not surprised when stories about UFO encounters are reported by civilian and military pilots. What has surprised me however, is that this particular magazine would report anything at all about UFOs, and especially as a naval history story.

The magazine attracts many high ranking current and former military officers to it's reading ranks, and is well known for it's seriousness regarding naval military history.

The magazine is published by the US Naval Institute, which is a self-supported non-profit organisation, which also publishes Proceedings and professional history books. They are located in Annapolis, Maryland, and the editorial office is at the US Naval Academy at Preble Hall. They are not officially connected with the US Government.

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Cosmic Curiosity: by Commander Edward P. Stafford, US Navy (Retired)

Half a century ago, three Navy aviators saw something high above their Greenland base that baffled them.

It was August 1952. I was officer in charge of a detachment of three Navy patrol planes operating out of the new US air base at Thule, in northwest Greenland, some 80 miles from the North Pole. The primary mission assigned our four engine, World War II Privateers was "ice reconnaissance." That meant flying out over the Kennedy Channel, Smith Sound, Baffin Bay, and the Davis Strait and plotting the location of the pack ice and large bergs. That data was relayed to the ships that each summer re-supplied the chain of arctic radar stations known as the DEW (distant early warning) line.

Our secondary job, not to interfere with ice reconnaissance, was to support a group of scientists conducting cosmic ray research. About once a week, when weather conditions were right, they sent up a huge, translucent "Skyhook" balloon with a package of sensitive photographic plates suspended under it. The balloons would drift downwind at an altitude of 90,000-100,000 feet, where the atmosphere (spun thinner near the poles by the rotation of the earth) was sufficiently attenuated to permit the cosmic rays to make their telltale traces on the photographic plates. When the plates had been exposed for a few

hours, the scientists would send a radio signal to the balloon, exploding a small charge, cutting the plates loose, and returning them to earth under a large, bright red parachute.

Our job was to fly above any overcast, keep the high balloons in sight, and report the landing location of the parachuted plates for recovery by helicopter. The high-flying gas bags were equipped by low power, low frequency radio transmitters to which we would tune our radio compasses so their needles always pointed toward the balloons.

These were easy flights, always in good weather and always at an altitude safely above the tall, cloud-shrouded bergs and coastal rocks we often had to dodge on ice patrol. Each of us had two or three of those "milk runs" while deployed to Thule, and we rather enjoyed the change of tactics and routine, as well as the virtuous feeling that we were helping to advance the cause of science.

This is why I was surprised to find one of the other plane commanders as tense and pale on return from a balloon chase as though it had been a hairy combat mission or a close encounter with a berg or a mountaintop. Lt. John Callahan was a salty, steady professional pilot, so I knew when I saw him walking in from his plane that something serious had happened on that flight.

"What the hell's the matter John?" I asked him. "You look as if you'd just survived a midair!" "Ed, you're not going to believe it. I'm not even sure I do...and I SAW it. And so did O'Flaherty and Merchant. At least most of it. And I don't think they believe it either."

I followed John into the line shack where he wrote up some minor gripes on his airplane, then into our little ready room where we poured ourselves coffees and sat down. John was not acting at all like the Callahan I knew. Although he was an experienced and highly competent naval aviator, John Callahan's normal manner was outgoing and cheerful, even jovial, with lots of smiles and laughter and banter...even after a low-level hurricane penetration or a long patrol in instrument weather. Not this day. Now he was deadly serious and obviously shaken. The last time I had seen a man like this was in wartime.

Here is John Callahan's story:

He was flying at 10,000 feet in the clear with the balloon in sight high above and the radio compass needle locked on to the balloon's transmitter. Through the one set of binoculars carried in each aircraft, he and his copilot, Lt. (jg) Bill O'Flaherty, occasionally inspected the balloon and its instrument package, trailing beneath like the tail of a kite. Everything looked normal for most of the flight. Then, on a routine check with the binoculars, John found something very abnormal about the balloon and its payload. He looked for a long time and then passed the glasses to O'Flaherty.

"Take a look at our target," he told the young officer, "and tell me what you see." O'Flaherty looked, lowered the glasses and glanced sharply at John, then looked again. "Well?" "Jesus Christ, John there are three bright silver discs attached to that instrument pod! They weren't there the last time I looked. Where the hell did they come from?"

Callahan took the glasses back and looked again. They were still there exactly as the copilot had described, three shining, saucer-shaped metallic objects clustered on the hanging trail of the balloon just above the black dot of the science package.

On the intercom Callahan called the plane captain to the cockpit and handed him the binoculars. "Take a look Merchant. What do you think?" The captain's reaction was the same as the copilot's. "What the hell are they? Where did they come from?"

Callahan took the glasses back and studied the strange objects for several minutes while O'Flaherty maneuvered the Privateer to keep the target in sight. Suddenly Callahan sucked in his breath and held it. What he was seeing could not be happening. The three objects had detached themselves from the tail of the balloon and formed up into a compact vee. As Callahan watched incredulously, they executed what looked at that distance like

a vertical bank to the left and accelerated to a blinding speed that took them out of sight, climbing in about three seconds.

Callahan handed the glasses back to O'Flaherty. "They're gone," he said slowly, "CLIMBING from 90,000 feet. Never saw anything turn so tight or move so fast."

Back in the ready room after the instrument pod had landed and its position had been reported, this was the aspect of the phenomenon that most affected Callahan.

"Jesus, Ed," he told me, "from the angle of the sky those things passed through in the three seconds they were in sight, at that distance, they must have been going tens of thousands of miles an hour. They must have pulled a hundred Gs in that turn. And what the hell climbs out, ACCELERATING from 90,000 feet?"

John sat down that day, while it was still clear in his head, and wrote a full report of the incident. It went through the chain of command to the Office of Naval Intelligence. A report was also made to the Air Force authorities at Thule. There never has been an explanation, nor even an acknowledgment of the report. The phenomenon exists today only in the memory of John C. Callahan, his copilot, his plane captain, and I, to whom it was told so vividly when it was fresh.

(Commander Stafford is the author of The Big E (1962) and Subchaser (1988) both published by the Naval Institute.)

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It will be interesting to see if this story receives some responses from Naval History Magazine's readership. It does have a very active readers column. I have been reading it for years and have never seen the UFO topic cross these pages.

The magazine's website:

<http://navalhistory.org>

shows the story listed under it's current issue, (UFOs over Greenland) but the story is not available for online reading.

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## Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 10:52:08 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:17:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Ledger

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:15:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:12:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

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>Has anyone mentioned Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer (and  
>discoverer of Pluto), and his definitive sighting, along with  
>his wife and two daughters, of a silver ellipsoid craft  
>traveling between 600 and 900 mph? This was in 1947. July 10th.  
>Five O'clock in the afternoon.

I did Al, that's how his name came up in the first place. At any  
rate, the statement that amateurs astronomers don't report UFOs  
is bogus to begin with. Their average is as good as the rest of  
the population. And the former like the latter see them with the  
naked eye rather than through the scope.

Hope you came thru Ivan unscathed.....

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Rukowski

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:49:52 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:18:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Rukowski

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 02:00:24 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>I spoke with this witness, who had a fascinating story to tell.  
>>This case would be very worthwhile to follow up, if it wasn't  
>>for the fact that the location is so isolated.

>>Bettles, Alaska  
>>September 17, 2004  
>>2:30 am

>Oooh! That's a neat one. Too bad there is only one witness. Were  
>there any audible subjective indications of credibility or  
>reliability when you spoke to him?

Larry:

Neat is right. Yes, my impression of him during our conversation was that he seemed sincere and was truly shaken by his experience. He wasn't seeking publicity and was trying desperately to find others in his area who might be able to corroborate what he had seen. He had contacted the weather station personnel, several "neighbors" (some miles away) and was going to himself check with Anchorage ATC. He said that checks with other residents found that trees blocked the view between his location and all other possible witnesses.

I did not get the impression he was making this up or that he was delusional. There was some difficulty in talking with him because he was on a radiophone with some voice echo and lag.

>I take it the guy was 2 miles South of Bettles, AK. Is that  
>right? I will look for an airstrip south of that town. Should be  
>close enough, I try to get within one minute of long/lat.

I believe the place is technically called Bettles Field, AK, since it's just some outlying houses surrounding the airfield, as far as I was able to tell.

- Chris

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## Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:02:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:20:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:16:02 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>>For a rare case of an orb visible and photographed during the  
>>>>daytime (clearly not flash orb) visit:

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

>>>>The thing that's always interested me in this photo is not the  
>>>>red "orb" but the other color anomaly in the photo. It's a  
>>>>blue-green "orb" in the upper, left-hand corner of the photo  
>>>>approximately an inch and a half over and one inch down from  
>>>>the top.

>>>>I don't see any other colors like it in the photo, and was  
>>>>thinking that if this odd color is there, then perhaps there was  
>>>>some kind of processing error, despite what the witness says.

>>>>Just an observation.

>>>>And a very astute observation at that. My opinion is that the >  
>>>>blue-green effect and the red ball are related.

>>>>If you draw a line from the center of the red ball to the blue-  
>>>>green artifact, and extend that line, you would lead to or very  
>>>>near the Sun.

>>>>Since the house casts a shadow on the ground between itself and  
>>>>the camera, the sun is ahead and to the left...very nearly on  
>>>>the line from the red ball to the blue-green.

>>>>I suspect lens flare on both counts.

>>>>Also, this would explain why the red ball is larger than the  
>>>>blue-green...the point closest to the source will be smaller  
>>>>than a point farther away.

>>>>Why blue-green and then red?

>>>>The sunlight is going through a prismatic effect due to the  
>>>>surface coating on the lens. The red ball actually fades to  
>>>>yellow at the lower right...again in line with the sun angle.

>Perhaps the combination of red and green of the grass below  
>'makes the yellow.

>>If the red ball were an object of mass, the near lower portion  
>>would presumably be in shadow, contrary to what is observed.

>Shadow from what? Trees?

>>This prismatic effect is common when shooting in the direction  
>>of the Sun, and this photo clearly is shooting toward the Sun,  
>>as opposed to away from it.

>I have seen lots of flares, but not with this much "prismatic  
>effect."

>>If the camera field of view were larger, the Sun would be in the >  
>>photo. Classic lens flare. It would be notable if it were absent  
>>under such conditions.

>I would say "unusual lens flare". Does anyone have a lens flare  
>photo with this much color aberration ("white" sun making a red  
>flare?) Eric Byler (who investigated the case and interviewed  
>the witness) examined several dozen photos to try to find a  
>similar lens flare situation and couldn't.

Hi Dr. Maccabee,

Here's an example of a prismatic flare creating a red, or in  
this case violet ball. If you look closely, you can even see a  
bluish or greenish ball about center of the frame. The sun angle  
is not the same as in the orb photo, but it isn't far off.

[http://acmeme.org/all/travel/singapore/nyc/lens\\_flare\\_censors.JPG](http://acmeme.org/all/travel/singapore/nyc/lens_flare_censors.JPG)

The point is that lens flare depends on lens coatings,  
cleanliness of the lens, sun position, etc. To say that lens  
flare never looks like the orb photo is not a scientifically  
valid statement.

The flare in question in the orb photo could easily have been  
visible to the man holding the camera. Note heavily that he did  
not see it until he was looking through the camera viewfinder.  
Lens flare is not solely an in-camera effect. If the reflection  
was particularly strong, his eye could have been dazzled by it,  
and the flare persisted when he moved the camera. As often  
happens with such effects, the eye follows what it perceives to  
be motion, and as it fades it appears to move up and away. The  
illusion is that its dimming is due to distance, when it is  
actually simply the retina recovering from the dazzle.

You can test this yourself with a camera flash, although it is  
not a 'very comfortable test. The "blue dot" seen after the  
flash appears to move and to fade into the distance over time.  
Neither of these effects is real, yet they are very convincing  
effects.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:04:22 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:22:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings - Ledger

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 23:42:03 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Astronomer UFO Sightings

>Response from 'Steve':

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>I am a bit too busy right now to answer each message separately  
>- I'm running very late tonight because I had a lot to do today.  
>However, a couple of points.

>First off, only a minority of Amateur Astronomers have home  
>observatories. Most, like me, have portable telescopes so that  
>we can take them places where the sky is dark.

>Secondly, those of who became amateurs before the recent advent  
>Go To computerized telescopes (I started in 1948) are quite  
>familiar with the night sky and can quickly notice when  
>something is awry and we don't spend the whole time looking  
>through the telescopes.

>Finally, to those who are unfamiliar with the night sky might  
>often see something they can't identify and that would be, to  
>them, a UFO.

>Such an event might include Iridium flares or the longer  
>duration flares from the Hubble Space Telescope both of which  
>can be quite bright.

>Such a flare happened the other night, when I noticed a bright  
>object, which I soon realized was a satellite. From its position  
>and path I was able to determine that it was the Hubble.

>Someone not familiar with these flares would have seen an  
>unidentified bright moving object that suddenly faded from view.

>I am also aware of the reports of Lunar Transient Phenomena but  
>unfortunately most reports are poorly documented or unconfirmed by  
>supporting observations while it has now been demonstrated that meteor  
>impacts on the Moon can be seen telescopically down here.

Boy, there's some major back peddling going on here. Hope  
Steve's chain doesn't slip off.

Now there's all of these caveates, inexperience, lack of  
knowledge of the night sky where satellites are concerned,  
misidentification of known phenomena, poorly documented reports,  
etc. That greasy chain is going to get your pant cuff dirty.

Let's have a show of hands for the number of times we've been  
around the block on this question. BTW, Steve, you have the time  
to post these , but no time for answers?

Don Ledger

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Hi Dr. Maccabee,

Here's another flare exhibiting the prismatic effect in grand  
fashion. Again, the sun angle is different, but not grossly so,  
and the result here is a multitude of colors. As the camera  
swings away from the sun, the intensity and range of color  
becomes less pronounced, as in your orb photo.

<http://www.whatdoesnotchange.org/archives/092203.jpg>

Note that in this photo, the dirty lens heavily enhances the  
flares.

Regards,

Kyle

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:41:58 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:25:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
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>Half a century ago, three Navy aviators saw something high above  
>their Greenland base that baffled them.  
>It was August 1952. I was officer in charge of a detach- ment of  
>three Navy patrol planes operating out of the new US air base at  
>Thule, in northwest Greenland, some 80 miles from the North Pole.

<snip>

>Callahan took the glasses back and looked again. They were still  
>there exactly as the copilot had described, three shining,  
>saucer-shaped metallic objects clustered on the hanging trail of  
>the balloon just above the black dot of the science package.  
>Callahan took the glasses back and studied the strange objects  
>for several minutes while O'Flaherty maneuvered the Privateer to  
>keep the target in sight. Suddenly Callahan sucked in his breath  
>and held it. What he was seeing could not be happen- ing. The  
>three objects had detached themselves from the tail of the  
>balloon and formed up into a compact vee. As Callahan watched  
>incredulously, they executed what looked at that dis- tance like  
>a vertical bank to the left and accelerated to a blind- ing  
>speed that took them out of sight, climbing in about three seconds.

This incident brings to mind a parallel event that occurred near  
Simiutak, Greenland, in which:

"An object collided with and disintegrated a weather balloon at  
18,000 feet over Simiutak, Greenland, on 24 June 53. This object  
was observed through a theodolite by A/2C Richard Hill, weather  
observer, with three and one half years experience. Object was  
traveling in southeast to northwest direction at varied speeds.  
Object described as red, rotating in a circular motion with  
shape as either delta or circular. Object hovered after  
collision, rotating in a circular motion for 15 seconds, then  
rapidly departed into the wind, direction, 300 degrees.  
Observers stated object was three times the size of the weather  
balloon. Negative information reported from this station."

This object was much larger than the 3 small discs seen by the  
pilots, but it does suggest that something had an interest in  
military balloons over Greenland in the early 1950s.

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## Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

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Authenticity Meters Added To [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com)

BROOMFIELD, CO--Sept 22, 2004 - The incredible story that the Majestic documents tell of crashed UFOs, extraterrestrial bodies, government control, policies of denial, and manipulation pose a profound challenges to our free society. Yet at the core is the question of document and content authenticity.

<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/authenticity.php>

Many of the most sensational and intriguing Majestic documents are not from official sources, such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or government document libraries.

Because of this fact, the issue of authenticity becomes paramount if one is to believe the content of the documents.

Authenticity is a manifold function; it is not as simple as "true or false" or "hoaxed or real".

Authenticity of a document involves examining many questions, such as:

1. Where did the document come from?
2. What are the results of the forensic paper, ink, watermark, typewriter and handwriting tests?
3. Are there unique and obscure content markers that are accurate for this type of document?
4. Are there direct first hand witnesses?
5. How difficult is the document to hoax or fake?
6. Who would have faked the document and why?

All of these factors as well as other subtleties weave their way into an authenticity rating for each document.

To fairly and effectively rate each document for authenticity there needs to be a weighting factor for each authenticity attribute under consideration. For example, there is a strong difference between forensic paper and ink testing, a weighting of 5.0, and more easily obtained document content, a weighting factor 2.0. Courts widely recognize this concept, discounting eyewitness testimony in favor of DNA evidence. In the end each document receives an authenticity rating based on the multiplication of the weighting factor and the document's score on that attribute. The goal is to make the rating system as objective as possible.

The final authenticity score for each document is based on a series of weighted factors:

1. Eyewitness - First hand witness(es) that were directly involved with the questioned document - either they saw it, destroyed it, read it, wrote it, or contributed to the document's creation in a tangible way. Witnesses are fallible,

there memories change with time and can be influenced. Eyewitnesses are given a weighting factor of 3.0.

2. Zingers - These are aspects of any of the key authenticity metrics that go far beyond the norm. In essence, a zinger is a verified rare subtlety of a document that is obscure, weird, or odd. Examples would include typographical anomalies associated with the printed process of the era. Zingers are given a weighting factor of 5.0.

3. Content - Refers to the words and meaning of the document. Are the dates, document references, and individuals mentioned appropriate? What does the document say in relation to what was known then and known now? Are there obscure facts that were classified then that were declassified or became public after the document was leaked? Content is given a weighting factor of 2.0.

4. Chronology - This looks at the placement of the document content with respect to organizational history. Are the people mentioned in the memo or report supposed to be there? Is the document consistent with other documents of the era, does it fit in or is it out of place? Chronology is given a weighting factor of 2.0.

5. Typography - This category relates to typewriters, typesetting, laser printing, photocopying, memography - in essence any technique that creates or reproduces writing on paper. Typology is given a weighting factor of 4.0.

6. Forensics - This refers to the testing of original paper, verifying watermarks, and testing inks with known authentic standards. Forensics are given a weighting factor of 5.0.

7. Linguistics - The use of forensic linguistics fits in this category. This is the examination by experts of sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and writing style. Both sophisticated computer tools and hand analysis are used to pinpoint unique style markers that uniquely define authorship. Linguistics are given a weighting factor of 3.0.

8. Anachronisms - These are problems with the document: dates out of place, formats wrong, similar handwriting, copied content from other documents, or conflicting stories. These issues can be significant or minor depending on what is know about the frequency of such an anachronism. For example, addressing a military general by his first name in a document may seem like a major mistake in the modern era, but 50 years ago in the company of other generals, this anachronism could in fact be a hallmark of authenticity. The weighting factor for anachronisms is 5.0.

Sometimes the information in the public domain for the authenticity of a document is incomplete or unconvincing, but the internal research and verification by [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com) staff shows a more complete story. For those interested in the authenticity of a particular document feel free to contact us directly for further discussions.

Given these weighting factors, five different levels of authenticity are used to define each document:

High Level of Authenticity - 80-100%

This means that virtually all of the available investigation channels and ideas have been pursued and at each test the document has shown to be authentic. For example, tests in paper, ink, obscure content, handwriting, period typography and fonts, correct formatting, forensic linguistics (along with no sign of anachronisms), all indicate the highest level of authenticity. At this level, witnesses are present that have seen or read the document in an "official" capacity and will or have signed an affidavit to that effect.

Medium-High Level of Authenticity - 60-80%

The medium-high level means that a considerable amount of investigation and testing has been completed and there are strong signs of authenticity in the way of content, forensics, typography, zingers etc. Although there may be some anachronisms identified they do not seem to be major.

Medium Level of Authenticity - 40-60%

The medium level is the starting point for most documents that are under-researched. This level a document shows both signs of positive authenticity and questions as detailed in the eight attributes of authenticity cited above.

Medium-Low Level of Authenticity - 20-40%

The medium-low level means the document has been studied by many individuals or organizations and there are stubborn anachronisms that cannot easily be resolved. However, there are elements (many pages and or paragraphs) of the document that show signs of authenticity, but on balance there are more bad points than good.

Low Level of Authenticity - 0-20%

A low level means that significant irresolvable anachronisms have been identified that cast considerable doubt on the entire document. Virtually all investigative avenues have been pursued and shown little or no sign of authenticity. A credible motive for faking the document may be identified along with likely perpetrators.

For further discussion of authenticity, see the Document Authentication section.

<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/authenticity.php>

Here you will find in-depth analyses of several documents, such as "The Oppenheimer-Einstein Draft" and "Field Order 862, The Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit," and several detailed articles such as "Mounting Evidence For Authenticity of MJ-12 Documents" and "Validating the New Majestic Documents" that describe the authentication process in detail. You'll also find a videotaped discussion on the topic of document authentication.

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## More On The Ushuaia Argentina 'Fireball'

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
September 22, 2004

Source: Botella al Mar.com  
Date: 9-22-04

Fireball Crash Site: "There's a rage in that place"

One of the expeditionaries who walked to the site where the strange objects fell from the sky on Tuesday and Wednesday last week held an extensive chat with a journalist from Botella al Mar.

Fernando Garcia described his journey to the mouth of Caaadon Negro in Valle de Andorra and the discovery of a 150 square meter area with trees found in positions that are hard to interpret.

While the conclusions reached by CADIC scientists who also visited the impact site are expected, the following is the transcript of the interview with the Ushuaia resident.

What made you go to the alleged crash site?

Like everyone else in the city, I heard the story of lights falling from the sky last Tuesday and Wednesday. The fact is that I didn't give it much importance. On Saturday I heard a journalist explain that the police officers who'd visited the site hadn't found anything strange, but had indeed found flattened trees. And that was strange to me. Then I phoned my friend Roberto (Ceballos) a backwoodsman who knows the area well, and asked him to come with me.

Just out of mere curiosity?

Exactly, nothing more. Above all because the toppled trees intrigued me.

Why did that surprise you?

It gave the story a certain veracity. If people saw fireballs come down and there are toppled trees, then there is a certain coherence [to the story] and it was necessary to take a look. That's why on Saturday night we got everything ready and we went out on Sunday at 7:30 a.m..

Which is the exact site?

It's the mouth of Canadon Negro en Valle de Andorra. I wouldn't like to give much more detail until the scientists have been.

How long did you walk to get there?

Once you know the place you can get there faster. We had no clues to go by and were just looking for something strange. But I figure that we walked some two and a half to three hours.

Can the site be clearly made out?

Clearly. The sensation upon reaching the site is that a plane crashed there, and you're expecting to see bits of metal plating dangling from the trees. That's the image.

What's incredible is that when you penetrate the place, there's nothing at all to be found. There's nothing strange within the strangeness. Only 150 square meters of toppled woods. Imagine four walls and in the middle, all of the trees are overturned, fallen, all of them piled exactly from north to south. All of them toward the same place. In the north, where the object presumably fell, the tree trunks are sheared off at a height of six to eight meters, from greater to lesser, as though the object came in at a slant.

Your opinion is that an object fell?

Yes, yes, but it's odd, because the fallen trunks are in perfect state, as though the object hadn't quite finished falling yet. Their bark is intact. There is no trace of anything being burned, no dust, nothing.

Could the wind have toppled the trees?

I don't think so, because in one of the photos I took, and in which I asked my companion to stand beside a trunk as a reference, it can be seen that the trees had diameter of 70 centimeter. If there had been wind, it is hard to understand the direction of the gusts. The site isn't like a letter "U", with an entrance leading to the valley. It's an enclosure. It's as if a giant dinosaur had placed its giant foot in the middle of a forest, but never quite finished setting it down. The only possibility I can think of is that a tornado or whirlwind entered the area, caused the damage, and retreated in the contrary direction.

A tornado?

Yes, but that wasn't it, because it would have scattered branches everywhere, not piled from north to south. If the wind was responsible, the ground vegetation would have been damaged, and it was in perfect conditions.

Would it be easy to see the area from the air?

Of course, because it is easy to see that the breaks in the trees are no more than four days old. In some parts you could see tree sap, because the trunks had exploded. For this reason the collapse of tree-trunks in a domino-like arrangement would have to be discarded, because the trees are very close to each other. The first one can fall to the side and strike a second and then a third, but that's where the chain reaction stops.

This is different: there are tree-trunks that appear to have been blown away from within by a stick of dynamite. All of the trunks are frayed on the same side. If there was such great external pressure, at least the roots would have moved. None of that happened.

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 12:56:00 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August,  
>1952 Incident

>First off I would like to thank all those who post to this  
>forum. As a long time lurker, I always come here first when I  
>want to check on breaking UFO news and investigations, and I  
>wish to thank all those who devote their valuable time and  
>effort in pursuit of this worldwide phenomenon.

Neato story! And I can relate as the best UFO stories and  
evidence from the military I've ever gotten wasn't from the Air  
Force, it was from the Navy!

It reminds me of one of the first UFO books I'd ever read as a  
kid by Ivan T. Sanderson and I think it was titled 'Uninvited  
Visitors'. It was about UFOs and their relationship to bodies of  
water. It had a kick butt cover of a saucer done in that  
prism/shift thingie that changes shape when you tilt it.

Matter of fact I've got two naval officers who if they could  
talk would end this UFO visitation stuff right now. Considering  
the vast surface area of the globe being covered in water and  
the relatively unexplored depths it would be better to name the  
planet 'Aqua' instead of 'Earth' or 'Terra'. Perhaps that's  
where we'll find the solid proof that's eluded us all so long.  
hint, hint, wink.....

Best,  
Greg

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 12:58:02 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

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>It was August 1952. I was officer in charge of a detachment of  
>three Navy patrol planes operating out of the new US air base at  
>Thule, in northwest Greenland, some 80 miles from the North  
>Pole. The primary mission assigned our four engine, World War II  
>Privateers was "ice recon- naissance." That ment flying out over  
>the Kennedy Channel, Smith Sound, Baffin Bay, and the Davis  
>Strait and plotting the location of the pack ice and large  
>bergs. That data was relayed to the ships that each summer re-  
>supplied the chain of arctic radar stations known as the DEW  
>(distant early warning) line.

The DEW Line had not even been thought of yet in "August 1952"  
and certainly did not even exist then nor had "each summer"  
supply ships coming to it!

MIT's Project Lincoln Summer Study Group on Continental Air  
Defense came up with the name "DEW" or "Distant Early Warning"  
Line of radars in its Sept 1952 classified report. The AF SAC  
partisans deemed it literally "treason" and blocked it from  
implementation. Finally Eisenhower overcame SAC opposition to  
push through the DEW Line and authorize construction in Sept  
1953, because of increasing fears of a possible Soviet nuclear  
strike.

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:00:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Hall

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique  
>as "highly professional" - I watched a television documentary  
>about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one,  
>probably one of the "sightings" series). In the programme, he  
>was interviewing a young child, no more than seven years old. He  
>asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?"  
>and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>provide direct quotes from it.

>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

Joe,

I doubt seriously that is what you saw, and suspect your memory is playing tricks on you. Having sat in on quite a few of Budd's hypnosis sessions, I have never seen him do any leading questioning at all. He would never ask 'which one the alien looked like.' Furthermore, I am aware of the images test he gives at times. It contains an array of images such as clowns, other familiar types of people, and one (as I recall) outline-style alien face. I have seen him use this. The alien face is one of something like 10-12 images.

Furthermore, although Budd is a friend, I viewed the sessions with a critical eye, deliberately looking for poor or leading techniques to satisfy myself about these questions. He always asked neutral, non-leading questions. The only matter that bothers me a little comes with adult subjects who have read UFO books and know who Budd is; therefore, they would tend to know in advance what kind of answers he might be looking for. Not that that is necessarily totally disqualifying either. Intelligent adults would also tend to know what a professional psychologist is after.

- Dick

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:02:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:41:58 -0500 (CDT)  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

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>This object was much larger than the 3 small discs seen by the  
>pilots, but it does suggest that something had an interest in  
>military balloons over Greenland in the early 1950s.

Chris,

Maybe the balloons had an interest in something else than what  
we've been told.

Makes me wonder what MOGUL and those other balloons were really  
looking for.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 13:04:20 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:03:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - Boone

Okay so again the press is in hot water with this new Britney Spears' Wedding charade.

Are we seeing just how easy it is to dupe the press?

Have the ethics and standards dropped or are people more dishonest to the press?

Whatever the case it shows how the press can be manipulated and in the case of ufology, there are umpteen numerous cases with far, far more credibility than either the Bush National Guard debacle and the Britney Spears' Wedding controversy yet these well documented UFO stories don't get anywhere near as much press play.

I guess what we need to get the press' attention is a UFO sex scandal or UFO political scandal.

But then again no one would believe it because it'd read like it came from the Weekly World News.

Best,

Greg

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## PRG Update - September 22, 2004

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:22:09 -0400  
Subject: PRG Update - September 22, 2004

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Update - September 22, 2004

### Upcoming Conferences

National UFO Conference - Hollywood, CA - October 29-31, 2004

[www.nufoc.org](http://www.nufoc.org)

The 41st Annual NUFOC, like the Bay Area UFO Expo, is being held at a 4-star hotel, the Renaissance, right in the middle of Hollywood's famous landmarks. It should be a fabulous weekend and clearly demonstrates how UFO/ET conference venues continue to improve. If you have been wanting to visit Hollywood, Halloween weekend is one of the best times to drop in. Stephen Bassett will be leading a panel discussion/Q&A of the exceptional conference speakers on Sunday. There is a huge entertainment complex with quality restaurants attached to the hotel. It doesn't get any better than this.

2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference - Las Vegas - November 12-14, 2004

[www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com)

Nothing could be more important to the exopolitics of extraterrestrial-related phenomena than the issue of crashed ET vehicle retrievals. If they have taken place, the prospect of sequestered technology is put into play with global implications. Created by Ryan Wood and his father Dr. Robert Wood, a legendary researcher and contemporary of Dr. James McDonald, this conference has quickly moved to the center of this critical area of study. The Sunset Station Hotel is 3-star quality, and Vegas is still the best air/hotel/conference value in the U.S. Stephen Bassett will lead a panel discussion of conference speakers and is honored to present the Key Note address at the conference banquet.

### Other Conferences

Alternate Realities Conference - Johnson City, TN - September 24-25, 2004

[www.alternaterealities.org/](http://www.alternaterealities.org/)

Crop Circle Conference in Vermont - Plainfield, VT - November 5-7, 2004

[www.sacredbritain.com/cropcircleconference/](http://www.sacredbritain.com/cropcircleconference/)

World UFO and Paranormal Expo - Denver, CO - November 6-7, 2004

[www.wupe.net/](http://www.wupe.net/)

Signs of Destiny 2004 Conference - Tempe, AZ - November 19-22, 2004

[www.chetsnow.com/signs.html](http://www.chetsnow.com/signs.html)

#### The X-Conference

Production of the 2nd Annual X-Conference remains on hold pending underwriting support. For samples of the very positive response to the first event see:

[www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/Feedback.htm](http://www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/Feedback.htm)

#### PRG Website

The listing for print media coverage of PRG/X-PPAC/X-Conference has been updated at:

[www.paradigmclock.com/articles/PRGarticles.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/articles/PRGarticles.html)

If anyone has a link to an article about PRG etc. not in this list, please forward to [ParadigmRG.nul](mailto:ParadigmRG.nul) Thanks.

The PRG Photo Gallery has also been updated at:

[www.paradigmclock.com/Gallery/Thumbs\\_Page.htm](http://www.paradigmclock.com/Gallery/Thumbs_Page.htm)

If anyone has photos for possible inclusion in the PRG Gallery, please mail or email to PRG. Thanks.

Radio/Television/Conference speaking engagements are updated regularly at:

[www.paradigmclock.com/speaking&eventschedule.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/speaking&eventschedule.html)

#### Dr. Michael Salla

Michael Salla essentially lost his status and position at American University due to the exposure he received leading up to his speaking at the X-Conference. The AU deans did not like the "direction of his thinking." If that were the proper criteria for handing academics their hat, half the professors in the U.S. would be bagging groceries. This is an "intellectual ghetto" incident, and American University will eventually regret this maneuver. PRG will see to it. Michael is one of the nicest people in this field and demonstrated considerable courage in the months before the X-Conference. He placed both his job and his U.S. visiting status at risk in order to express his views. Whether one agrees with all of Michael's views is not relevant. What is relevant is the 1st Amendment, academic freedom and the end to the now destructive and often disgraceful 57-year truth embargo.

That said, Dr. Salla has bounced back with a new and exciting opportunity in Hawaii. That is called "making lemonade," folks.

#### Governor Bill Richardson

Recently Stephen Bassett had the honor of meeting with Marcia Schiff, widow of New Mexico Congressman Steven Schiff, and presenting her with the PRG Award for Political Courage given to her late husband at the April 2004 X-Conference. Who will stand with Steven Schiff's legacy?

Perhaps the Governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, has decided to stand with Schiff. In the foreword to the just published "Roswell Dig Diaries" (Pocket Books), which Richardson most certainly knew would come out during the presidential campaign, he states, "the mystery surrounding this crash has never been adequately explained -- not by independent investigators, and not by the U.S. government. ...There are as many theories as there are official explanations. Clearly, it would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows. =E2=80=A6The American people can handle the truthA -- no matter how bizarre or mundane. ... With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July 1947."

Now we have a second powerful member of the Democratic Party

(Richardson was the Chairman of the Democratic National Convention and on the short list for the VP slot) who has publicly placed himself on the record regarding the UFO/ET truth process. The other, of course, is John Podesta, former key aide and chief of staff to President Clinton.

How is it possible the major news networks (too busy chasing down phony political documents?) have missed this point: during one of the ugliest and most partisan political years in American history two major figures in the Democratic Party have stepped forward on disclosure and have gone untouched by the Republican Party operatives? Is it possible both the Democratic leaders AND the Republican leaders know something about the timing and direction of the disclosure process? If there is no extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race, Rill Richardson and John Podesta should have been roasted, toasted, drawn, quartered and hung by their heels in the town square by their neocon Republican adversaries - some of the toughest inside fighters American politics has ever seen. It hasn't happened. Why is that the case, Mr. Koppel (Jennings, Rather, Brocaw, Wallace)?

#### The CBS "60 Minutes II" Documents Fiasco

How can one not be amused at how intensely producer Mary Mapes went after the four National Guard documents which proved forgeries? How quickly they went with the story. Both "60 Minutes" programs have been repeatedly approached to address a major issue which has hundreds, if not thousands, of documents supporting the facts regarding extraterrestrial-related phenomena and a government imposed truth embargo. They do nothing. The television networks are collapsing in a gush of reality programming - a last gasp before burial - and the network news divisions keep finding new ways to make fools of themselves while the biggest news story in history sits under their noses. Thank heaven for Shepard Smith.

#### NASA Genesis Mission

At times the synchronicity, metaphors and timing that occur in this world can overwhelm. Consider the fate of the returned Genesis capsule. From the moment of its inception in 1958 NASA has been a primary victim of the extraterrestrial-related phenomena truth embargo. The agency designated to explore space on behalf of the American people would not, could not publicly acknowledge any evidence it might encounter pointing toward sentient extraterrestrial beings, living or dead. The stress this has caused within the agency can only be imagined.

After so many years and many spectacular failures how odd to watch the centerpiece of the latest malfunction - a shiny saucer-like craft - wobble to the earth at 200 mph and embed itself in the sand. Turn the photo on its side and you have Roswell. Free NASA.

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## Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 12:30:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:46:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:21 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:16:02 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:46:46 -0400  
>>>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip a lot>

To all on this thread,

I noticed something in re-examining the orb shot in this thread, prompted by a private e-mail.

The red ball is not a sphere at all. It is a tilted hexagon. It is apparent when the image is darkened slightly or when the color is shifted a little.

This hexagonal shape is a direct reflection of sunlight off the film plane and shining back through the iris of the camera and reflecting off the back of the lens elements and back onto the film plane.

This is a common effect, displayed clearly in my previous prismatic flare image.

The red ball is a hexagonal iris silhouette. The only fact needed to cement this conclusion is the make and model of the camera used.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Keep Them Rovers Rolling

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 13:58:50 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:49:32 -0400  
Subject: Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Keep Them Rovers Rolling

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/space/09/22/mars.rovers.ap/index.html>

This post header is of course a knock off of the popular TV western theme from the show, Rawhide.

After a 2 week 'cone of silence' the rovers are back at it and NASA has extended funding for their mission.

Sometimes NASA builds things that just won't quit. It's about time they get the kudos considering the dangers, budgets, politics they have to overcome just to get these missions up and going.

If memory serves, aren't the Pioneer and Voyager craft still kicking? I believe one of them is.

Best,

Greg

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## Hopkins' Techniques [was: Magonia - The Truth Is

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 13:23:39 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:51:48 -0400  
Subject: Hopkins' Techniques [was: Magonia - The Truth Is

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 10:28:29 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:39:59 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

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>>I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique  
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>>about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one,  
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>>asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?"  
>>and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>>provide direct quotes from it.

>>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

>That was a hatchet job done deliberately by NOVA. After hearing  
>how the director and editors at NOVA spun the story to convey  
>just what you are referring to, I lost much of my respect for  
>that program and do not trust its opinion anymore. There are  
>others that can describe much better than I what a sham that  
>episode was.

I think I remember seeing that documentary and what isn't  
mentioned is that the set of drawings shown to the child also  
included non-alien images including Santa Claus.

I also don't think Hopkins used the word "alien" to the child.

I do agree that showing a predefined set of images to the child  
was probably not the best route to take and he should have  
simply asked the child to try and draw pictures, without any  
kind of coaxing, of all things the kid had done or experienced  
around that time.

The 'coaxing' technique has been used all too often by  
investigators trying to gather 'evidence' in child molestation  
cases.

Terry

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:02:40 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:53:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 17:31:01 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:48:38 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>I have to judge by what they actually write, and they write  
>>utter nonsense about greys floating through walls to abduct  
>>people, alien implants, etc.

>You still haven't answered the question. You have made an  
>absolute statement about something. I want to know on what  
>basis  
>of credentials do you make this statement? Are you experienced  
>in this field?

I don't need any special qualifications, just elementary logic  
and a bit of common sense.

>Of course we all know you're not John. The experience you have  
>here is the experience of picking up a book, reading it, and  
>then making a pronouncement. Perhaps this is a new type of  
>science? Seems like sound scientific methodolgy!

>How can you expect to be taken seriously with knee-jerk emotive  
>responses like this? Isn't life supremely ironic when roles get  
>swapped? Isn't this the sort of thing you'd say to a "believer"  
>who will prattle on about something without the slightest trace  
>of proof or evidence?

It's not for me to disprove your strange notions. Logically,  
believers must provide evidence to support their beliefs.

<snip>

>There are not two possible explanations for Katharina Wilson's  
>experiences. There are at least three and possibly more. The  
>third being that what she claims she experienced actually  
>happened. Too ridiculous for words? Then go back to your  
>knitting or playing bingo or whatever it is that you near-London  
>types do to while away the early autumn evenings.

Yes. Too ridiculous for words. I couldn't have put it better  
myself.

John Harney

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:41:17 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:55:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Harney

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 12:44:10 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 19:48:38 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>I have to judge by what they actually write, and they write  
>>utter nonsense about greys floating through walls to abduct  
>>people, alien implants, etc.

>Brad Sparks recently said something here to the effect that the  
>ETH in its general form was unfalsifiable, and that people  
>should try to develop more specific forms of the ETH that could  
>be tested. I'd be all in favor of this if only I had the  
>slightest idea how anyone could go about doing it. But I take it  
>as almost certainly the case that hypotheses about greys  
>floating through walls to abduct people, alien implants etc are  
>quite unfalsifiable.

>You seem to be saying rather more than this, however, and  
>claiming that there are good reasons to discard such hypotheses  
>a priori. To date, though, you haven't provided any good reasons  
>to back this up - not on this List, anyway.

The abduction narratives fail to make much sense as descriptions  
of physical events, even if we accept the idea of aliens in  
spcecraft. There is no physical evidence which could not have a  
mundane explanation. The abductees never provide any significant  
facts which are not already known. In other words, their stories  
do not contain any information in the sense that explorers  
returning from newly discovered lands provided new and often  
surprising information (which could eventually be verified).

>Some of the phenomena associated with UFO abduction reports can  
>be accounted for in terms of known psychological processes, but  
>to account for all of them we would need to postulate additional  
>psychological processes for which we have only the flimsiest of  
>evidence, or even no evidence at all. And we have the problem  
>also that it's hard to estimate the prior probability of any  
>hypothesis - as I mentioned recently, one could quite reasonably  
>argue that the prior probability of the ETH was 50% or more.

Which of the phenomena associated with abduction reports cannot  
be accounted for in terms of known psychological processes? If we  
could have the relevant details we might be able to conduct a  
more constructive and informative debate.

>The argument you present here (insofar as it's an argument at  
>all) rather resembles what in consciousness studies is sometimes  
>called a "boggle" argument, in that it asserts that some  
>proposition cannot be true because the mind boggles at the  
>prospect. But "boggle" arguments aren't reliable - one would  
>surely expect that alien technology would have the capacity to  
>boggle the mind at least a little - I'm sure you're aware of  
>Arthur C Clarke's "law" that any sufficiently advanced

>technology would be indistinguishable from magic. (Clarke, of  
>course, is a profound UFO skeptic of the devout kind, rather  
>than the critical kind.)

The idea of aliens abducting people is rejected, not because it seems too far-fetched, but because the of the lack of convincing, verifiable evidence. Clarke's "law" is often dragged into the argument in an attempt to plug this gap, by saying that we don't have the evidence because the alien technology is too advanced and the aliens can conceal or reveal their activities as they see fit, always making sure no one gets hold of convincing proof. (Hopkins takes this idea to extremes in Witnessed.)

>>>Wouldn't any sensible and responsible person agree that  
>>>concern for Katharina Wilson's mental health is a rather more  
>>>constructive attitude than apparently taking her story as  
>>>being a true account of objectively real events?

>I've long since lost track of who actually is supposed to have  
>written this, but there's simply no way I'm going to buy this as  
>an expression of concern for anyone's mental health. It looks  
>much more like a rather odious attempt to exploit the social  
>stigma against psychiatric disorder for the purposes of  
>rhetoric.

Who said anything about social stigma? It is much better to speak plainly, rather than be mealy-mouthed about it. What I found objectionable was people expressing the view that the story about Katharina Wilson wandering around O'Hare airport was an account of weird physical events rather than some kind of mental fugue or altered state of consciousness (or whatever the technical term is).

>I haven't read Magonia, so I can't comment on the general  
>standard of its articles, but from what I see of it here, at  
>least some of its contributors appear to be representing  
>themselves as informed commentators on the state of UFOlogy who  
>adhere to a somewhat higher standard of objectivity and  
>methodology than is generally the case. However if what I see  
>here is in any way representative, I don't see that the signal-  
> to-noise ratio - in terms of the amount of spin, rhetoric and  
>innuendo as opposed to evidence and coherent logic - is any  
>better than in the rest of UFOlogy.

No, you've got it wrong. Logically, is for the \_believers\_ to provide the evidence.

John Harney

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## Re: Shattered Trees Found At Argentine Impact Area

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 20:26:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:57:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Shattered Trees Found At Argentine Impact Area

>From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 13:47:38 -0400  
>Subject: Shattered Trees Found At Argentine Impact Area

A possibly minor point for anyone following this up:

The event reportedly "caused damage to at least 150 square meters of forested area within the National Park" and over an area measuring "more or less forty meters across". These figures appear to be associated with the same damage location but are grossly inconsistent by about an order of magnitude. The story later mentions the possibility of a second damage location. Perhaps this explains the confusion.

Martin Shough

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>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

Here's another example of a similar procedure by Hopkins. In his  
book "Witnessed" (Chapter 26) he tells the story of Johnny  
(Linda's younger son) being presented with a diver's helmet by a  
man who approached him in the street and offered it to him. On  
being told this story, Hopkins thought it might be the  
mysterious "third man". So, to attempt to verify this he cut out  
a photo of the "third man" from the New York Times, together  
with the photos of 19 other "distinguished-looking older men"  
and had them copied, scaled to approximately the same size.

He gave them to Johnny to look at and see if one of them looked  
like the man who gave him the helmet. Fair enough, so far. Now,  
as I see it, the proper thing to do would have been to have left  
him to himself, or with someone who had no idea which photo  
Hopkins was hoping he would choose. It is thus not impossible,  
indeed probably quite likely, that Johnny could tell - perhaps  
subconsciously - from the expression on Hopkins's face, or  
general body language, which picture he was expected to choose,  
and of course he duly chose the "right" one.

Highly professional? You've got to be joking.

John Harney

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 14:18:32 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 16:22:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:49:52 -0500 (CDT)  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 02:00:24 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>>I spoke with this witness, who had a fascinating story to tell.  
>>>This case would be very worthwhile to follow up, if it wasn't  
>>>for the fact that the location is so isolated.

>>>Bettles, Alaska  
>>>September 17, 2004, 02:30 am

>>Oooh! That's a neat one. Too bad there is only one witness. Were  
>>there any audible subjective indications of credibility or  
>>reliability when you spoke to him?

>Larry:

>Neat is right. Yes, my impression of him during our  
>conversation was that he seemed sincere and was truly shaken by  
>his experience. He wasn't seeking publicity and was trying  
>desperately to find others in his area who might be able to  
>corroborate what he had seen. He had contacted the weather  
>station personnel, several "neighbors" (some miles away) and was  
>going to himself check with Anchorage ATC. He said that checks  
>with other residents found that trees blocked the view between  
>his location and all other possible witnesses.

>I did not get the impression he was making this up or that he  
>was delusional. There was some difficulty in talking with him  
>because he was on a radiophone with some voice echo and lag.

>>I take it the guy was 2 miles South of Bettles, AK. Is that  
>>right? I will look for an airstrip south of that town. Should be  
>>close enough, I try to get within one minute of long/lat.

>I believe the place is technically called Bettles Field, AK,  
>since it's just some outlying houses surrounding the airfield,  
>as far as I was able to tell.

Hi again Chris:

I found the place and it checks out on Airnav.com. For now, its  
highlighted on this map of Alaska - Yukon that I just put up:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/AKYUK.html>

Look for the red dot between two green arrows. Remote is an  
understatement. Please advise of any factual errors in the brief  
text on that page.

Now I'm going to browse up what there may be known about  
Bettles, AK .. whether there is anything aside from remoteness  
that could have attracted a UFO.

What's a 24 hour airfield and weather station doing there for one thing? Looks like a good place for a dog sled way-station maybe, or a prospector's encampment, but I don't know the turf.

Best

Larry

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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 16:33:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:02:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>>>This prismatic effect is common when shooting in the direction  
>>>of the Sun, and this photo clearly is shooting toward the Sun,  
>>>as opposed to away from it.

>>I have seen lots of flares, but not with this much "prismatic  
>>effect."

>>>If the camera field of view were larger, the Sun would be in the >  
>>>photo. Classic lens flare. It would be notable if it were absent  
>>>under such conditions.

>>I would say "unusual lens flare". Does anyone have a lens flare  
>>photo with this much color aberration ("white" sun making a red  
>>flare?) Eric Byler (who investigated the case and interviewed  
>>the witness) examined several dozen photos to try to find a  
>>similar lens flare situation and couldn't.

>Here's an example of a prismatic flare creating a red, or in  
>this case violet ball. If you look closely, you can even see a  
>bluish or greenish ball about center of the frame. The sun angle  
>is not the same as in the orb photo, but it isn't far off.

>[http://acmeme.org/all/travel/singapore/nyc/lens\\_flare\\_censors.JPG](http://acmeme.org/all/travel/singapore/nyc/lens_flare_censors.JPG)

The above and also the next photo in this collection show a round  
flare. In each case the sun is so close to the top of the field  
of view and so bright that there is a glare at the top of the  
photo. In fact, if that is a digital photo, it might be that the  
sun actually barely in the picture.

>The point is that lens flare depends on lens coatings,  
>cleanliness of the lens, sun position, etc. To say that lens  
>flare never looks like the orb photo is not a scientifically  
>valid statement.

I agree that a flare can look round... like the lens aperture shape.  
The question then is, was the sun bright enough and actually  
shining on the lens in the Oregon photo.

>The flare in question in the orb photo could easily have been  
>visible to the man holding the camera. Note heavily that he did  
>not see it until he was looking through the camera viewfinder.  
>Lens flare is not solely an in-camera effect. If the reflection  
>was particularly strong, his eye could have been dazzled by it,  
>.and the flare persisted when he moved the camera.

There is nothing in the picture which indicates a bright,

dazzling reflection which would likely lead to an overexposed image of some sort.

>As often  
>happens with such effects, the eye follows what it perceives to  
>be motion, and as it fades it appears to move up and away. The  
>illusion is that its dimming is due to distance, when it is  
>actually simply the retina recovering from the dazzle.

>You can test this yourself with a camera flash, although it is  
>not a 'very comfortable test. The "blue dot" seen after the  
>flash appears to move and to fade into the distance over time.  
>Neither of these effects is real, yet they are very convincing  
>effects.

The after-image idea is an interesting attempt to explain the witness' statement that after the picture he took the camera away from his eye to look at the red ball and after a few seconds it rose upward and hovered. He was about to take another picture when it zipped away toward the west. For this to happen his eye would have to rotate suddenly... carrying the dazzle spot with it.... without him realizing it, and then disappear immediately without slowly fading out as dazzle spots tend to do. In fact, if he had been dazzled by an exceeding bright red flash in the camera lens (a dazzling red that didn't overexpose the film), then it is likely he would have seen a pale blue or a complementary color spot in his eye.

Also, only one eye would be dazzled. Yet both eyes would see a real red glowing... whatever... after he removed the camera if the red ball were real... not in the camera.

You'd think, if it was a one eye dazzle (razzle dazzle?) he would realize that fact at the time.

I should point out that if this were like the typical photo that people send me showing some image of a presumed object that they didn't see at the time, i.e., if there was no visual sighting (other than when looking through the camera) I would put this down to some sort of odd flare or light leak. At my web site you can read the argument over the flare hypothesis between me and others including Jeff Sainio during the investigation.

Incidentally, the best URL to use is:

<http://brumac.8k.com/ORedSphere/OregonRedSphere.html>

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

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Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952  
>Incident

Anyone with access to the Blue Book file could look to see  
if there is a file on it.

In 1977 I filed a FOIPA request with the Navy for any and all UFO  
reports in their files. I based my request upon a report found  
in the FBI file, a Navy report from Kodiak, Alaska in Feb 1950  
I think it was. I received a response that all the Navy could find  
was the photo analysis of the Tremonton and Gt. Falls Movies.  
(That analysis had been done in 1952 at the Navy  
Photo Interpretation Center... NPIC). Perhaps the Navy  
intentionally "lost" UFO reports?

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## Re: Sheaffer Superciliously Silly - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:33:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:07:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sheaffer Superciliously Silly - Maccabee

>Source: CSICOP On-Line

><http://www.csicop.org/si/2004-07/psychic-vibrations.html>

>Psychic Vibrations  
>Toutatis Threatens Totally

>Robert Sheaffer

>Heads upthe End of the World is coming again! This time it's  
>he asteroid 4179 Toutatis, which, according to no less an  
>authority than the celebrated Swiss UFO contactee Billy Meier,

<snip>

>For another example of the truly stellar quality of contemporary  
>"scientific" UFO research (pun intended), see The Lawton  
>Triangle UFO Hoax at <http://ufohoax.tripod.com>. In March 2002,  
>hoaxer Carl Wilson submitted a dubious-looking, indistinct photo  
>of red and white lights against a black background to Jim  
>Hickman, a "research specialist" with MUFON, the largest UFO  
>group in the U.S. He wrote of seeing these lights in the night  
>sky over Lawton, Oklahoma. Hickman sent a copy of the photo to  
>Bruce Maccabee, the best-known "scientific" UFO photo analyst,  
>who has "authenticated" many classic UFO photos such as those  
>from McMinnville, Oregon, and Gulf Breeze, Florida. It didn't  
>take long for Maccabee to conclude "unless someone has a better  
>idea, I would have to classify this as a True UFO (TRUFO), which  
>might be some sort of Alien Flying Craft (AFC) (or two such  
>craft)?"

>Not content with fooling the "experts" once, a few months later  
>Wilson submitted to Hickman a similar photo, purportedly of a  
>UFO seen hovering over Fort Sill, Oklahoma, near Lawton. Hickman  
>again sent a copy to Maccabee, who could barely contain his  
>excitement: "Wow! Got to pull out all the stops on this one! A  
>rare event, two photos of the same (apparently) thing!"

>Were these two photos of some alien craft? No, says Wilson: "In  
>reality, these pictures were nothing more than a picture of  
>Microsoft Optical Mouse taken with the room lights and camera  
>flash turned off!" When he revealed his hijinks on the Internet  
>newsgroup alt.alien.research, many asked him whether he was a  
>paid government debunker. He replies, "I did it to demonstrate  
>how easy it is to fool the so-called UFO experts' and how  
>willing they are to take any claim at face value. But rather  
>than learn from this example, their reaction was one of  
>hostility." And he reports being harassed in many ways. Wilson  
>concludes, "Clearly many of those involved with or supporting  
>UFO research' are less interested in Finding the Truth' as  
>they claim, as they are in silencing their critics."

I invite anyone to read my report on this at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/LawtonTriangle/Lawtontriangle.html>

All Mr. Wilson proved is that someone who is serious about  
creating a hoax can do a good job of it.

A photo cannot prove a UFO case but it can disprove one. In this case the photo did not disprove the testimony.

This one hoax certainly does not disprove TRUFO reality, nor does it show "how easy it is to fool UFO experts." Mr. Wilson had to work for his hoax. In a situation like this it's either the real thing or a hoax (not a misidentification) and Mr. Wilson was careful to avoid doing or saying anything that would point directly toward a hoax. He was cooperative and carried out tests I recommended. The "UFO experts" spent time over several months before arriving at a tentative conclusion ("unless someone has a better idea, I would have to classify it as a TRUFO").

If you read the information on the above web site and compare with what Sheaffer has written you will see how Sheaffer has trivialized the investigation and analysis in order to make ufologists look ridiculous.

All he does is make himself look... well, maybe superciliously silly.

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## Dazed & Amused

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:13:29 -0400  
Subject: Dazed & Amused

Source: Michael Bie's Classic Wisconsin

<http://www.classicwisconsin.com/features/ufo.html> >

07-27-04

Dazed and Amused

Don is a 60-something year-old retired metalworker from Beaver Dam. He's dressed neatly in brown slacks and a matching brown shirt, his silver-streaked hair combed and parted on the side. He is standing outside Benson's Hideaway, a tavern near Dundee, Wis., on the shores of Long Lake.

"The speed of their craft is 48 to 52 light years an hour," Don explained. "They come over me and they put down a blue beam of light so extremely bright that you would go blind instantly if you look at it, but it will not illuminate anything, and I'm taken aboard their ship.

"I've had 68 scheduled flights and 12 non-scheduled flights."

Two Wisconsin communities, Belleville and Elmwood, hold annual festivals to capitalize on reported UFO sightings in their areas. The festivals typically entail parades with local kids dressed as Martians, beer tents, brat stands, maybe some live music.

UFO Daze in Dundee is different. Really different. As different as the planets Earth and Surak, which, by the way, is the home of Monn.

Who the hell is Monn? You will have to come to Dundee to find out. Standing among the hundred or so people milling around Benson's Hideaway you'll grow accustomed to hearing conversations about "shadow people," "reptilians" (bad aliens) and "grays" (good aliens, except for a few bad apples). Monn, apparently, is a good alien.

The annual gathering is the swap meet for true believers. Instead of swapping car parts or antique coins, the attendees happily share personal accounts of life with aliens. Like Don, the frequent flyer who began traveling aboard alien spacecrafts at age 2, "give or take 6 months," according to his recollections. The aliens gave Don "implants" to monitor his whereabouts. The implants expired a week before Christmas 1998.

"When I had my implants they could locate me an hour before they hit the sun's gravitational pull," Don said. "Most people think it's a nighttime situation. It is not. It's day or night, whenever they need you.

"I have been taken straight through a stone wall that was four feet thick. They have taken me through three floors of a building. They have taken me out of a whole group of military people while I was in service and everybody said, 'We were talking to you and all of a sudden all that was there was your clothing.'"

Some UFO Daze attendees are part of an organization called Lightside, which meets monthly in an Oshkosh Goodwill store. Lightside member Bonnie Meyer is promoting her forthcoming book "Alien Contact: The Messages They Bring."

"We all have had benevolent sightings and contacts with highly advanced spiritual aliens," said one Lightside member speaking of the group. Meyer is an exceptional "channeler," according to her peers. "Through channeling we became reacquainted with our ET contacts, as we come here without full memory. The ET team that we work with lives on a ship that we have nicknamed the Peace Ship. The Peace Ship is roughly the size of Chicago and circles the Earth just outside our atmosphere."

The scenic little crossroads of Dundee, in the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, has had its share of UFO sightings through the years. Hideaway owner Bill Benson has a binder to prove it -- pages of photos showing strange lights above the forest, as well as a crop circle in a nearby field. He is not a true believer, but truly believes that UFO Daze is good for business, so for 16 years he has hosted the gathering and served a ton of the Hideaway's homemade pizzas.

In addition to 25 or so true believers who attend, dozens more are curious, even more are weekend campers looking for a good party.

"On my last trip aboard the craft before my implants expired," Don said, "I asked to see the Titanic. They took me under the ocean and we talked to the creatures of the deep...and I got to see the Titanic."

Then his pizza arrived, and Don walked away to find a place to eat.

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## Science Fiction? Not Any More

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Subject: Science Fiction? Not Any More

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09-16-04

Communications: Taking its cue from Star Trek, an American company has devised a clever new form of voice-driven wireless communicator

SCIENCE fiction has often been the source of inspiration for new technologies. The exo-skeletons and head-mounted displays featured in the film Aliens, for example, spawned a number of military-funded projects to try to create similar technologies. Automatic sliding doors might never have become popular had they not appeared on the television series Star Trek. And the popularity of flip-top or clamshell mobile phones may stem from the desire to look like Captain Kirk flipping open his communicator on the same programme.

Now it seems that Star Trek has done it again. This month, American soldiers in Iraq will begin trials of a device inspired by the 'comm-badge' featured in Star Trek: The Next Generation. Like crew members of the starship Enterprise, soldiers will be able to talk to other members of their unit just by tapping and then speaking into a small badge worn on the chest. What sets the comm badge apart from a mere walkie-talkie, and appeals to Star Trek fans, is the system's apparent intelligence. It works out who you are calling from spoken commands, and connects you instantly.

The system, developed by Vocera Communications of Cupertino, California, uses a combination of Wi-Fi wireless networking and voice-over-internet protocol (VoIP) technologies to link up the badges via a central server, akin to a switchboard. The badges are already being used in 80 large institutions, most of them hospitals, to replace overhead paging systems, says Brent Lang, Vocera's vice-president.

Like its science-fiction counterpart, the badge is designed so that all functions can be carried out by pressing a single button. On pressing it, the caller gives a command and specifies the name of a person or group of people, such as call Dr Smith or locate the nearest anaesthesiologist. Voice-recognition software interprets the commands and locates the appropriate person or group, based on whichever Wi-Fi base-station they are closest to. The person receiving the call then hears an audible alert stating the name of the caller and, if he or she wishes to take the call, responds by tapping the badge and starting to speak.

That highlights a key difference between the Star Trek comm badge and the real-life version: Vocera's implementation allows people to reject incoming calls, rather than having the voice of the caller patched through automatically. But even the most purist fans can forgive Vocera for deviating from the script in this way, says David Batchelor, an astrophysicist and Star Trek enthusiast at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in

Greenbelt, Maryland. For there are, he notes, some curious aspects to the behaviour of the comm badges in Star Trek. In particular, the fictional badge seems to be able to predict the future. When the captain of the Enterprise says Picard to sick-bay: Medical emergency on the bridge, for example, his badge somehow connects him to the sick-bay before he has stated the destination of the call.

Allowing badge users to reject incoming calls if they are busy, rather than being connected instantly, was a feature added at the request of customers, says Mr Lang. But in almost all other respects the badges work just like their fictional counterparts. This is not very surprising, says Lawrence Krauss, an astrophysicist at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and the author of The Physics of Star Trek. In science fiction, and particularly in Star Trek, most problems have technological fixes. Sometimes, it seems, those fixes can be applied to real-world problems too.

Vocera's system is particularly well suited to hospitals, says Christine Tarver, a clinical manager at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California. It allows clinical staff to reach each other far more quickly than with beepers and overhead pagers. A recent study carried out at St Agnes Healthcare in Baltimore, Maryland, assessed the amount of time spent by clinical staff trying to get hold of each other, both before and after the installation of the Vocera system. It concluded that the badges would save the staff a total of 3,400 hours each year.

Nursing staff often end up playing phone tag with doctors, which wastes valuable time, says Ms Tarver. And although people using the badges sometimes look as though they are talking to themselves, she says, many doctors prefer it because it enables them to deal with queries more efficiently. The system can also forward calls to mobile phones; it can be individually trained to ensure that it understands users with strong accents; and it can even be configured with personalised ringtones.

In Iraq, soldiers will use the Vocera badges in conjunction with base-stations mounted on Humvee armoured vehicles. Beyond medical and military uses, Vocera hopes to sell the technology to retailers and hotels. And the firm's engineers are now extending the system to enable the badges to retrieve stored information, such as patient records or information about a particular drug, in response to spoken commands. Their inspiration? Yet another Star Trek technology: the talking ship's computer.

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## Captain Kirk Invades Iowa!

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Subject: Captain Kirk Invades Iowa!

Source: The Star Tribune - Minneapolis Minnesota

<http://www.startribune.com/stories/484/4994099.html>

09-22-04

William Shatner Auditioning Iowans For Low-Budget Sci-Fi Movie

RIVERSIDE, Iowa -- Capt. James T. Kirk came home to Riverside this week.

William Shatner, who played the commander of the starship USS Enterprise in the '60s Star Trek series, arrived in Riverside Tuesday to hold auditions for four small parts in a low-budget, sci-fi movie he wrote with Star Trek co-star Leonard Nimoy.

The working title of the movie is, Invasion Iowa.

Shatner called the film his baby, and said he's dreamed of putting the story on the big screen for 30 years.

The 73-year-old actor and more than 100 crew members will be in Riverside for several days to film scenes for the movie.

Although Kirk's hometown was never mentioned in the TV series, Gene Roddenberry, the show's creator and executive producer, wrote in The Making of Star Trek that Kirk was born in a small town in the state of Iowa.

The Riverside City Council picked up on the idea in March 1985, declaring a site behind what used to be the town's barbershop the future birthplace of Kirk.

Shatner is a native of Canada.

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth]

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:29:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth]

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 10:28:29 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>>provide direct quotes from it.

>>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

>That was a hatchet job done deliberately by NOVA. After hearing  
>how the director and editors at NOVA spun the story to convey  
>just what you are referring to, I lost much of my respect for  
>that program and do not trust its opinion anymore. There are  
>others that can describe much better than I what a sham that  
>episode was.

Hello Don, List,

Don, are you saying that Hopkins was forced to conduct the  
interview in this way by NOVA or are you saying that the clip  
was shown out of context?

If the latter, I would be interested to know what context would  
justify this apparently unprofessional example of his technique?

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth]

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 08:53:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:31:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth]

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 07:38:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>>provide direct quotes from it.

>>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

<snipd>

Alfred,

Pardon me for my stupidity, I am sure that you were making a  
point somewhere in your post, but I was unable to recognise it.  
Please can you put it into terms that are readily understood?

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 06:33:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:33:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 08:17:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images  
<snip>

>I would say "unusual lens flare". Does anyone have a lens flare  
>photo with this much color aberration ("white" sun making a red  
>flare?) Eric Byler (who investigated the case and interviewed  
>the witness) examined several dozen photos to try to find a  
>similar lens flare situation and couldn't.

Hi, Bruce:

I dug around in my collection of lens flare examples and put a few that may interest you in my photo gallery. Lens flares come in so many beautiful shapes, sizes and colors.

<http://a-realitycheck.com/v-web/gallery/Examples-Of-Lens-Flare>

Click on the "slideshow" selection in the upper right hand corner for easier viewing.

A. Hebert

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## Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 07:03:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:35:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:52:06 +1000  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 13:34:48 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Hebert

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 17:37:30 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

><snip>

>If I, and others can produce the undeniable evidence that will  
>prove the reality of, or confirm the close to lens artefact  
>thesis as you and others have suggested by your work in  
>falsifying similar images,

Dr. Maccabee, Dr. Haselhoff, myself and others have not  
'falsified' anything. We merely reproduced alleged "orb" images  
using scientific methodology and found them to be reflections  
off dust particles, snow, rain, water, etc.

>then I will gladly openly admit I was  
>wrong, if I am. Will you do the same if it is proven you were  
>wrong?

You have already been 'proven' wrong, Barry, yet you can't admit  
it. I doubt your perceptions will be changing anytime soon.

As I have indicated before, this nonsense is a waste of my and  
other people's time. I am moving on to more important matters.

A. Hebert

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## Strange Reptile Causes Terror In Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 10:47:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:38:03 -0400  
Subject: Strange Reptile Causes Terror In Argentina

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Source: Diario El Tribuno (Salta, Argentina)  
Date: September 22, 2004

In Rosario de Lerma Police looked but found nothing

Strange Reptile Causes Terror

They say it has a huge hairy head and reddish eyes

A "large serpent with a hairy head and reddish eyes" was intensely searched for up to last night by member of the Provincial Police Fire Brigade after the three individuals in charge of the Las Acacias hatchery reported seeing the creature in one of the site's sectors, located between Cerrillos and Rosario de Lerma on Route 26.

Modesto Gonzales, 60, Jose Venticola, 53 and his wife Ana Maria Quipildor, 48 reported the appearance of the enormous animal on Monday to the Rosario de Lerma sheriff's office and requested protection due to the terror inspired by their sighting of this beast.

"We were baking bread when my wife saw the head of this veritable monster emerging from between the holes in the wall of a brick shack," said Venticola, who added. "I was paralyzed. It had a snake's head, but hairy, with red eyes and a piercing gaze."

Firefighters combed the area but found nothing.

"I told my husband and Modesto, who was chopping wood, to kill it. It was a huge snake," said the woman. "They were going to cut off its head, which was the size of a hog, with their machetes, but it went back in when it saw them approach. I've never seen anything so strange. What I do know is that it isn't a lampalagua [translator's note - 3 meter long river snake of the northern Argentina] because I know what those are. I'd never come across a hairy reptile."

Moreover, Mart=EDn Corbal=Eln of the Rosario de Lerma sheriff's office, stated that "we will continue searching for this reptile, if that's what it is, to insure the protection of these people and the neighbors. If we can't find it in the next few hours we will appeal to animal protection agencies for their assistance."

"We are not discarding the possibility that it is a northern constricting snake that reached this hatchery for some reason," he concluded.

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Secrecy News -- 09/23/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 10:29:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:40:33 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/23/04

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 83  
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GOSS ON DECLASSIFICATION, BUDGET DISCLOSURE

Porter J. Goss, who was confirmed by the Senate yesterday to be the next Director of Central Intelligence, told Senators that declassification had become "easier" as a result of legislation that he helped pass. But that isn't true.

At a September 20 confirmation hearing, Senator Ron Wyden pressed Rep. Goss to identify "one or two concrete examples" where he had demonstrated leadership to bring about intelligence reform.

Mr. Goss cited a bill sponsored by the late Senator Moynihan that he helped to advance.

"We did pass a bill, bicameral, bipartisan -- a first step. It wasn't as much as either of us wanted, but it was a good step, and it is the law, and it has made it easier now in the declassification process," he said.

In fact, however, that law, known as the Public Interest Declassification Act, has not been implemented even though it was enacted in 2000. Consequently, it has made nothing "easier."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2004/09/goss092004.html>

Last week, Sen. Chuck Hagel asked Mr. Goss whether he favored disclosure of the intelligence budget. Goss replied that he did not and he explained why.

Budget secrecy "served us well... when we were in a bipolar standoff with the Soviet Union," Mr. Goss said. "I'm not sure what the future holds... I think the day may come when we find ourselves in another sort of bipolar situation."

This peculiar statement appears to concede that budget secrecy serves no legitimate purpose today. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/ssci091404.html>

Mr. Goss was confirmed by the Senate on September 22 by a vote of 77-17. See the transcript of the deliberations on the Senate floor here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/goss092204.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/goss092204.html)

#### CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION (DOD)

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) is yet another specimen in the growing menagerie of government restrictions on unclassified information.

CUI is a Department of Defense information control category.

According to the Pentagon, CUI "includes, but is not limited to (!), 'For Official Use Only' information; 'Sensitive But Unclassified' (formerly 'Limited Official Use') information; 'DEA Sensitive Information'; 'DOD Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information'; 'Sensitive Information', as defined in the Computer Security Act of 1987; and information contained in technical documents."

See this DoD PowerPoint briefing on "controlled unclassified information" (thanks to RT):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/cui.ppt>

The Government Accountability Office will review the panoply of controls on unclassified information used by the Department of Homeland Security, the Washington Times reported on September 22.

#### AN INVENTORY OF IRAQI RESISTANCE GROUPS

The numerous and diverse armed groups that are violently opposing U.S. forces in Iraq are itemized and categorized in a September 19 news article published in Baghdad.

"After the fall of Baghdad into the hands of the Anglo-American occupation on 9 April 2003, as a natural reaction, several sectors of Iraqi society confronted the occupation. Resistance cells were formed, the majority of which were of Islamic Sunni and pan-Arab tendencies. These cells started in the shape of scattered groups, without a unifying bond to bind them together."

"These groups and small cells started to grow gradually, until they matured to some extent and acquired a clear personality that had its own political and military weight. Then they started to pursue combining themselves into larger groups."

See "Who Kills Hostages in Iraq?" by Samir Haddad and Mazin Ghazi in the Iraqi newspaper Al-Zawra, September 19 (translated by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/az091904.html>

#### LAWFULNESS OF INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES (CRS)

The legality of interrogation techniques used by U.S. military intelligence personnel in Iraq is the subject of a recent report from the Congressional Research Service.

"This report outlines the provisions of the Conventions as they apply to prisoners of war and to civilians, and the minimum level of protection offered by Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions."

"The report discusses and analyzes some of the various interrogation techniques approved or considered for use during interrogations of prisoners at Abu Ghraib."

The CRS does not permit direct public access to its products. But see "Lawfulness of Interrogation Techniques Under the Geneva Conventions," September 8, 2004, here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32567.pdf>

#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE (CRS)

Another new Congressional Research Service report deemed unfit

for public consumption is:

"Risk Management and Critical Infrastructure Protection: Assessing, Integrating, and Managing Threats, Vulnerabilities and Consequences," September 2:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RL32561.pdf>

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR LINGUISTS IN GOVT AGENCIES (CRS)

The challenge of meeting the foreign language needs of U.S. national security and other government agencies is explored at some length in yet another Congressional Research Service report.

"There is a widespread consensus that requirements for foreign language qualified personnel are not currently being met," the CRS notes.

Firing competent translators who expose agency malfeasance doesn't help.

See "Requirements for Linguists in Government Agencies," Congressional Research Service, September 2:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32557.pdf>

#### LIECHTENSTEIN RATIFIES COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Liechtenstein ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on 21 September 2004, bringing the total number of Treaty ratifications to 116.

The United States, which has not ruled out the resumption of nuclear explosive testing, opposes the Treaty.

The Liechtenstein breakthrough was announced in this September 22 news release from the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization Preparatory Commission:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/ctbt092204.html>

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## UFO in Santa Fe Argentina?

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 10:54:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:53:51 -0400  
Subject: UFO in Santa Fe Argentina?

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Source: <http://www.sinmordaza.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=17633>

ate: September 22, 2004

A UFO Over Santa Fe?

It was photographed by a colleague by sheer chance. At 21:20 hours on September 20th, in the northern part of the city, as he was taking photos of the movements and effects caused in the sky by the searchlight employed during the Sixth Biennial Youth Art Festival held at the U.N.L. That was when a light crossed his path.

He didn't know what it was until he saw the 17 photos taken. Upon enlarging them, he realized that it was a solid object with a metallic center. Even though his camera was set for maximum definition and sharpness, he could notice a wake.

In other photos taken of the searchlight, a ray of light could be seen coming down from above. This appeared to the right of the event mentioned. The enlarged photo shows the details mentioned. The other shows the actual site where the photo was taken--the roof of a neighbor's house. Was it a UFO inspecting the searchlight or just a trick of nature?

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## SPI Business 22nd September 2004

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:04:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:58:03 -0400  
Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

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From: Malcolm Robinson <[malckyspi.nul](mailto:malckyspi.nul)>  
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:58 PM  
Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

Hi All,

Some current updates:

SPI Lecture This Saturday

Do remember that Brenda Butler is not now our guest speaker this saturday, we have secured the service of two wonderful chaps, Chris Robinson on his talent as someone who can predict the future with ease !! And Dr Melvyn Willin on ghostly music, spooky. So do please show your support to SPI once more this Saturday.

Friends Of SPI

For those of you who have not yet signed up as a Friend Of SPI, forms will be available on Saturday, or why not download one from our web site at [www.spiuk.net](http://www.spiuk.net). By becoming a Friend you are entitled to a =A31:00 discount off every single SPI event no matter what.

Enigmas

The latest issue of ENIGMAS the Journal of SPI will be available for sale at this Saturday's lecture. For those who can't attend and wish to obtain the latest issue, please send a cheque for =A32:50 to the address below.

25th Anniversary.

As mentioned before, this year marks SPI's 25th birthday, we were founded way back in 1979 off the back of the famous Livingston UFO case. We shall be having a party after the Reg Presley lecture on Saturday November 27th, more details when I have them. But the Sols Arms has been booked for the full day.

Upcoming Events

I am presenting a lecture on the infamous 'Fife UFO Case' at a two day International UFO Conference in Lytham St Annes over the weekend of 9th 10th October. Please see me at this Saturday's lecture for more details. Sadly I can't stay for the Sunday at Lytham as I have to make a quick dash to get back to London as I am presenting a second lecture at the Wimbledon Spiritualist Church, this time on ghosts and the paranormal (Sunday 10th October 7:30pm)

SPI Web Site

Pleased to say that Brian James is back doing the web site, We are still encountering some problems with uploading data which is a cause for concern and has been for quite some time now, but we are staying the course and using that big iron to smooth the

problems over. By the way, we are looking for submissions for the web site and our mag, why not write something for us ? Have you had a strange experience (keep it clean !) that you want to share with us, if so, drop me a line.

#### 2005 Guest Speakers

I'm pleased to say that we are building up a fine team of speakers for our 2005 London Lecture programme. Also pleased to say that we will be giving you true value for money by ensuring that each month you will have TWO yes TWO guest speakers instead of the more often one speaker which we put on at the moment.

In closing, this is my 60th day without a cigarette, so I'm quite chuffed with that. Generally it's been OK, but there is the odd day, but the will power is still there at the moment.

OK hope to see you all Saturday. My best wishes to you all.

Malcolm Robinson  
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## Re: Some Co-Incidence - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:39:30 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:00:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence - Holman

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 01:30:19 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Some Co-Incidence

>No - the mass or density of Phobos and Deimos cannot be inferred  
>from this data. However, the mass of \*Mars\* could be inferred  
>from the orbital properties of its moons, it might be  
>interesting to do those calculations for Swift's moons and see  
>if they give sensible answers... I'll try to do this if I find  
>the time.

OK, I've done the sums now... assuming Swift had an accurate knowledge of Mars' diameter (unlike its mass, this could have been measured with the telescopes of his day; however, it appears the first to actually do so was William Herschel, a few decades after Swift), then the mass of Mars implied by the Swiftian moons is 0.64 Earth masses (the orbit of each moon yields the same answer, to two significant figures). The actual mass of Mars is more like 0.11 Earth masses (and crunching the numbers for the orbits of the real Phobos and Deimos gives this result also). So Swift's Mars is too massive by a factor of 5. If he had some sort of inside information about Mars, it was surprisingly inaccurate.

I also noticed that some accounts on the web get the distance Swift gave for the moons from Mars wrong. He gives this distance from the center of Mars - that is, the orbit's radius (semi-major axis, near enough) in multiples of Mars' \*diameter\*, not it's radius:

They have likewise discovered two lesser stars, or satellites, which revolve about Mars; whereof the innermost is distant from the centre of the primary planet exactly three of his diameters, and the outermost, five; the former revolves in the space of ten hours, and the latter in twenty-one and a half; so that the squares of their periodical times are very near in the same proportion with the cubes of their distance from the centre of Mars; which evidently shows them to be governed by the same law of gravitation that influences the other heavenly bodies.

<http://www.gutenberg.net/dirs/etext97/gltrv10h.htm>

As the radius of Mars is about 3400 km, its diameter is 6800 km and the Swiftian moons would then have semi-major axes of 20400 km and 34000 km; the real moons have semi-major axes of 9400 km and 23000 km. So, in fact he was out by roughly 50-100%. Confusing diameter with radius in Swift's text leads to much more charitable figures of 10200 km and 17000 km.

As the second half of the quoted extract shows (also usually not quoted on the web - more mysterious that way, I guess), Swift was quite familiar with Kepler's laws, and probably Newton's law of gravitation as well, and so was probably more than capable of making up some plausible numbers. There's no mystery here.

>As for the discovery of Pluto, it was also just coincidence. I'm

>not sure what else it would be. Lowell's orbit was indeed  
>reasonably correct. But his was only one of several trans-  
>Neptunian planets predicted or inferred before 1930.

Oops, I forget to mention this link which discusses these other  
Planet Xs:

<http://www.nineplanets.org/hypo.html#planetx>

Brett Holman

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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 12:54:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:02:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:13:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>Here's another flare exhibiting the prismatic effect in grand  
>fashion. Again, the sun angle is different, but not grossly so,

Not grossly so? In this photo the sun... most of it blocked by a  
beam (part of the framework in the photo) about in the center of  
the photo, not above to the left and out of the picture as in  
the Oregon photo.

>and the result here is a multitude of colors. As the camera  
>swings away from the sun, the intensity and range of color  
>becomes less pronounced, as in your orb photo.

><http://www.whatdoesnotchange.org/archives/092203.jpg>

>Note that in this photo, the dirty lens heavily enhances the  
>flares.

I note that even in this extreme case where the sun is in the  
picture and "dazzlingly" bright the flares/reflections are not  
particularly bright (they didn't create overexposed images as  
the sun did).

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### Re: Hopkins' Techniques [was: Magonia - The Truth]

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:20:35 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:04:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Techniques [was: Magonia - The Truth]

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 16:12:20 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

><snip>

>>I find it incredible that anyone can regard Hopkins' technique  
>>as "highly professional" - I watched a television documentary  
>>about abduction (unfortunately I don't recall which one,  
>>probably one of the "sightings" series). In the programme, he  
>>was interviewing a young child, no more than seven years old. He  
>>asked the child "which one of these did the alien look like?"  
>>and proceeded to show him a series of drawings of aliens.

>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>>provide direct quotes from it.

>>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

>I doubt seriously that is what you saw, and suspect your memory  
>is playing tricks on you. Having sat in on quite a few of Budd's  
>hypnosis sessions, I have never seen him do any leading  
>questioning at all. He would never ask 'which one the alien  
>looked like.' Furthermore, I am aware of the images test he  
>gives at times. It contains an array of images such as clowns,  
>other familiar types of people, and one (as I recall) outline-  
>style alien face. I have seen him use this. The alien face is  
>one of something like 10-12 images.

>Furthermore, although Budd is a friend, I viewed the sessions  
>with a critical eye, deliberately looking for poor or leading  
>techniques to satisfy myself about these questions. He always  
>asked neutral, non-leading questions. The only matter that  
>bothers me a little comes with adult subjects who have read UFO  
>books and know who Budd is; therefore, they would tend to know  
>in advance what kind of answers he might be looking for. Not  
>that that is necessarily totally disqualifying either.  
>Intelligent adults would also tend to know what a professional  
>psychologist is after.

I believe that I recall the sequence in question and Bud showed  
a variety of images, including the traditional alien. I got the  
impression that Bud was being very neutral in how they were  
presented, but I'm sure that some will still complain that he  
was directing the conversation.

As far as I know, Bud doesn't really get new clients (and I'm

not sure that's the correct term) directly. They are referred to him by other researchers, often after they've been contacted by someone who is already claiming to have had some sort of experience that led them to contact Abduction or UFO researchers. I think it's highly unlikely that Bud (or Mack or Jacobs) are likely to be the first to mention the concept of alien abduction to those referred to them, which tends to guarantee the direction that hypnosis sessions are likely to take.

Just a couple of thoughts.

Steve

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## Magonia Supplement 52

From: **John Harney** <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:11:52 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:07:06 -0400  
Subject: Magonia Supplement 52

Because of technical problems with the html edition of Magonia Supplement No. 52 there has been some delay in putting it on line. It is now available on the Magonia Extra web site -

<http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk>

John Harney

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## Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 14:23:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:09:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News - King

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 13:04:20 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFOs Bush And CBS News

>Okay so again the press is in hot water with this new Britney  
>Spears' Wedding charade.

>Are we seeing just how easy it is to dupe the press?

>Have the ethics and standards dropped or are people more  
>dishonest to the press?

>Whatever the case it shows how the press can be manipulated and  
>in the case of ufology, there are umpteen numerous cases with  
>far, far more credibility than either the Bush National Guard  
>debacle and the Britney Spears' Wedding controversy yet these  
>well documented UFO stories don't get anywhere near as much  
>press play.

>I guess what we need to get the press' attention is a UFO sex  
>scandal or UFO political scandal.

>But then again no one would believe it because it'd read like it  
>came from the Weekly World News.

Hi Greg,

I too yearn for the days of Edward R. Murrow, of Woodward and  
Bernstein, of journalistic integrity and the concept that the  
press bears the burden of a sacred \*or at least Constitutional\*  
trust and should act like it.

A nice practice run for your UFO selling story is the media  
handling of the upcoming Nature paper and research by ESA's  
Formisano. He was originally slated to announce his findings  
suggesting extant life on Mars recently, but then bailed on the  
more provocative evidence. His explanation later was that he had  
an agreement with Nature not to publicly discuss his provocative  
findings.

Here the message was deemed less important than its timing.

Likewise, I think the official announcement of a UFO incident  
would be equally manipulated and timed for several beneficial  
reasons.

I hope the Nature publishers put a nice huge headline on the  
cover... EXTANT LIFE ON MARS!... the data are compelling.

I do not foresee this, but rather a ho-hum, well it might be  
somewhat possible... in the absence of other data... too soon  
for a conclusive... more probes are needed... kind of  
announcement.

The greatest discovery of this or perhaps any century relegated  
to the "Weird News" section. Formisano even looks the part of  
the disheveled mad scientist...no offense.

And now we can't even depend on maverick old-school dust it up  
intrepid reporter's reporter Dan Rather to give us the straight  
poop. Even he can be fooled. I still have a sneaking feeling  
that there's a UFO tie-in with Rather's \*What's the frequency,  
Kenneth\* abduction experience. :)

Spesei pro Commutatus!,

Kyle

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## Re: PRG Update - September 22, 2004 - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 15:35:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:12:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: PRG Update - September 22, 2004 - King

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[Disclosure2003.nul](mailto:Disclosure2003.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 18:54:53 -0400  
>Subject: PRG Update - September 22, 2004

<snip>

>The CBS "60 Minutes II" Documents Fiasco

>...Thank heaven for Shepard Smith.

Shep Smith initially found fame starring in the popular series Thunderbirds, and is my candidate for TV personality most likely to be an extra-terrestrial. The \*V\* kind... reptilian for sure.

>NASA Genesis Mission

>At times the synchronicity, metaphors and timing that occur in  
>this world can overwhelm. Consider the fate of the returned  
>Genesis capsule. From the moment of its inception in 1958 NASA  
>has been a primary victim of the extraterrestrial-related  
>phenomena truth embargo. The agency designated to explore space  
>on behalf of the American people would not, could not publicly  
>acknowledge any evidence it might encounter pointing toward  
>sentient extraterrestrial beings, living or dead. The stress  
>this has caused within the agency can only be imagined.

>After so many years and many spectacular failures how odd to  
>watch the centerpiece of the latest malfunction - a shiny  
>saucer-like craft - wobble to the earth at 200 mph and embed  
>itself in the sand. Turn the photo on its side and you have  
>Roswell. Free NASA.

I was struck by the Genesis re-entry video as well. It was most peculiar to see this from the beginning... from a flapping bird or flickering light to an otherworldly daylight disc to an unseemly \*George of the Jungle\* landing. Sad, but also interesting in that it was a most unusual vehicle, and the video makes a good correlative study between IFO and UFO video.

Apparently too, the collection discs were not all compromised, so the project deserves high praise for over-engineering the probe, if not perfecting the tech of explosive bolts.

Like the Mars rovers and orbiters, we humans do things right on occasion.

Bravo!

Kyle

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Rutkowski

From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 15:39:33 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:14:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Rutkowski

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 14:18:32 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>I did not get the impression he was making this up or that he  
>>was delusional. There was some difficulty in talking with him  
>>because he was on a radiophone with some voice echo and lag.

>>I believe the place is technically called Bettles Field, AK,  
>>since it's just some outlying houses surrounding the airfield,  
>>as far as I was able to tell.

>I found the place and it checks out on Airnav.com. For now, its  
>highlighted on this map of Alaska - Yukon that I just put up:

><http://www.larryhatch.net/AKYUK.html>

>Look for the red dot between two green arrows. Remote is an  
>understatement. Please advise of any factual errors in the brief  
>text on that page.

None that I could see.

>Now I'm going to browse up what there may be known about  
>Bettles, AK .. whether there is anything aside from remoteness  
>that could have attracted a UFO.

I think remoteness might be good enough.

>What's a 24 hour airfield and weather station doing there for  
>one thing? Looks like a good place for a dog sled way-station  
>maybe, or a prospector's encampment, but I don't know the turf.

Probably oil/gas related.

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:53:01 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:16:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:31:20 -0400  
>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952  
>>Incident

>Anyone with access to the Blue Book file could look to see  
>if there is a file on it.

>In 1977 I filed a FOIPA request with the Navy for any and all UFO  
>reports in their files. I based my request upon a report found  
>in the FBI file, a Navy report from Kodiak, Alaska in Feb 1950  
>I think it was. I received a response that all the Navy could find  
>was the photo analysis of the Tremonton and Gt. Falls Movies.  
>(That analysis had been done in 1952 at the Navy  
>Photo Interpretation Center... NPIC). Perhaps the Navy  
>intentionally "lost" UFO reports?

Several years ago when I tried to use FOIA to get UFO reports  
from the Navy, I was constantly told they didn't have any.

I sent them a copy of that TOP SECRET Report jointly written by  
USAF and The Navy back in the 1940s. I was told it was  
interesting, but they still didn't have any files.

It reminds me of the FBI denying my request for my files ,  
saying they had none. I did have a response from the CIA saying  
all they had was a negative name check request about me from the  
FBI. There was a file number . I asked the FBI to review their  
files again sending along the CIA item. They did and said they  
found a file, but it was classified (I knew they had done my  
security clearances years before). I asked for the security  
classification and the size of the file. The FBI said they were  
both classified.

Reminds me of the CIA claiming they had no info about the 4  
briefings about National Security given Ike by DCI W.B. Smith  
after the election of Nov. 4, 1952, and before Jan. 9.1953. I  
gave them the dates and times of 2. They could find nothing,  
even on appeal. Lying is the easy way out even though the info  
about the meetings came from a memo to President Truman from  
Smith.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: New Orb Images - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:54:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:04:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2004 14:16:36 +1000  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bob Shell <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 16:39:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>Lets play out a small court room scenario. I am the accused. I  
>claim that the photo on Dr. Bruce Maccabee's web site at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/orb3.html>

>You are employed by the prosecution to examine this photo. If it  
>is found that I am wrong about this photo, then I am guilty and  
>given 10 years for fraud. If the Jury finds my claim true, then  
>I am entitled to compensation.

No expert witness testifying in court would state a conclusion  
without having access to the original material.If shot on film I  
would require the original negative. If shot on digital I would  
require the original file as generated by the camera.

Bob Shell

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From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:56:22 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:11:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:39:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>I share your position that there are indeed photos that defy easy  
>identification, but it is at best premature to count orb images  
>among them.

Beautifully stated!

Yes, there are "mysterious" photographs which turn up now and then. But the so-called orb images are certainly not among them, and are not even slightly mysterious.

I find it unfortunate that more people with real knowledge of optics are not involved in the study of anomalous photographs, but the optical scientists I know (with the exception of Bruce) all think of it as laughable and a total waste of time.

The orbs, just like the "rods", are optical artifacts of imaging systems.

Orbs will show up more and more with the proliferation of digital cameras with their much shorter focal length lenses and greater depth of field.

About the only thing you can conclude about people who get orbs in their photos all the time is that their housecleaning skills are somewhat lacking!

Bob Shell

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 18:00:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:19:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 12:30:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>I noticed something in re-examining the orb shot in this thread,  
>prompted by a private e-mail.

>The red ball is not a sphere at all. It is a tilted hexagon. It  
>is apparent when the image is darkened slightly or when the  
>color is shifted a little.

>This hexagonal shape is a direct reflection of sunlight off the  
>film plane and shining back through the iris of the camera and  
>reflecting off the back of the lens elements and back onto the  
>film plane.

>This is a common effect, displayed clearly in my previous  
>prismatic flare image.

>The red ball is a hexagonal iris silhouette. The only fact  
>needed to cement this conclusion is the make and model of the  
>camera used.

The type of camera is given at the web site.

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 23:07:46 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:23:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - Reason

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:41:17 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>The abduction narratives fail to make much sense as descriptions  
>of physical events, even if we accept the idea of aliens in  
>spacecraft.

In what way do they "fail to make sense as descriptions of  
physical events?" I could equally argue that they fail to make  
sense as psychological events.

>There is no physical evidence which could not have a  
>mundane explanation. The abductees never provide any significant  
>facts which are not already known. In other words, their stories  
>do not contain any information in the sense that explorers  
>returning from newly discovered lands provided new and often  
>surprising information (which could eventually be verified).

I'll leave it to others to determine if this is true, but  
assuming it is, you've simply repeated what I had already said -  
which is that the ETH (at least as applied to UFO abductions)  
is unfalsifiable. But I wasn't asking why the ETH shouldn't be  
accepted, I was asking why it should be rejected a priori.

>Which of the phenomena associated with abduction reports cannot  
>be accounted for in terms of known psychological processes? If we  
>could have the relevant details we might be able to conduct a  
>more constructive and informative debate.

The most obvious features are the restricted narrative set and  
the coherent narrative structure. These are also among the  
problematic features of NDEs (which as I'm sure you know, often  
appear very similar to UFO abductions). The restricted  
narrative set is what distinguishes UFO abduction narratives  
from, say, stories about being abducted by pirates. The  
narrative coherence is what distinguishes abduction narratives  
from, say, dreams.

I've seen various hypotheses put forward to account for these,  
but direct evidence for any of them is usually lacking. For  
example, Elaine Showalter has argued that narrative coherence is  
an artifact arising from the way narratives are transmitted  
within a culture - but the arguments put forward to support this  
are themselves little more than narrative construction. They  
tend to depend on the notion of "cognitive constructivism",  
which is itself scientifically highly dubious.

>The idea of aliens abducting people is rejected, not because it  
>seems too far-fetched, but because of the lack of  
>convincing, verifiable evidence.

No, this doesn't make sense. Lack of evidence is a reason not to  
accept a hypothesis, it isn't a reason to reject it. (This  
brings to mind all those student research methods papers I had  
to knock down a grade because they contained the line "We  
therefore have to accept the null hypothesis...")

>Clarke's "law" is often dragged  
>into the argument in an attempt to plug this gap, by saying that  
>we don't have the evidence because the alien technology is too  
>advanced and the aliens can conceal or reveal their activities  
>as they see fit, always making sure no one gets hold of  
>convincing proof. (Hopkins takes this idea to extremes in  
>Witnessed.)

"Dragged"? Kicking and screaming, you mean?

John, this is an example of exactly the kind of spin I was referring to earlier. Take the spin off this and you have just (again) repeated what I've already said, which is that the ETH is unfalsifiable.

>Who said anything about social stigma? It is much better to  
>speak plainly, rather than be mealy-mouthed about it. What I  
>found objectionable was people expressing the view that the  
>story about Katharina Wilson wandering around O'Hare airport was  
>an account of weird physical events rather than some kind of  
>mental fugue or altered state of consciousness (or whatever the  
>technical term is).

Before you start throwing around medical diagnoses, don't you think it might be a good idea to find out what the relevant technical term is, and better still, what it actually means?

Yes, it's always a good idea to speak plainly. What's not such a good idea is to make a crassly insensitive remark about mental illness, to smother it in rhetorical spin and fake "medical" jargon, and then try to cover up the resulting mish-mash by passing it off as "plain speaking".

>No, you've got it wrong. Logically, is for the believers to  
>provide the evidence.

I agree. And since you're a believer in this "psychosocial" hypothesis I keep hearing about, you presumably agree that it's up to you to provide the evidence for it. Perhaps you'll understand I feel entitled to a little skepticism, when I see people making sweeping assertions about the explanatory power of the social sciences without, it seems, making even the most cursory attempt to familiarize themselves with the relevant literature, concepts and evidence.

Just how much on perception, neuroscience and psychology have you actually read? Have you actually read Bruce and Green's "Visual Perception" (or whatever the latest incarnation of that book is called, I haven't taught for years). Do you know anything, anything at all, about the controversy in perception research between the Gibsonian and cognitive/constructivist approaches? Do you have any idea how much of what passes as "psychology" in UFOlogical circles is actually half-baked pop-psychology and recycled psychoanalytic gobbledygook? Have you even heard of Bayesian analysis?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, I'm interested - we'll talk again.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:17:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:26:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:31:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 09:02:02 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>I should point out that if this were like the typical photo that  
>people send me showing some image of a presumed object that they  
>didn't see at the time, i.e., if there was no visual sighting  
>(other than when looking through the camera) I would put this  
>down to some sort of odd flare or light leak. At my web site you  
>can read the argument over the flare hypothesis between me and  
>others including Jeff Sainio during the investigation.

>Incidentally, the best URL to use is:

><http://brumac.8k.com/ORedSphere/OregonRedSphere.html>

Dr. Maccabee,

The camera taking the red orb was set on automatic exposure according to your article. The camera was set to find the best balance of light and dark to make what would be the best picture. The sun is shining on the camera lens. This is evident because on automatic exposure, the camera would open up its iris in darkness, to allow more light in, and would close down if the light was too intense. Since the lower foreground of the image is so dark that the front edge of the garden is not even visible, the camera was obviously reacting to a bright source of light by closing down the aperture. This is also evident in the depth of field in the photo. The aperture was obviously closed down sufficiently to allow broad depth of field. If the aperture was closed down, it is due to a very bright source of light and the camera could not have been in shade. In the photo, this source is obvious, since the center of the photo is of average exposure, and the upper left of the image is awash in sunlight. The orb is actually very much an overexposure, as it is the brightest area of the entire lower half of the image.

As for the dazzle argument, I am of course in no position to state what the man did or did not see. I certainly do not proclaim that he was mistaken. But based on this photograph alone, I would have to state that the evidence for lens flare is very convincing.

Notably absent from your analysis is the date and time of the photo. This would place the sun absolutely, and further point to an answer.

It would also be interesting to see if the man has tried to take more similar photos.

While you say that there is no evidence that the sun was shining on the lens, I would counter by saying that the lens flare is evidence. You for some reason dismiss the only other anomaly in the photo as a "distortion". I say it is a distortion also, of incident light...just like the larger flare which lies in perfect alignment with both the other distortion and the presumed sun location based on the house shadow in the photo.

Why do you dismiss the blue-green distortion while asserting an anomalous origin for the red one? Witness testimony alone? He didn't report seeing the other distortion. Does this mean it wasn't really there? Does this render the other distortion of no probative value?

I can go no further with this subject, as I am satisfied that the image is of a rather typical lens flare. The evidence in your article supports this, although you choose to interpret differently.

What the man saw in his yard I cannot say. What he photographed I can comfortably say is a lens flare exacerbated by auto exposure, bright sun, a closed iris diaphragm, and a backlit subject area. In the absence of the witness testimony, it is obvious. So we know what the camera saw. The question remaining is what did the witness see?

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Hopkins' Techniques - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:25:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:29:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Techniques - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 13:20:35 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Techniques [was: Magonia - The Truth Is There]

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 16:12:20 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>><snip>

>As far as I know, Bud doesn't really get new clients (and I'm  
>not sure that's the correct term) directly. They are referred to  
>him by other researchers, often after they've been contacted by  
>someone who is already claiming to have had some sort of  
>experience that led them to contact Abduction or UFO  
>researchers. I think it's highly unlikely that Bud (or Mack or  
>Jacobs) are likely to be the first to mention the concept of  
>alien abduction to those referred to them, which tends to  
>guarantee the direction that hypnosis sessions are likely to  
>take.

>Just a couple of thoughts.

Hi Steve,

Well said. Budd can only play the hand that's dealt to him.

If he's a fraud, I've seen no evidence of it.

Kyle

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 16:12:02 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:31:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 12:07:26 EDT  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 12:58:02 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>>From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952  
>>Incident

<snip>

>>Half a century ago, three Navy aviators saw something high above  
>>their Greenland base that baffled them.

>>It was August 1952. I was officer in charge of a detachment of  
>>three Navy patrol planes operating out of the new US air base at  
>>Thule, in northwest Greenland, some 80 miles from the North  
>>Pole. The primary mission assigned our four engine, World War II  
>>Privateers was "ice reconnaissance." That meant flying out over  
>>the Kennedy Channel, Smith Sound, Baffin Bay, and the Davis  
>>Strait and plotting the location of the pack ice and large  
>>bergs. That data was relayed to the ships that each summer re-  
>>supplied the chain of arctic radar stations known as the DEW  
>>(distant early warning) line.

>The DEW Line had not even been thought of yet in "August 1952"  
>and certainly did not even exist then nor had "each summer"  
>supply ships coming to it!

Brad and List,

The "DEW Line" per se did not exist in August 1952 but the Thule base, where this incident was supposed to take place, certainly did. According to the following website, it was secretly constructed in 1951 as part of the northern front line of defense against Soviet attack. In essence it was one of the first stations of the Dew Line before the Dew Line itself was created and given a name.

The confusion by the author 50 years after the fact is understandable. It strikes me as a minor detail that shouldn't be used to dismiss the overall account.

David Rudiak

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[http://www.whoj.edu/beaufortgyre/history/history\\_dew.html](http://www.whoj.edu/beaufortgyre/history/history_dew.html)

US Military Buildup of Thule and DEW Line (1950s-1960s)

With the advent of the Cold War, the US military began to look at the northern regions as the front line of defense against the USSR. During the war, the Allies had established weather

stations in Greenland and Canada, but now the US wanted an air base that could be used to intercept bomber attacks from northeast approaches to America, and as a refueling point for long range bombers potentially directed at the Soviet Union. Midway between Moscow and New York, Thule, Greenland was selected as the site...

The Thule Air Base was constructed in total secrecy by the US military under the code name 'Blue Jay' in 1951. An armada of 120 shipments, 12,000 men, and 300,000 tons of cargo arrived in North Star Bay in July 1951, and construction immediately began. Living on board the ships and working around the clock, most of the airfield and base were built in only 60 days. Buildings were constructed with refrigerator-like Clements panels, and propped on pilings to prevent melting into the permafrost. During its peak, it housed approximately 10,000 personnel. Now, less than 1,000 men and women are stationed there.

Besides supporting military objectives, Thule Air Base has also been used as the staging point for scientific ventures...

In addition to the Thule Air Base, the 1950s saw the establishment of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line of 63 radar and communication stations. Extending 3000 miles from Alaska to Baffin Island, roughly along the 69th parallel, the radar stations provided overlapping coverage for the detection of attack by bombers or missiles from the north. Construction began in December 1954 and work was completed in July 1957...

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 23:13:12 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:33:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Hall

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 08:48:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth Is There] - McGonagle

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 10:28:29 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>Don, are you saying that Hopkins was forced to conduct the  
>interview in this way by NOVA or are you saying that the clip  
>was shown out of context?

>If the latter, I would be interested to know what context would  
>justify this apparently unprofessional example of his technique?

Joe,

Please pay attention to my previous post about Budd's techniques. Also, know that the NOVA program was one of the most outrageous modern examples of false, biased, and distorted reporting. And, again, take another look at it because Budd did not do what you attribute to him.

- Dick

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:02:21 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:37:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:53:01 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:31:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>>From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952  
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>>Anyone with access to the Blue Book file could look to see  
>>if there is a file on it.

>>In 1977 I filed a FOIPA request with the Navy for any and all UFO  
>>reports in their files. I based my request upon a report found  
>>in the FBI file, a Navy report from Kodiak, Alaska in Feb 1950  
>>I think it was. I received a response that all the Navy could find  
>>was the photo analysis of the Tremonton and Gt. Falls Movies.  
>>(That analysis had been done in 1952 at the Navy  
>>Photo Interpretation Center... NPIC). Perhaps the Navy  
>>intentionally "lost" UFO reports?

>Several years ago when I tried to use FOIA to get UFO reports  
>from the Navy, I was constantly told they didn't have any.

>I sent them a copy of that TOP SECRET Report jointly written by  
>USAF and The Navy back in the 1940s. I was told it was  
>interesting, but they still didn't have any files.

>It reminds me of the FBI denying my request for my files ,  
>saying they had none. I did have a response from the CIA =E0=F8 saying  
>all they had was a negative name check request about me from the  
>FBI. There was a file number . I asked the FBI to review their  
>files again sending along the CIA item. They did and said they  
>found a file, but it was classified (I knew they had done my  
>security clearances years before). I asked for the security  
>classification and the size of the file. The FBI said they were  
>both classified.

>Reminds me of the CIA claiming they had no info about the 4  
>briefings about National Security given Ike by DCI W.B. Smith  
>after the election of Nov. 4, 1952, and before Jan. 9.1953. I  
>gave them the dates and times of 2. They could find nothing,  
>even on appeal. Lying is the easy way out even though the info  
>about the meetings came from a memo to President Truman from  
>Smith.

This all sounds familiar :)

In my best Don Adams aka Maxwell Smart voice impersonation I

would say, "The olld Semantics Acronym Compartmentalization Trick!"

Learned long ago not to ask the Navy, Army or any department about UFOs. They'd long ago switched, added, bypassed, jury rigged the titles to files and subjects. That's why I mentioned Ivan T. Sanderson's book earlier in this thread.

I believe they classified things like UAE - not United Arab Emirates but Unidentified Aquatic Event - or CSSV - Classified Sub Surface Vehicle - or some such nonsense like that. You could get 'Acronym Fever' digging through those files.

The Navy covers land, sea, air, space and who knows what else. They won't respond to extraterrestrial either. It's all about semantics. That's the big villain in this piece. Call it one thing in the press but classify it as another.

The U.S. Navy rules this planet and outer space. Don't let that slip by any of you for one iota.

Yes of course I know a secret, but if I post it here the enemy will know.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 19:10:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:39:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There - King

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:41:17 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>No, you've got it wrong. Logically, is for the believers to  
>provide the evidence.

Hi John,

Here is the crux of my difficulty in this debate...

On one hand I can only accept a very strong case for extra-terrestrial contact, and the largest stories are old enough that lots of noise has clouded the facts, pro and con. I remain at sea on the big-ticket ET stories.

On the other hand, I cannot simply dismiss out of hand the sheer volume of reports available on all continents, by all manner of people. I can dismiss a bunch, but not all.

What I am left with is a collection of small, very unusual occurrences for which a rational, logical, mundane, prosaic explanation is elusive.

This forces me to say that I am not convinced that aliens are visiting earth, but that I am also unable to state logically that it is not happening.

Logic tells me that we do not know all there is to know, and that our truths are revised daily as new information becomes available. I cannot therefore limit what can be known...that would be illogical. Logically, anything is possible and it is impossible to prove otherwise. It is he who says that something is impossible that has the burden of proof.

I agree that if someone states that 27 races of ETs are vying for control of earth's women, I'll burden him with providing evidence. There's a lot of that.

But I don't agree that the volume of unexplained reports is not evidence of something we don't understand. That leaves the door open logically to any answer, since it is unknown.

So when someone proposes an ET hypothesis to explain a report, and there is no available logical explanation, the burden shifts to the skeptic, to refute the hypothesis.

I too would be convinced if a disc crashed on the White House lawn. Until then, I'm content to watch and argue and keep an open mind... in my own unique idiom(sic).

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 19:07:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:42:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Lehmborg

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 08:53:06 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique [was: Magonia - The Truth Is There] - McGonagle

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 07:38:42 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>Pardon me for my stupidity, I am sure that you were making a  
>point somewhere in your post, but I was unable to recognise it.  
>Please can you put it into terms that are readily understood?

...Easier just to pardon you, Mr. McGonagle, as you requested.

You are so pardoned.

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## Re: SPI Business 22nd September 2004 - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 23:22:45 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:43:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: SPI Business 22nd September 2004 - Hall

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:04:36 +0100  
>Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

>From: Malcolm Robinson <[malckyspi.nul](mailto:malckyspi.nul)>  
>Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:58 PM  
>Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

>Hi All,

>Some current updates:

>SPI Lecture This Saturday

>Do remember that Brenda Butler is not now our guest speaker this  
>saturday, we have secured the service of two wonderful chaps,  
>Chris Robinson on his talent as someone who can predict the  
>future with ease !! And Dr Melvyn Willin on ghostly music,  
>spooky. So do please show your support to SPI once more this  
>Saturday.

>Friends Of SPI

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>forms will be available on Saturday, or why not download one  
>from our web site at [www.spiuk.net](http://www.spiuk.net) By becoming a Friend you are  
>entitled to a =A31:00 discount off every single SPI event no  
>matter what.

<snip>

>I am presenting a lecture on the infamous 'Fife UFO Case' at a  
>two day International UFO Conference in Lytham St Annes over the  
>weekend of 9th 10th October. Please see me at this Saturday's  
>lecture for more details. Sadly I can't stay for the Sunday at  
>Lytham as I have to make a quick dash to get back to London as I  
>am presenting a second lecture at the Wimbledon Spiritualist  
>Church, this time on ghosts and the paranormal (Sunday 10th  
>October 7:30pm)

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>2005 Guest Speakers

>I'm pleased to say that we are building up a fine team of  
>speakers for our 2005 London Lecture programme. Also pleased to  
>say that we will be giving you true value for money by ensuring  
>that each month you will have TWO yes TWO guest speakers instead  
>of the more often one speaker which we put on at the moment.

>In closing, this is my 60th day without a cigarette, so I'm  
>quite chuffed with that. Generally it's been OK, but there is  
>the odd day, but the will power is still there at the moment.

>OK hope to see you all Saturday. My best wishes to  
>you all.

>Malcolm Robinson

>Founder Strange Phenomena Investigations  
>25th Anniversary Year 1979-2004.  
>[www.spiuk.net](http://www.spiuk.net)

I'm not clear here about who is putting forth this garbage,  
Philip Mantle or Malcolm Robinson. But garbage it is.

- Dick

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## Re: Hopkins' Techniques - Sandow

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I've had a heavy workload, and haven't had time to see what's become of this thread. But today, I dipped my toe in, and this is what I find.

I'd said that two highly competent therapists had watched Budd work, and had approved what he'd done - while not accepting his conclusions.

This was in response to silly John Harney, who declared Budd and other abduction researchers completely unqualified to do what they do.

Note that I didn't say Budd was perfect, or that everything he did was right, either in my eyes, or the eyes of the two observers I mentioned. I only said that all the evidence seemed to suggest that professional therapists, who'd observed him in person, thought he was qualified to do what he does.

And now comes this gentleman, who watches Budd for a few moments on television, and is quite certain he knows that Budd can't be qualified!

There's no end, it seems, to human folly.

For the record, the show in question was NOVA, the famous science show on American public television - famous, anyway, in the US. And before jumping to conclusions about what's shown on the NOVA abduction episode, someone objective might want to ask how long Budd was shown with the child, whether the show talked at all about what Budd did in conversations with the child that weren't shown, what Budd's relationship was with the child's parents, and so on.

The brief moment on the show, with Budd and the child, isn't long enough to prove anything by itself. We'd need to know the full context of what's shown.

If someone's going to judge things by short little snippets on TV, I demand the same privilege in my work as a music critic. I'd love to go to five minutes of a symphony concert, leave, and then write a review. My life would be so much easier.

And suppose, even with fuller information, we don't like the way Budd works with children. Does that prove he's incompetent?

No way.

Do qualified professionals always agree with each other? Do they always approve every detail of each others' work?

Of course not.

I took serious issue with a couple of things Budd did when he worked on the Witnessed Case, but still I thought that, overall, he'd done very good work.

Greg Sandow

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## UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

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UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked  
The Iron Skeptic  
By Aaron Sakulich

If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the science and technology section of a newspaper. While on the one hand the details of "Ufology" don't belong in any reputable paper, a close look at the interaction between science and the investigation of UFO claims is very enlightening.

The first sightings of UFOs in America occurred around 1896. Hundreds of people from all across the country reported seeing objects that can be best described as "blimp-like." Long cigar-shaped dirigibles, some with wings or propellers, were reported hovering above every state in the union. This was before the experiments of the Wright brothers made air travel famous, and before the first practical heavier-than-air dirigibles, zeppelins or blimps had been made anywhere but Germany.

Scientists of the time, although racing to discover the secret of flight, did not pay much attention to this wave of sightings, and with good reason: Over time, a huge number of them proved to be hoaxes, misidentifications of regular phenomena, or ploys to increase tourism to certain small towns. There were even some silver-tongued gods of smooth-talking that managed to sucker thousands of dollars out of people with promises of rides in aircraft. With the exception of sociology, science really had no part in this wave.

What it did provide sociologists with was an example of mass hysteria. The prevailing feeling at the time was that some backwoods tinkerer would build a working aircraft in some remote shanty, and then unleash his invention on the world. This is, interestingly, what happened: two bicycle-makers from Ohio, Wilbur and Orville Wright, built the first functioning American airplane.

But as soon as this "lone inventor" theory was firmly implanted in the minds of the American populace, people began "seeing" UFOs and occasionally meeting their inventor, who took on the name Wilson over time. Wilson, like the Jersey Devil, never existed but is rather a unique slice of American mythology produced by overactive imaginations. The first wave of "modern" UFO sightings began in 1947 and would eventually involve scientists from every field. The first sighting was by a pilot who spotted a number of lights flying in V-formation over the Midwest. He reported it, the Air Force went to investigate, and the modern era of UFOs was launched.

The Air Force played a peculiar role in UFO investigations until the early 1970s. They were petrified that what people were reporting were actually Soviet weapons, so they investigated them with great zeal. As they investigated them, civilians such as Donald Keyhoe, an ex-marine major, began to take an interest. With increasing public interest, sightings increased until 1952 when the Pentagon was so swamped with UFO reports that military communications were disrupted. After the 1952 wave, the Air Force realized how dangerous UFOs were. Although they had no proof that they were Soviet superweapons, just the existence of the UFO problem could be used as a great propaganda tool by the Russians. Because of this, the Air Force classified all of their UFO investigations, set about trying to discredit the witness to such events, and explain away as much as they could. Their hopes were that interest in UFOs would die down and not give the Soviets any leverage over the imaginations of the American people.

The opposite happened. Donald Keyhoe founded the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP.) He believed that the Air Force was trying not to prevent mass hysteria that could be disruptive during times of an actual Soviet attack, but was trying to hide the fact that UFOs were spaceships from other planets. NICAP, which had as its first board of directors a very distinguished group including several army officers and a naval Admiral, began lobbying for Congressional hearings. The Air Force was afraid that hearings would make it look incompetent or stir up public interest and create another "wave" of sightings, and worked feverishly against them. Project Sign, the original UFO investigation by the Air Force, became Project Grudge, which became Project Blue Book, which was little more than a PR move by the Air Force to assure people it was investigating and downplay interest.

In the mid-fifties, "contactees" who claimed to have been contacted by the crews of alien spaceships began to appear. It is these people who turned investigations of UFOs into a circus of insanity, and I think it fairly obvious that each and every one of these people is suffering from a mental disorder of one sort or another. But even here, scientists have a chance to learn: A psychologist or sociologist could write a lifetime of free meal tickets studying the special brand of insanity or greed in these people.

It was during this period in the late 1950s and early 1960s that science turned against itself. Previous to the cults that popped up around the contactees, the prevailing theory in the scientific community was that UFOs were some sort of as of yet undocumented natural phenomena: strange and rare weather patterns, exotic optical tricks being played on the eyes of the unsuspecting, and so forth. Pretty much everyone agreed that the UFOs-as-alien-spaceships idea was hogwash.

When the cult of contactees appeared, scientists were disgusted, and rightly so, but in trying to distance themselves from these madmen, they completely abandoned a field of research and turned upon themselves. Ridicule against anyone even suspected of being interested in UFOs was just as destructive to life and reputation as being accused of being a communist by Senator McCarthy. When Dr. James McDonald testified to congress that use of the Supersonic transport (SST) would decrease the ozone layer and cause 10,000 new cases of skin cancer in the US each year, Senator Ted Kennedy attacked him for having shown an interest in UFOs. He was laughed out of Congress, despite the fact that his claims about the SST had scientific background, and a short time later, his career in shambles, he took his life.

The only person to come through this unscathed was J. Allen Hynek. A well-regarded astrophysicist, he had begun in 1947 to help the Air Force investigate UFO claims. He was such a cautious, methodical man that it took him 20 years to change opinions and declare that the Air Force really wasn't investigating things properly, and that room for serious scientific study existed. In the end, Hynek was right. UFOs are certainly not Soviet superweapons, as sightings have continued past the demise of Russian communism, not to mention that the Russians, for a time, thought the UFOs they were spotting were American superweapons. A large portion of UFO sightings are surely misidentification of aircraft or weather balloons, or the erroneous spotting of planets, stars, or other astronomic

phenomena.

A larger portion surely fall under the category of hallucinations, the products of diseased minds, and hoaxes. Nonetheless, there are still a large number of cases that go unsolved and uninvestigated. Scientists are squandering opportunities to explore the unexplained, possibly discovering new meteorological phenomena, new chemical or biological phenomena (once, even swamp gas was not understood) or, at the very least, a better understanding of the workings and depravities of the human mind.

No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists, and, as a whole, no group has ever neglected the duty of their chosen livelihoods more than scientists have in refusing to treat such matters with an impartial investigation.

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Ledger

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>>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how suggestive  
>>>this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an "alien",  
>>>then it is implied that it must look like one of a selection of  
>>>drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is what took  
>>>place on the video, say so and I shall look through my video  
>>>collection and try to identify which programme it was and  
>>>provide direct quotes from it.

>>>Do List members consider the above to be an example of "highly  
>>>professional" interviewing technique? I certainly don't!

>>That was a hatchet job done deliberately by NOVA. After hearing  
>>how the director and editors at NOVA spun the story to convey  
>>just what you are referring to, I lost much of my respect for  
>>that program and do not trust its opinion anymore. There are  
>>others that can describe much better than I what a sham that  
>>episode was.

>Don, are you saying that Hopkins was forced to conduct the  
interview in this way by NOVA or are you saying that the clip  
was shown out of context?

>If the latter, I would be interested to know what context would  
justify this apparently unprofessional example of his technique?

Hi Joe,

It was chopped up in post editing. You never have any  
control over what the director and editor will do during that  
phase of production. And you don't get to see the finished  
product, usually until it airs, and there is no changing it at  
that point.

What you saw on the screen, the 10-12 minutes or so, is just a  
fraction of the time that was shot. Probably a couple of hours  
or so, if not more. The crew could have shot 6 or 8 hours of  
video if my own experiences are an example. In Budd Hopkins' case  
they abbreviated a painstaking interview and tried to compress  
that into a few minutes. It was out of context.

It is a painstaking process to shoot a piece but the director

had a responsibility to try and present this in a manner that preserved the events as they took place, but chose instead to do a hatchet job and use the edit to ridicule the interview.

Best,

Don Ledger

[Readers might care to use the Google search facility at the UFO UpDates Archive, keying the word NOVA. The posts on this thread go back to 1997 --ebk]

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## 'Kidnapped By UFOs?' NOVA 1997 Transcript

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NOVA #2306T: Kidnapped by UFOs?  
REPACK

Broadcast Transcript  
PBS Airdate: April 1, 1997

ANNOUNCER: Tonight, on NOVA --

BUDD HOPKINS: Have you seen him?

CHILD: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: Where do you see him?

CHILD: Outside.

ANNOUNCER: Alien abductions.

ABDUCTION SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER: I'd be floated outside and then, in a beam of light, lifted up in to a ship.

ABDUCTION SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER: My legs were being spread apart.

ABDUCTION SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER: You can't breathe. You can't move.

BUDD HOPKINS: You're dealing with a phenomenon that has an absolute core of reality.

ANNOUNCER: But how real is it?

CARL SAGAN: Whether what's going on is in outer space or inner space, that's the question.

ANNOUNCER: "Kidnapped by UFOs?"

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JOE MORTON: In the early morning hours of September 19, 1961, Betty and Barney Hill were traveling a deserted New Hampshire highway, when an event occurred that would forever change the course of their lives.

BETTY HILL: It was a beautiful night. The moon was very bright, and we were calm and relaxed, and the radio was playing, when I saw the strange light in the sky. It came out over the highway and stopped directly in front of us.

JOE MORTON: What Betty thought she saw was a flying saucer.

BETTY HILL: And at this point, Barney got out with the binoculars in an attempt to identify the craft. And as he looked up, he could see a row of men standing in the windows, looking down at him. The craft began to descend, and he had the feeling they were trying to abduct him.

JOE MORTON: At first, Betty and Barney Hill recalled only shadowy fragments of what happened that night. But much later, under hypnosis, their memories came into sharper focus.

BARNEY HILL: The leader is telling me something. I can see it in his face.

JOE MORTON: These tapes were recorded during hypnosis with the late Barney Hill.

BARNEY HILL: Run! God, give me strength! I've got to get away! Oh! Oh!

JOE MORTON: According to the Hills' extraordinary tale, they were forced to board a flying saucer by creatures from outer space.

BETTY HILL: As far as we know, we are probably, at least in modern-day life, the first ones to have face-to-face contact with astronauts from another solar system.

JOE MORTON: Betty and Barney may have been the first, but are certainly not the last to report an alien abduction. Since that night on a lonely highway thirty years ago, thousands have come forward, charging that they, too, are the victims of UFO kidnapping. And a recent poll suggests that millions of Americans believe them, including author Budd Hopkins.

BUDD HOPKINS: In 1966, when the Betty and Barney Hill case became public, we found out that they're dealing with us. They're taking human beings and doing some kinds of tests. Practically all the major themes that have emerged later on in our investigations replicate elements that turned up in that very first case.

JOHN: They removed my eye completely. They allowed it to hang off on the right side of my face like this, and there's this probe that they had that came from the ceiling. And they inserted the probe just --

JOE MORTON: Budd Hopkins conducts support groups for people who believe they have been abducted. Here, they come together to share their stories.

JOHN: I was taken to some underwater facility. This thing is a huge dome, underwater dome. It's like a bubble. There's no girders, no beams, nothing holding this up. It's just this huge bubble. You could probably fit ten football fields into this thing.

JOE MORTON: Hopkins has devoted much of the last two decades to finding and writing books about cases of alien kidnapping.

BUDD HOPKINS: I would assume the high moment we talked about was when you were a little child.

SHERRY: Something other-worldly had happened to me. I mean, it was -- I was five years old, and I was lying in bed. And you know, it was nice and quiet, and then all of a sudden, what I remember is this incredible -- I can't think of any of the words to describe it except to say it was a light show. It was more like a laser show. I mean, it's just the most incredible

patterns and colors that -- I mean, I see them in my mind, but I have no words for them.

BUDD HOPKINS: You started to say how your thing, Sherry, when you were a kid, how you felt the outsider, different.

JOE MORTON: Although Budd Hopkins has no formal psychological training, he provides therapeutic services for dozens of so-called "abductees" each year. His New York loft, once exclusively a studio for his successful career as an artist, is increasingly overrun with calls, letters, and drawings from people describing their own strange encounters with creatures like these.

BUDD HOPKINS: These are very small, frail-looking figures. And all of the power or energy or force, or whatever they seem to have, really resides in the eyes. Because the body is something that has no tensile strength at all. But the eyes are very powerful and controlling.

DENISE: The most striking physical feature are the eyes, I think. They're frightening, they're black, almost liquidy. That's the first thing that I've noticed. And then, the skin's white. They look very frail to me, like you could hurt them if you were able to, but you're not able to.

BUDD HOPKINS: Essentially, what always happens -- virtually always happens -- the person is paralyzed. They cannot move. They can be in bed at night.

JOHN: I was taken from my bedroom one night. And I was being carried out of the house. And these beings have the ability to literally walk through walls, doors, solid objects.

BUDD HOPKINS: They are approached by small figures. This is the most terrifying moment in the whole experience for them.

DIANE: Seeing a figure standing at the foot of the bed, and then feeling like my skin was moving, as if in a G-force, back.

BUDD HOPKINS: They're usually lifted up through some kind of light beam. I know this sounds absolutely peculiar, but that's what you get, again and again and again.

PETER: I'd be floated outside, and then, in a beam of light, lifted up into a ship. And the most striking thing, or the things I remember the most, was what I'd consider the examination room, where the floor was like a jet black, like an obsidian black. And then it appeared to be kind of a stainless steel table, very cold, very metallic.

CARRIE: They probed me anally. They have stuck needles up my nose. They have stuck needles in my eyes. They have probed my ears.

JOHN: I remember being subjected to a procedure that involves taking semen, placed on an operating table, immobilized. I was induced to have an erection. Mind you, there are no sexual feelings or any passion connected with this. It's a very cold procedure.

CARRIE: I suddenly began to feel something moving inside of me, and then I felt this thing dropping out of me. And I reached down, and I had caught this thing in my hand. And it was this fetus of what would seem to be an alien baby, and it had come out of me.

BUDD HOPKINS: The basic goal seems to be an effort to create a hybrid species, a mix of alien and human genetic structures, or whatever one wants to call it. I know this sounds crazy, and there are all sorts of biological reasons why this seems either impossible or highly unlikely, and yet we get this again and again.

JOE MORTON: Most abductees initially describe their experiences as vague or dream-like recollections of a night-time presence.

JOHN: And they took me out of the house.

JOE MORTON: That is, until they undergo hypnosis.

BUDD HOPKINS: Feel my hand on your shoulder. You're with me. It's OK. Lie down. You're OK, John. Lie down. Close your eyes. Close your eyes. Lie down.

JOE MORTON: According to Bud Hopkins, hypnosis therapy is often needed to unlock alien-induced amnesia.

BUDD HOPKINS: Take a deep breath. You're here with me. What just happened?

JOHN: Someone came in the room.

BUDD HOPKINS: Uh huh.

JOE MORTON: John, a forty-six year old graphic artist, has undergone more than a dozen hours of this therapy.

BUDD HOPKINS: What's happening, John?

JOHN: He's doing something in my nose. I can't move. He's doing something in my nose, and I can't move. Oh!

BUDD HOPKINS: What is it?

JOHN: It's that recording thing, that tracking thing that they have to put in there.

BUDD HOPKINS: Uh huh. Did he tell you that's what it is?

JOE MORTON: John recalls aliens implanting a tracking device in his nose. But like other physical evidence, it is never recovered. Instead, the proof offered for abductions is the stories themselves.

BUDD HOPKINS: As the case material mounted up, and case after case after case replicated the cases before, and these were totally believable people from all walks of life. And even down to tiny details in their descriptions of what happened to them, these tiny details were replicated again and again. You have to feel you're dealing with a phenomenon that has an absolute core of reality about it.

DR. JOHN MACK: There are a number of psychological and psychiatric studies that have been done of these individuals, and none of them has shown any consistent personality pattern. None has shown any consistent psychopathology. A number of the people have been traumatized by their experiences, but that is as a result of the experiences.

JOE MORTON: Harvard University psychiatrist John Mack seems an unlikely proponent of alien abduction.

DR. JOHN MACK: I first got into this field, really without knowing I was getting into it. I had a psychologist colleague who asked me, did I want to meet Budd Hopkins, and I said, "Who's he?" This was the fall of 1989. And she explained that he was an artist in New York who took seriously the stories of people who reported being taken by alien beings into spacecraft. And my reaction to her was that he must be quite mad if he believes such stories, and he must be dealing with some contemporary sort of psychosis.

BUDD HOPKINS: So, he came to me, and I began showing him the material. One of the interesting things that I did was, I handed him twenty unopened letters that I had not looked at myself, had not read them, had not opened them, that I had received in this box of ongoing mail from people who obviously were writing in because they felt they'd had experiences. And I said, "John, you open these letters. You read them. You tell me, are these some -- Is this some sort of range of strange psychological problems or are these people describing a real experience?" And he called me the next day to say he was quite astonished by this.

DR. JOHN MACK: In case after case after case, I've been impressed with the consistency of the story, the sincerity with which people tell their stories, the power of the feelings connected with this, the self-doubt. All of appropriate responses that these people have.

JOE MORTON: When John Mack threw his reputation and the name of Harvard behind this strange phenomenon, abduction stories gained

credibility. This caused many scientists to sit up and take notice. Astronomer Carl Sagan.

CARL SAGAN: I personally have been captured by the notion of extraterrestrial life, and especially extraterrestrial intelligence, from childhood. It swept me up. And I've been involved in sending spacecraft to nearby planets to look for life, and in the radio search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

JOE MORTON: Carl Sagan has long scanned the cosmos searching for radio signals from extraterrestrial intelligence. So far, the search has been unsuccessful. But whether or not there is intelligent life somewhere, out there in the vastness of the universe, is a very different question from whether or not aliens have arrived on planet Earth.

CARL SAGAN: I'm frequently written to, saying how could I search for extraterrestrial intelligence and disbelieve that we're being visited? I don't see any contradiction at all. It's a wonderful prospect, but requires the most severe and rigorous standards of evidence.

JOE MORTON: Sagan and others charge that the stories from abductees are not sufficient proof, given a lack of physical evidence and the scientific implausibility. Physicist Paul Horowitz.

PAUL HOROWITZ: People think of us scientists as being grouchy old folks who insist on the right kind of evidence and probably have our minds all made up. If a rocket ship landed, if an alien saucer landed in my front yard tomorrow morning, I would be more delighted than anyone else around. And quite independent of the fact that I've said that they probably wouldn't do it, I would think it's terrific that they actually did. The whole problem of this business is that they haven't done it, that there's no credible evidence that they ever have. And most of us believe they never will.

DR. JOHN MACK: It's often said that I'm a believer, and sort of a gone -- lost my objectivity. And I really object to that, because this is not about believing anything. I didn't believe anything when I started, and I don't really believe anything now. I've come to what I've come to, clinically. In other words, I worked with people over hundreds and hundreds of hours, and have done as careful a job as I could to listen, to sift out, to consider alternative explanations. And none have come forward. No one has found an alternative explanation in a single abduction case.

JOE MORTON: But are there really no other explanations for the reports of alien abduction, as John Mack and Budd Hopkins insist? As Hopkins embarks on a brand new case, NOVA goes along to investigate whether or not there might more earthbound explanations for the stories of extraterrestrial encounters.

BUDD HOPKINS: I'm willing to just start absolutely ground zero or whatever, and just start an investigation, do the interviews that I would ordinarily do, so the process can be made available to other investigators, scientists, mental health people, or whatever. I have absolutely nothing to hide. I'm going to Florida in this particular case to look into it because it has so many really fascinating dimensions, especially the fact that there are two children involved.

JODY: I am a mother. I do not want to believe that my kids are being abducted. I'd rather believe that there's something wrong with my mind than to believe actually my kids are abducted.

JOE MORTON: Jody first began to fear for her son and daughter three years ago, after she read Hopkins' best-selling book, *Intruders*.

JODY: I was in the grocery store, and there was a pile of books on sale, and *Intruders* was one of them. So I figured, "Oh, why not? We'll take it home and read it." I could not believe how many similarities there were between the book and what happened in my life. And I always knew that something had happened, and that there was a presence in my room, and there were these little men. But I had no way of categorizing it until I read the book. Hi.

BUDD HOPKINS: Hi, there. How are you?

JODY: Fine. So nice to meet you.

BUDD HOPKINS: Well, nice to meet you.

JODY: I'm so glad you're here. Come on in. Hi, you guys want to come in and meet Mr. Hopkins?

BUDD HOPKINS: I'm curious what's the first time that you noticed something coming. I guess it would have been from Ryan.

JODY: I was out with the kids once in the car, and Ryan said, "You know, Mommy, I saw the shadows again last night."

JOE MORTON: Jody and her husband, Mike, tell Hopkins a tale of shadows, monsters, and their son's other night-time fears. Next, Hopkins turns his attention to the children.

BUDD HOPKINS: What I intend to do is to work with the children. And I will play with them and fool around. I don't want them to think that this is a big, scary game. I want to see what the children are saying and what we can learn, especially from the older boy.

JOE MORTON: Hopkins shows four year old Ryan familiar characters, like Santa Claus and Batman.

RYAN: A policeman.

BUDD HOPKINS: A policeman.

JOE MORTON: Among them is this drawing, of an alien.

BUDD HOPKINS: Ever seen anything like that before?

JOE MORTON: Hopkins next asks Ryan to make up a story about this picture.

BUDD HOPKINS: Then, what does he say?

RYAN: He comes upstairs and sees a person sleeping, with his eyes closed. And he walks them down the stairs.

BUDD HOPKINS: He walks them down the stairs? Uh huh? Why does he do that? That's a good story. Why does he do that?

RYAN: Then he usually brings them up, but he never stops. Then he makes them land. And then he woke up and he said, "Hey! What am I doing down here if I'm supposed to be up there? I bet someone took me!"

BUDD HOPKINS: He said something very interesting. I'll play this.

RYAN: I bet someone took me!"

BUDD HOPKINS: "I bet somebody took me." That's right. Saying something like that, putting the reaction to that particular picture in the light of somebody taking somebody down some stairs and up into something, and dropping them, and then saying, "Somebody took me," it may be a coincidence, of course. It may not mean anything, but also it may mean, if there is some abduction events going on in his life, that there's a kind of an unconscious memory coming through. It's hard to tell.

JOE MORTON: Hopkins also questions toddler, Paula.

PAULA: Yeah. Eyes.

BUDD HOPKINS: Have you ever seen him?

PAULA: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: Yeah? You've seen him?

PAULA: Where do you see him?

PAULA: Outside.

BUDD HOPKINS: Right now, what I want you to do is to feel

yourself relaxing even more deeply.

JOE MORTON: Encouraged by his investigation, Hopkins begins a lengthy hypnosis session with Jody, to probe her experiences more deeply.

BUDD HOPKINS: What are your feelings right now?

JODY: I'm just thinking, OK, I don't mind this. This is OK. As long as it doesn't go further. I --

BUDD HOPKINS: What are you afraid would happen if it went further? What would that mean?

JODY: I don't know. I'm feeling down one of their operations again or something.

BUDD HOPKINS: So moving up systematically to your female parts. Well, why do you think the thighs are clamped?

JODY: I hate to say this. I just feel like they want them open.

BUDD HOPKINS: Um hmm.

JODY: And so they're moved apart. I think I had an exam.

BUDD HOPKINS: Um hmm.

JODY: Oh!

BUDD HOPKINS: Just tell me what you feel. You're here with me. It's OK.

JODY: They really don't have the right.

BUDD HOPKINS: They don't have the right, do they?

JODY: No.

JOE MORTON: Jody's recollection of this alien sexual encounter ends her hour-long session.

JODY: Someone tried to hypnotize me just a couple times. And it didn't work. And I just felt I couldn't remember anything past a certain point. But I just -- He pushed. He pushed, and then I felt I remembered. But then, I fought it, because I didn't want it to be true.

BUDD HOPKINS: I think it's a very, very good case. One of the interesting things is, there are four different people in this family, different ages and different situations, each one talking about experiences which suggest abductions from very different points of view. The fact that they're a very together family is very important, because there's nothing that would suggest hysteria or plotting or lying, or any of those things.

JOE MORTON: To Budd Hopkins, this is compelling evidence. Children who pause at drawings of aliens, dreams of strange events that feel real, and images of traumatic sexual assault remember only under hypnosis. Now, Hopkins is about unearth more stories of midnight abduction.

BUDD HOPKINS: I'm going to go next door to one of the neighbors of the family I've been visiting, because I've found that there seem to be abduction experiences taking place in the life of the residents of this particular house. And as we often find, when we look into these cases, they're much more widespread. And we're going to go over and see -- I'm at least going to do an interview, and see what might surface. Because I suspect this is an abduction case, too.

JOE MORTON: How solid is the case Budd Hopkins has found here? If two families in a suburban neighborhood tell similar abduction tales, is the only possible interpretation that they are indeed being kidnapped by aliens? Or are there more prosaic, earthbound explanations for the stories, so sincerely recounted? Carl Sagan.

CARL SAGAN: Humans have a well-documented capacity for self-deception. There's something interesting going on here, no question. This is not trivial and not instantly dismissible. But

whether what's going on is in outer space or inner space, that's the question.

JOE MORTON: This is not the first time creatures from outer space have fed our inner fears.

RADIO ACTOR: Ladies and gentlemen, I have a grave announcement to make. Incredible as it may seem, those strange beings who landed in the Jersey farmlands tonight are the vanguard of an invading army from the planet Mars.

JOE MORTON: In 1938, with a world war looming, thousands confused a cleverly crafted radio drama with a real-life report of an advancing alien army. In the era of the cold war, even the government investigated sightings of unidentified flying objects. They explained away most as hoaxes, aircraft or celestial bodies. Still, many Americans remained suspicious and asked if UFOs were visiting our planet, who was flying them? Hollywood provided a fictitious answer.

ALIEN: We have come to visit you in peace, and with good will.

JOE MORTON: People avidly watched the skies, and some gathered to celebrate their alien encounters.

WOMAN: I have made telepathic contact for the past eight years with many space people from many areas of space, both inside and outside of this solar system.

JOE MORTON: In 1964, this cult hit featured an alien with telepathic powers, very much like those Barney and Betty Hill described just days after this broadcast.

BETTY HILL: Well, they had a gray tone to the skin, smaller nose, and thin slit for a mouth. They had larger eyes than ours.

JOE MORTON: And in the weeks following this television movie of the Hills' own story, many reported similar abductions. By 1977, tales of close encounters of the third kind captivated the nation. In this wildly successful film, big-headed creatures visited Earth to communicate with humans. In the year following its release, UFO encounter reports surged.

E.T.: I'll be right here.

JOE MORTON: When the most famous extraterrestrial of all time phoned home, E.T. earthling contact became a central theme of sci-fi mythology. And when Budd Hopkins' book, Intruders, was broadcast as a TV miniseries, abduction reports hit a new high.

ACTRESS MARE WINNINGHAM: She's mine.

JOE MORTON: Intruders told what has now become a familiar story, a story of humanoid beings with dark, telepathic eyes, of elaborate reproductive procedures, and of a new race of human-alien hybrids. For many, this creature from the blockbuster movie and book, Communion, has become the prototypical alien. Robert Baker.

ROBERT BAKER: Well, very few people in the country are not familiar with the face on the cover of Whitley Streiber's Communion. It's like an urban legend. Everybody has heard it. We've seen the science fiction movies. We've seen Close Encounters of the Third Kind. We've seen E.T. and all of these other movies. So, the result is it's part of our culture now, the idea of people going outside, looking up, seeing an alien spaceship, of being lifted up to that spaceship on a blue beam of light, and then being laid on a platform and examined. These are cultural themes.

JOE MORTON: Four years after the release of Communion, a member of Budd Hopkins' group made drawings of his experiences.

JOHN: This guy is about three feet, three and a half feet tall. There's the large black eyes, the pear-shaped head. And then these are the little guys. And these guys are blue. Their skin is very blue. Usually, it's the grays that are involved with us during the abduction experiences. These guys appear to be helpers. That wand he's holding is a human cattle prod. It's a very effective little toy at gaining your cooperation.

JOE MORTON: The script for abductions is widely known. But does it reflect the reality of peoples' experiences? Or does it fuel them?

CARL SAGAN: There's two stories. One is, we're being sexually abducted by beings from other worlds. And the other is that there is a pervasive common hallucination that at least thousands of humans share. Now, these are both disquieting possibilities, and neither alternative makes anybody happy. But, if you ask me now which is more likely, it is absolutely clear that people hallucinate. There's no question about that.

JOE MORTON: Could this tendency to hallucinate be a seed for tales of abduction? Before aliens, other midnight interlopers vanquished and raped. In medieval days, when goblins and demons invaded the popular mythology, it was they who stalked the night chambers of hapless victims.

ROBERT BAKER: During the Middle Ages, many people reported that they would go to sleep, and they would wake up in the middle of the night, and there would be a devil, a little devil or demon sitting on their chest. In many of the nunneries, the nuns would say that they were raped during the night by this evil demon that came and sat on their chest and raped them. And they would say, "That explains my pregnancy," and so on. These little devils were called incubus, or the incubi.

JOE MORTON: Like these ancient visitations, most contemporary abduction stories begin in the bedroom, late at night, in the twilight between wakefulness and sleep.

CHRIS: There is a spotlight shining in the room, with somebody walking towards me very quickly.

PETER: I woke up in the middle of the night, and there were two beings, one to the side of my bed and one to the foot of my bed. And I found myself trying to wake up my wife, trying to scream or make a noise, and I couldn't. And again, I felt myself paralyzed.

JOHN: Panic set in. And it's so intense that it takes your breath away. You can't breathe. You can't move.

CARRIE: I laid there, and after I had opened my eyes to look at the clock radio, my legs were being spread apart and when that began to happen, it became much more frightening. I was just like, "Oh, God."

CHRIS: As I fall into a sleep -- a sleep I call it, but it's a shift in consciousness -- I feel a weight start on the legs and move on up to the chest area.

ROBERT BAKER: One of the most fascinating aspects of this young man who was talking about his alien abduction, he described having partial paralysis, not being able to move, having all kinds of strange sensations, and hearing clocks ticking, and the same things like this. And all of these are classic examples of what the symptoms that go along with hypnogogia and hypnopompic dreams and sleep paralysis.

JOE MORTON: For millions of people, paralysis and hypnogogic hallucinations, frightening and vivid dreams just before sleep, are common experiences, and usually benign. Unless they are misinterpreted.

ROBERT BAKER: Unfortunately, there are therapists like Mack and like Budd Hopkins, and they are offering a haven for the people that claim they were abducted by aliens, because they are telling them, "You were a victim, and I'm here to help you." And the only problem with that is that people getting that kind of therapeutic help are not being really helped. They are not being told that it was all a dream, and that it was all imaginary, and it will probably never happen again. They're only left vulnerable to the possibility of an additional abduction, rape, and so on. This is not doing them, therapeutically, any good.

JOE MORTON: In a Canadian laboratory, neuroscientist Michael Persinger searches for other factors that might make certain people susceptible to abduction stories.

MICHAEL PERSINGER: These are the individuals who are more

creative. They are individuals who have a problem with thinking that somehow they're different, or something unusual has occurred to them. They are usually the musicians, the writers, the journalists, the creative individual, the creative scientists. And fundamentally, they're normal, except they have an unusual creativity that also means suggestibility.

JOE MORTON: In this experiment, a volunteer is blindfolded. Sensory deprivation enhances suggestibility.

RESEARCHER: Comfortable? Feels OK?

VOLUNTEER: Yes.

RESEARCHER: OK. We're going to start, then.

JOE MORTON: Next, a complicated pattern of electromagnetic waves bombard the brain's temporal lobes, causing a sense of movement, motion, and presence.

MICHAEL PERSINGER: The temporal lobes are showing increased patterns which are typical of apprehension or fear.

VOLUNTEER: I'm feeling a sensation of going counter-clockwise. A light, or feeling on the left side. The feeling that I felt was that I was moving to my left.

MICHAEL PERSINGER: A feeling? Can you describe that feeling?

VOLUNTEER: A feeling. It was a heaviness that was pulling me towards my left side. And it was controlling me.

MICHAEL PERSINGER: OK. The relationship between these experiences and some types of alien abductions is that a similar portion of the brain is involved. We know that the person feels vibrations. They feel leaving their body. They may feel a sense of presence. They may feel visual sensations and tremendous meaningfulness, and sometimes fear.

JOE MORTON: Persinger believes that these sensations can occur spontaneously in some people, and can be mistaken for an alien presence if the context is right.

MICHAEL PERSINGER: One thing we did some years ago, and it shows how powerful subtle context is, was we would put normal people into a chamber, deprive them of sensory information except for a cross in the upper left-hand corner, and a few sequences from Gregorian chants. Then, we would listen to free narratives. And the themes of these narratives were primarily religious. By just changing the cross to a picture of the Earth and playing a few bars from the Close Encounters of the Third Kind movie, suddenly the themes changed to spaceships and alien encounters. We have looked at individuals who have claimed abduction experiences. It's actually a tremendous spectrum of experiences that take place. What makes the experiences often very rigid and formulated is when they go to a particular therapist who has a particular idea of what the alien is.

JOHN: Jesus Christ.

JOE MORTON: But the neurological and cultural explanations for abduction stories do not satisfy Budd Hopkins.

JOHN: I've got to get out of here.

BUDD HOPKINS: One of the issues about, of course, hypnogogic states and these other theories is that they're usually not accompanied by an enormous amount of emotion. The issue about these abduction experiences is, of course, immediately the enormously powerful and appropriate emotions that go with the experiences as they're recalled.

JOHN: I don't want to see these things.

JOE MORTON: Hallucinations and dreams can engender real emotions, and critics say that hypnosis and therapeutic suggestion can transform these emotions into traumatic abduction memories. After five hypnosis sessions, John recalls seeing his son, James, naked on an alien operating table.

BUDD HOPKINS: What's he look like? Does he look like a little

boy? A young boy?

JOHN: He's asleep, but he's got no clothes. What is he doing to him?

BUDD HOPKINS: You're sure it was, or you just think?

JOHN: It was James.

BUDD HOPKINS: It was James.

JOE MORTON: Psychologist Elizabeth Loftus.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: If you convince someone falsely that they were victims, or that they had some horrible experience, and they now believe in this false experience, they can feel very emotional about it.

JOHN: It's my boy!

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: And they may cry. They may scream. They may tremble. They may feel terrible. But it's feeling terrible about a false memory that they've now adopted for themselves.

JOE MORTON: To investigate just how malleable and unreliable memory can be, Loftus conducted a well-known experiment, "Lost in the Shopping Mall." She and her researchers attempted to implant a memory of a traumatic event that never took place.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: The latest work that I've been doing involves trying to get people to believe and remember that when they were children, they were lost in a shopping mall. They were lost for an extended period of time, that they were frightened. They were crying. And they were ultimately rescued by an elderly person and then brought back together with their family.

RESEARCHER: You actually were lost from your parents for a little while.

JOE MORTON: As her family confirmed, the subject was not lost. But the researcher plants the suggestion and prompts her to remember the scene.

RESEARCHER: Do you remember an older woman might have taken you to security?

RESEARCH SUBJECT: Unh-unh.

RESEARCHER: OK. Do you ever remember hearing your name on the P.A. system?

RESEARCH SUBJECT: Yeah. I do remember that.

RESEARCHER: Could it have been this time when you were five?

RESEARCH SUBJECT: It could have been. It could have been.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: Once a memory has been implanted through suggestion, it can seem very, very real to the person. A person can elaborate on it, describe it in greater detail, feel it and experience with a lot of confidence, even though it's false. In our shopping mall paradigm, we've gotten people to remember all kinds of details about the elderly person who supposedly rescued them.

RESEARCHER: There was an elderly lady who came up to you and asked you your name. Do you remember anything about her?

RESEARCH SUBJECT: I almost remember her like, wearing a long skirt and a sweater.

JOE MORTON: One week later, the subject has constructed a detailed memory of an event that never took place.

RESEARCHER: Do you remember her asking you? The sound of her voice?

RESEARCH SUBJECT: I do remember her asking me if I was lost, and then asking my name, and then saying something about taking me to security.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: Through suggestion, we're finding that maybe as many as a quarter of our subjects will develop a complete or a partial memory of this experience that never really happened to them.

ROBERT BAKER: Now, you're on a train, taking a trip back in time. We're going slowly down through the years.

JOE MORTON: According to psychologist Robert Baker, hypnosis enhances this natural suggestibility.

ROBERT BAKER: Hypnosis is nothing except the turning on of the human imagination, and that can be turned on best by having someone relaxed, get the mental relaxed state, and then provide them with suggestions. If the person getting them to relax is a respected, charismatic figure, somebody that is looked up to, then the person will more than likely comply with a request made by the so-called hypnotist. Concentrate on those muscles and let them go soft and loose and limp, just like a knife going through hot butter. If the hypnotist says, "Go back in the past and remember when you were a soldier in the Civil War," the individual being hypnotized will make a maximum effort to do exactly that with his memory. He will rake his memory to see if he can remember having read The Red Badge of Courage or some other Civil War novel. And then he will identify with that character that is suggested to him, and he will do his damndest to create a credible, believable story.

JOE MORTON: To demonstrate his point, Baker takes his subject backwards in time.

ROBERT BAKER: You're not in the United States, North America anymore. You're somewhere else. I want you to open your eyes, look around, and tell me where you are.

KAREN: I seem to be involved with a team of horses that are going much too fast. I was kind of enjoying riding so quickly, but I can see the horses' manes sort of flying back.

ROBERT BAKER: Are you controlling them now?

KAREN: Yeah, I think so.

ROBERT BAKER: Where was this happening?

KAREN: I don't know.

ROBERT BAKER: I want you to focus on it, what's going on.

JOE MORTON: After this session, Baker will debrief his subject, but for now, she imagines she is back in the days of the Roman Empire.

ROBERT BAKER: Are you small, a very small little girl, or a big person, grown up?

KAREN: No, I was a man. A young man.

ROBERT BAKER: A young man? What was that young man's name? What's your name?

KAREN: It ends in I-U-S. It seems sort of Latinate, like Aurelius or something I-U-S.

ROBERT BAKER: What kind of clothes were you wearing?

KAREN: A short, leather, sort of tunic-y -- I seem to have long, high boots, laced up.

BUDD HOPKINS: What are your feelings right now?

JODY: I just know that they're there. I don't even know if I see them that well.

JOE MORTON: Psychologist Loftus sees the power of suggestion at work in Budd Hopkins' hypnosis sessions.

BUDD HOPKINS: Let's go back to the very first moment. I want you to tell me just how your body feels. Your body has its own memories. And they're almost separate from the memories of your mind. The body remembers how it feels.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: One of these obvious things is that he's pressing her for more details. He's pressing her with "You can remember more," and "Your body remembers, you can remember more." And it's an encouragement to elaborate, to imagine. Later on, he's going to help her interpret these mental products as if they are actual experiences.

BUDD HOPKINS: So you sit on this thing, and there are three around you, you say? Then what happens?

JODY: Oh, I don't know why this is coming to me, but they have to take off my shirt.

BUDD HOPKINS: Um hmm. They take off your shirt. Let's just go right through this. Your body remembers an experience.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: There's a belief out there that memories get stored in our body. But even if the mind doesn't remember, that the body somehow does. And the expression body memories is bandied about quite a bit. But in actuality, there is no good scientific support for the idea that our bodies are remembering things that our mind does not remember.

JODY: And that's all I can remember.

BUDD HOPKINS: No, you can remember more. You can remember more. The ones you like and the good guys, let's put over here. And the ones you don't like, you put over here.

JOE MORTON: Loftus identifies subtle but powerful suggestive cues in Hopkins' interactions with Jody's children.

BUDD HOPKINS: That man's a bad guy?

RYAN: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: OK.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: When I watched Budd Hopkins do the tests with the four year old boy, it was amazing to me, because you could sort of see a UFO abduction memory in the making.

BUDD HOPKINS: I want you to tell me why they're bad.

RYAN: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: How about him? Why is he bad?

RYAN: Because he doesn't really know anybody.

BUDD HOPKINS: He doesn't know anybody?

RYAN: Yeah. That's why he's so bad.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: It was a step-by-step process where he started with "Do you recognize this? Now let's put it in the good pile or the bad pile," "What is it that this creature did that made you put it in the bad pile?"

BUDD HOPKINS: Is he a big, tall guy? Is he this big? Is he way up there? How big is he?

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: So, there is a generation of ideas, and a generation of a story, and you could just see it. It's the first few steps down that royal road to the creation of a false memory of being abducted.

BUDD HOPKINS: You see him where?

PAULA: Outside.

BUDD HOPKINS: Outside? Uh huh.

PAULA: Yeah. At the pool.

BUDD HOPKINS: Um hmm. At the pool?

PAULA: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: Uh huh. Is he a nice guy or a bad guy?

PAULA: Bad guy.

BUDD HOPKINS: Do you like him?

PAULA: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: You do? You said he was a bad guy.

PAULA: Yeah.

BUDD HOPKINS: Do you like bad guys?

PAULA: Yeah.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS: It seems to me that if you do this to a child, particularly a young child, and that child is living with this belief, and we don't know what the consequences of those beliefs and those memories are going to be for that child, it seems risky. It seems risky.

BUDD HOPKINS: Does it seem to you that your hesitations in that area may be connected with UFO experiences?

DENISE: Without a doubt.

BUDD HOPKINS: Without a doubt?

DENISE: Without a doubt.

JOE MORTON: Could suggestive influence also be at work in Budd Hopkins' support groups? Social psychologist Richard Ofshe considers this a likely environment for the creation of false beliefs.

RICHARD OFSHE: Well, what I saw on that tape was someone, first taking on the role of an authority figure and therapist.

BUDD HOPKINS: Let's say -- Let's just take the issue of relationships with other people. I mean, everybody in the world has relationship problems.

JOHN: Up until I was about eighteen years old, I was almost asexual.

RICHARD OFSHE: Next, people are revealing things about themselves that they clearly find embarrassing, defects in their lives, and he's helping them explain these things away as the product of the aliens coming to see them.

BUDD HOPKINS: The worst was the implantations.

CARRIE: Um hmm. That was the implantations. That was the most degrading experience.

BUDD HOPKINS: Based on -- degrading. Yeah.

CARRIE: Yeah.

DENISE: I don't remember, you know, that stuff with the implants, the fetal implants, or them taking something away. And like I told you before, I think that's my own defenses, because I don't know if I'd be able to really handle that very well.

RICHARD OFSHE: I thought it was interesting, the way in which the woman who commented about how she didn't quite have the memories that somebody else had, because they must be blocked. Well, it makes it very clear where that's going. The person who has imagined it thinks that what they've done is access a memory. So they accept that image as a memory. They now genuinely believe it's real. And when they offer it to the group and are rewarded for having found what was expected, it all makes sense.

JOE MORTON: Like Hopkins, John Mack leads regular support groups. One former member has come forward with an insider's view of the making of an alien abduction. When Donna Bassett heard about the Harvard professor, she says she decided to infiltrate Mack's organization. Bassett sent him a letter describing a family history of abductions. Mack agreed to meet, and beforehand, sent a package of articles, which gave Bassett the impression he believed her story.

DONNA BASSETT: He actually sent me material in advance of the first meeting, to review. So he had already made up his mind that I was an abductee, based on a letter without any prior contact. These documents went into such detail about what was expected of an abductee, including sound effects, body movement, descriptions. And you know, had I -- It was impossible not to be prepared for the meeting.

JOE MORTON: They met at a Cambridge Hotel. Later, at Mack's house, he taped three hypnosis sessions which Bassetts claims she faked. Her husband and Mack's assistant were present.

DONNA BASSETT: Oh!

DR. JOHN MACK: That's it. Just be calm. Just -- You're fine. You're doing just great.

DONNA BASSETT: Here you are in a bedroom, with this strange man looming over you, and the darkness, and it makes you uncomfortable, especially since the technique he's using makes you very aware of your own body.

DR. JOHN MACK: Your body is very sensitive.

DONNA BASSETT: Yes.

DR. JOHN MACK: What is the worst part of the treatment?

DONNA BASSETT: This cold thing.

DR. JOHN MACK: The cold thing? Where do they put it?

DONNA BASSETT: Inside of me.

DR. JOHN MACK: Where? In your belly? In your vagina? Where?

DONNA BASSETT: Yes.

JOE MORTON: To appeal to peace activist Mack, Bassett says she cooked up a story of aliens trying to save our planet by bringing together long-time political adversaries.

DONNA BASSETT: It had been the anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis. I got to the point where I was saying there was this bald man in the space ship.

DR. JOHN MACK: Can you say anything more about this bald man? Try and remember. Go inside and tell me what you can. How old was he, maybe?

DONNA BASSETT: He kept saying, "Well, what language is he speaking?"

DR. JOHN MACK: Try to tell me who he looks like from Donna.

DONNA BASSETT: He looks like that guy with the shoe at the U.N.

DR. JOHN MACK: Um hmm. Right, right.

DONNA BASSETT: That's what he looks like.

DR. JOHN MACK: OK.

DONNA BASSETT: He looks like Khrushchev. That can't be. That can't be.

DR. JOHN MACK: Was he Khrushchev?

DONNA BASSETT: I can't -- It's stupid.

DR. JOHN MACK: Drop Donna's thirty-five year old critical mind for a moment. Did he look like Khrushchev?

DONNA BASSETT: Yes.

DR. JOHN MACK: OK. Was there anyone else?

DONNA BASSETT: There are other people there.

DR. JOHN MACK: Anyone else with responsibility like Khrushchev

there?

DONNA BASSETT: Yes. And he was ecstatic. He was like this just made his whole millennium.

DR. JOHN MACK: Don't worry about how foolish or crazy or impossible it seems. Just notice. Who's there?

DONNA BASSETT: She's got -- You're happy, you're not arguing?

DR. JOHN MACK: And who's the other one? What's the other one's name?

DONNA BASSETT: What's the other one? It's Kennedy. It can't be Kennedy.

DR. JOHN MACK: Do you see him?

DONNA BASSETT: Yes.

JOE MORTON: Even after the session, Mack pressed for details.

DR. JOHN MACK: And I'd like to know more of who they were. Was McNamara -- Did you see him?

DONNA BASSETT: McNamara, yes. And Rusk. I thought Rusk was also there.

DR. JOHN MACK: Well, we certainly needed some kind of intervention in 1962.

DONNA BASSETT: There was no skepticism. He would believe the most far-fetched things. Or at least, he seemed to. The only time he got critical was when I tried to find alternate explanations for some of these experiences myself.

JOE MORTON: After a year with Mack's group, Bassett gave her story, unpaid, to Time Magazine.

DR. JOHN MACK: I don't know what really is motivating Donna Bassett. She's in contrast to virtually everyone else I've worked with. She set out to make a name for herself as my nemesis and attacker and critic, and was able to get a damaging story into Time Magazine. I don't know. I mean, for me -- I mean, I worked with Donna in good faith and she claims she was all a hoax. And people I know in the experienced community think that she did not hoax, that she's an experimenter who never came to terms with her experience.

RICHARD OFSHE: The ease with which Mack accepts either deliberate, misleading, or hypnotic fantasies as real is very frightening for someone who's in a position of authority, for someone who's in a position of telling people this stuff is real. There's nothing tentative about that.

DR. JOHN MACK: We're dealing with a phenomenon which violates our sense of reality, and which operates in this gray area between the physical world and the subjective or mythic or other-realm world. We're being asked to prove this by the methods of the physical sciences alone. But those methods, in my view, will not yield the -- This will not yield its secrets.

JOE MORTON: In 1994, concerned by mounting scientific criticism of John Mack and his research, Harvard University launched a lengthy internal review. In the end, with academic freedom at issue, the university took no adverse action. Today, John Mack, Budd Hopkins, and dozens more therapists around the country conduct abductee support groups and protracted hypnosis sessions. Hopkins is also at work on a new book, another installment in the popular culture of UFO kidnapping, perhaps paving the way for more and more people to come forward, as Betty and Barney Hill did in the 1960's, with their own shadowy memories of alien intruders. For many prefer these fantastical stories to the more prosaic explanations offered by science.

CARL SAGAN: As a scientist, what worries me the most is the absence of skeptical thinking, not just on the so-called abductees, but on the part of the therapists. Because I believe that the method of science is tried and true. It is not perfect. It's just the best we have. And to abandon it, with its skeptical protocols, is the pathway to a dark age.

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Chace

From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 03:27:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 08:49:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Chace

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 16:12:20 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:35:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia - The Truth Is There

<snip>

>>In the programme, he was interviewing a young child, no  
>>more than seven years old. He asked the child "which one of  
>>these did the alien look like?" and proceeded to show him a  
>>series of drawings of aliens.

>>Now, I am no Psychologist, but even I can see how  
>>suggestive this is - first of all, the entity is confirmed as an  
>>"alien", then it is implied that it must look like one of a  
>>selection of drawings of aliens. If anyone doubts that this is  
>>what took place on the video, say so and I shall look  
>>through my video collection and try to identify which  
>>programme it was and provide direct quotes from it.

<snip>

>I doubt seriously that is what you saw, and suspect your  
>memory is playing tricks on you. Having sat in on quite a few  
>of Budd's hypnosis sessions, I have never seen him do any  
>leading questioning at all. He would never ask `which one the  
>alien looked like.' Furthermore, I am aware of the images test  
>he gives at times. It contains an array of images such as  
>clowns, other familiar types of people, and one (as I recall)  
>outline-style alien face. I have seen him use this. The alien  
>face is one of something like 10-12 images.

I have to second what Dick Hall says. In the Nova program I seem  
to recall Budd used the image test described above. I am not  
aware of him ever using a test with a series of drawings of  
aliens.

Joe, I think it is likely that you have mis-remembered what the  
program showed.

However, it would be helpful if you can find the recording and  
provide direct quotes. Then we can resolve the issue of what was  
said and the question will be reduced to one of context.  
Specifically what was Hopkins trying to achieve with this test  
or this question he asked the child?

David W. Chace

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:38:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 08:56:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 16:12:02 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 12:07:26 EDT  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 12:58:02 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>>>From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952  
>>>Incident

><snip>

>>>Half a century ago, three Navy aviators saw something high above  
>>>their Greenland base that baffled them.

<snip>

>The confusion by the author 50 years after the fact is  
>understandable. It strikes me as a minor detail that shouldn't  
>be used to dismiss the overall account.

Though, this convenient "item fixation" is the debate's stock in trade. In the Army we called it pole-vaulting over tic-turds to avoid a dangerous mission. I think the concept applies just as well here.

This is the tactic of an opposition without honor. This is the mechanism of the easily duplicitous and the device of the irrelevant authoritarian. It is evidence of a dodgy cant, an illustration of axe-grinding bias, and at the core of their shallowly conjectured views, assumptive arguments, and outmoded positions. Moreover, we, their honorable opposition, would be called foul immediately if we employed a similar mechanism. Indeed, there has been a significant amount of petulant whining as their positions become exposed... their fallacies identified, and their obfuscations pointed out.

Increasingly, it becomes apparent that their program only works for people who are not paying attention. Even casual attention is enough to have their whole CSICOPian Empire accelerate the rot from within and without, their towers begin to crumble to the ground... their narrow-focus tyranny erodes as we watch. The authoritarian, of needs, must give way to the authoritative. Too many credible people, excluding myself of course, are beginning to watch.

In as much as the "unjust locker rapture" of this "item fixation" is the faux-sceptics weapon of choice, it follows we be a little more vociferous and even strident pointing it out, I think. If we don't, their even defeated arguments are raised again on the

clasp of the next attention span cycle and recycled as truth for masses of individual persons otherwise distracted by holding their lives together.

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## Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked? -

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 14:41:48 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 06:57:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked? -

>From: Terry Groff <[Terry.nul](mailto:Terry.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:40:25 -0500  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

><http://www.thetriangle.org/news/2004/09/23/SciTech/Ufo-science.Investigations.Debunked-729532.shtml>  
>By Aaron Sakulich

>If you're anything like I am, you would probably be  
>verwhelmed with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about  
>UFOs in the science and technology section of a newspaper.

<snip>

>The first sightings of UFOs in America occurred around 1896.  
>Hundreds of people from all across the country reported seeing  
>objects that can be best described as "blimp-like."

<snip>

>No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists,

Hello List,

Aaron's evident desire to earn points as a "hard-headed"  
scientist is marred by a partiality for selective and erroneous  
data.

First American UFO report I'd heard of was of 400+ classical  
discs photographed by astronomers in 1883. A generation or two  
\_before\_ any fashion or fad for 'flying saucers'. [Discount  
pelicans, the two astronomers were intending to study Sun's  
corona - anything within Earth's atmosphere would presumably  
have been so much in-front-of-focus as to be invisible]

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

BTW have asked this before - how come 'scientists' can make wild  
and erroneous statements and still be commended, but any "non-  
acceptable" report is subject to hair-splitting and nit-picking  
a priori exclusion?

Cheers

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 10:38:35 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:00:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked - Boone

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:40:25 -0500  
>Subject: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

>Source: The Triangle - A Student Newspaper at  
> Drexel University Philadelphia

><http://www.thetriangle.org/news/2004/09/23/SciTech/Ufo->science.Investigations.Debunked-729532.shtml>

>09-23-04

>UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked  
>The Iron Skeptic  
>By Aaron Sakulich

>If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed  
>with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the  
>science and technology section of a newspaper. While on the one  
>hand the details of "Ufology" don't belong in any reputable  
>paper, a close look at the interaction between science and the  
>investigation of UFO claims is very enlightening.

<snip>

>In the mid-fifties, "contactees" who claimed to have been  
>contacted by the crews of alien spaceships began to appear. It  
>is these people who turned investigations of UFOs into a circus  
>of insanity, and I think it fairly obvious that each and every  
>one of these people is suffering from a mental disorder of one  
>sort or another. But even here, scientists have a chance to  
>learn: A psychologist or sociologist could write a lifetime of  
>free meal tickets studying the special brand of insanity or  
>greed in these people.

<snip>

>No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists,  
>and, as a whole, no group has ever neglected the duty of their  
>chosen livelihoods more than scientists have in refusing to  
>treat such matters with an impartial investigation.

Okay, now I'm scared. This is what they're teaching kids to do in college? Toss around generalizations like frisbees?

It used to turn my stomach when the 'skeptic/debunkers' would toss around the "You don't agree with me because I use critical thought" bs. No snot sherlock!

This kid covered some good ground but was it just me who notes an air and flair for the 'condescending'? Especially from someone who is still wet behind the ears? Not to say young people can't contribute greatly to the sciences but the focus on generalizing abductees is so far from scientific it defeats the purpose of his espousing 'impartial investigation'.

With that kind of attitude he'll have a great career in politics or in government contracting.

Reminds me of how the CIA would try to recruit us in College. They would avoid all the black and hispanic kids and somehow some way find the most chemically dependent, fascist knuckleheads on campus.

That was several years before Iran-Contra. It was funny watching their selectees years later at drug rehab facilities.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 10:55:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:04:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 06:33:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 18:32:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>I dug around in my collection of lens flare examples and put a  
>few that may interest you in my photo gallery. Lens flares come  
>in so many beautiful shapes, sizes and colors.

><http://a-realitycheck.com/v-web/gallery/Examples-Of-Lens-Flare>

>Click on the "slideshow" selection in the upper right hand  
>corner for easier viewing.

Very nice. Including the photo with several reddish flares/  
reflections.

I note that in each case we know that the sun is shining on the  
lens because the sun is actually in the picture. I wonder if  
"the witness" would claim seeing an object or a glow after  
removing the eye from the camera... a dazzle spot or whatever.

I could magine a person being temporarily dazzled if the sun  
appears in the picture and the viewing system is optical, but  
not if the scene is viewed on a screen as with the digital  
cameras.

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## Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar Announcement - October 9

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <[ifinfo1.nul](mailto:ifinfo1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 17:03:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:07:03 -0400  
Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar Announcement - October 9

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

Saturday, October 9, 2004

SETI versus UFology: An Illustrated Lecture by Stanton T. Friedman

On Saturday, October 9, the Intruders Foundation presents its opening seminar of the 2004-2005 season at the new ARE Center on West 30th St. It will feature a presentation by author, nuclear physicist, and prominent UFO researcher, Stanton Friedman.

Stan Friedman, a resident of Canada, is internationally known as "The Flying Saucer Physicist." He received his BS and MS degrees in physics from the University of Chicago in 1955 and 1956, and for over 14 years worked on the development of a wide variety of classified advanced nuclear and space systems for companies such as GE, GM, Westinghouse, McDonnell Douglas, and Aerojet General. He has lectured internationally on his UFO research since the 1960s, and in the mid-1970s began an extensive civilian investigation of the crashed flying saucers near Roswell, NM in 1947, a fascinating project that is still in process. Stanton has authored and co-authored books on Majestic 12 and Roswell, respectively, and has spoken at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups throughout the world. He has also appeared on hundreds of TV and radio programs and helped produce numerous UFO documentaries.

Concerning the topic of the upcoming seminar, Mr. Friedman comments,

"Although SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) has been getting a free ride from the popular press and the scientific community, a closer examination of its assumptions (there is no evidence to examine) clearly indicates it is basically a cult movement with the acronym really standing for Silly Effort To Investigate. UFology traditionally gets a very hard time from the press and the scientific community, but, in contrast with SETI, has facts and data that lead directly to the conclusion that some UFOs are alien spacecraft and that there is a Cosmic Watergate. It is useful to note the contrasting underlying assumptions of SETI and ufology. Unfortunately, it appears that SETI proponents are totally unwilling to review the UFO evidence and are suffering from the Crown of Creation Syndrome. Our current methods of long distance communication and travel seem to them to be in the forefront of those of all life in the galaxy despite the fact that we have only had advanced flight, electronics, and nuclear technologies for roughly a century and that there are sun-like stars just down the street which are a billion years older than the sun. It is time to realize that the emperors of SETI have no clothes."

The Intruders Foundation is honored to have Stan back with us in what promises to be a fascinating and informative evening. As always, Budd Hopkins will provide his input, and audience participation is encouraged during the question and answer period. We suggest that those planning to attend make their reservations early. Please also note the new location of ARE.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on October 9th at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the SECOND FLOOR at 241 W. 30th Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues), New York, NY. The price for 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 60 reservations will be accepted for each seminar.

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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The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free exchange of research, ideas and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

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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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## Greetings From PRI

From: Amy Allen <[cursed\\_burrito1.nul](mailto:cursed_burrito1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:29:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:12:50 -0400  
Subject: Greetings From PRI

Hello,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amy Allen and I am the manager of an online Canadian UFO Group in London, Ontario.

P.R.I. (Paranormal Research and Investigation) has been operating for three years now, and we would like to meet other Canadian groups to keep in contact with current paranormal events.

We offer 24 hour reporting service to all Canadian residents. It is with great hope that you come check us out at our msn group and as well as our homepage.

MSN Group:

<http://groups.msn.com/ParanormalResearchandInvestigation/>

Homepage:

[www.geocities.com/pri\\_leader](http://www.geocities.com/pri_leader)

Thanks for your time!

Best regards,

Amy Allen

PRI Canada  
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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 11:55:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:18:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 17:17:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:31:16 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

<snip>

>The camera taking the red orb was set on automatic exposure  
>according to your article. The camera was set to find the best >  
>balance of light and dark to make what would be the best  
>picture. The sun is shining on the camera lens. This is evident  
>because on automatic exposure, the camera would open up its iris  
>in darkness, to allow more light in, and would close down if the  
>light was too intense. Since the lower foreground of the image  
>is so dark that the front edge of the garden is not even  
>visible, the camera was obviously reacting to a bright source of  
>light by closing down the aperture.

Good reasoning but perhaps based on slightly "faulty" data. I have compared the image on my web site...which was from a scanned photo.... with the 8 x 10 print I was sent by Eric Byler, the on-the-spot investigator. I can see that the posted version is a bit darker than it should be at the lower center. In the print one can see the dirt and twigs that are essentially invisible in the posted version. Apparently the scanned version increased the contrast a bit as compared to the print. Anyway, one can see in the print why it appears so dark relative to other portions of the pictures: the dark area is dark dirt...no grass or plants, just dirt and tiny twigs. It is "not" "zero brightness....just dark. Just to the left of the dark area there is an abrupt edge. To the left of the "edge" are plants, etc., which show up brighter. The overall photo looks well exposed The nearby plants in the circular garden are perhaps slightly underexposed. They appear to be shaded by the tall bush that is just beyond the garden. The distant lawn is brighter and well exposed. The only slight overexposure is the sky at the top of the photo which looks whitish... a uniform haze, perhaps.

>This is also evident in the  
>depth of field in the photo. The aperture was obviously closed  
>down sufficiently to allow broad depth of field. If the aperture  
>was closed down, it is due to a very bright source of light and  
>the camera could not have been in shade.

>In the photo, this source is obvious, since the center of the  
>photo is of average exposure, and the upper left of the image  
>is awash in sunlight.

According to the witness and the investigator, based on where the witness stood, the nearest objects (ground) in the photo were about 11 ft away. I don't think there is any problem with the depth of field being large enough to range from 11 ft to infinity at a typical f number for the scene (say 5.6 to 11).

I don't think that the depth of field can be used as to prove that the f-number was especially large (for example, f-16 to f-22, corresponding to a small aperture diameter).

>The orb is actually very much an overexposure, as it is the  
>brightest area of the entire lower half of the image.

The orb clearly is not overexposed on the print, although it may appear so in the scanned images that I posted. In comparing these with the print I would say that the contrast was enhanced somewhat. Perhaps I did that intentionally when I posted this case several years ago... or maybe that was a characteristic of the scanning.

>As for the dazzle argument, I am of course in no position to  
>state what the man did or did not see. I certainly do not  
>proclaim that he was mistaken. But based on this photograph  
>alone, I would have to state that the evidence for lens flare is  
>very convincing.

>Notably absent from your analysis is the date and time of the  
>photo. This would place the sun absolutely, and further point to  
>an answer.

From the web site, written by the witness:

Occurred: 9/6/2001 10:30 AM;  
Location: Florence, OR  
Shape:

Circle Bright red fire ball in front yard While taking photos in my yard a bright red burning ball of fire appeared in my camera lens. I lowered the camera and no more than 10 feet from me was a ball approximately two feet in diameter; with an outer glow that extended it to about 3 feet. The shape was almost a perfect circle. I did not feel any heat irradiating from the ball, yet it was burning bright red and emitting heat waves. It remained about 20 seconds, then started to rise vertically, very slowly to about 60 feet, where it remained motionless for a short period. It then made a 90 degree turn and then accelerated out of site. I have a color photo of this event. I called the police to report it and they had another report of a fire ball a block away.

>It would also be interesting to see if the man has tried to take  
>more similar photos.

Haven't heard of anything else. He apparently did report to the police.

>While you say that there is no evidence that the sun was shining  
>on the lens, I would counter by saying that the lens flare is  
>evidence. You for some reason dismiss the only other anomaly in  
>the photo as a "distortion". I say it is a distortion also, of  
>incident light...just like the larger flare which lies in  
>perfect alignment with both the other distortion and the  
>presumed sun location based on the house shadow in the photo.

What would be interesting would be to prove that the sun was shining on the lens without using the "red ball" image as the proof.

>Why do you dismiss the blue-green distortion while asserting an  
>anomalous origin for the red one? Witness testimony alone? He  
>didn't report seeing the other distortion. Does this mean it  
>wasn't really there? Does this render the other distortion of no  
>probative value?

Suppose the very small greenish "distortion" was a real thing at the upper left. I can well imagine why the witness didn't notice it: his attention had already been attracted to the larger, brighter red ball (see his testimony above).

Suppose the greenish "distortion" was not a real thing... it could be an aberration of the film itself. In the 8 by 10 print it appears as two separated small regions, each about 0.1 inch in size, and each seems to lie "on top of " the greenish and yellowish leaf images. Between the leaf images there is whitish sky. The overall area that seems to be affected is about 0.2 inches in size.

>I can go no further with this subject, as I am satisfied that  
>the image is of a rather typical lens flare. The evidence in  
>your article supports this, although you choose to interpret  
>differently.

>What the man saw in his yard I cannot say. What he photographed  
>can comfortably say is a lens flare exacerbated by auto  
>exposure, bright sun, a closed iris diaphragm, and a backlit  
>subject area. In the absence of the witness testimony, it is  
>obvious. So we know what the camera saw. The question remaining  
>is what did the witness see?

If one disconnects the photo image from the visual sighting then  
one would have an even more bizarre coincidence of a lens flare  
that happens to appear at the same time as a "red ball" and  
match what the witness says he saw when \*not\* looking through  
the camera lens.

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>>>>Half a century ago, three Navy aviators saw something high above  
>>>>their Greenland base that baffled them.

<snip>

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>>understandable. It strikes me as a minor detail that shouldn't  
>>be used to dismiss the overall account.

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>trade. In the Army we called it pole-vaulting over tic-turds to  
>avoid a dangerous mission. I think the concept applies just as  
>well here.

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Oh phullllease spare me the melodramatic bilge. I was simply  
questioning the "August 1952" \_date\_ in the portions you so  
conveniently omitted.

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### Re: Hopkins' Technique - McGonagle

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Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - McGonagle

Thanks to all those that replied to my post - except for those that I couldn't understand - and to Errol for posting the NOVA transcript.

I can confirm that this is the programme which I was referring to, having been searching for the video until 03:00 this morning.

The only significant difference that I have found is that the version broadcast in the UK was narrated by Stephen Greif. Here are the sections which I have the main issues with:

JODY: I am a mother. I do not want to believe that my kids are being abducted. I'd rather believe that there's something wrong with my mind than to believe actually my kids are abducted.

STEPHEN GREIF: Jody first began to fear for her son and daughter three years ago, after she read Hopkins' best-selling book, *Intruders*.

Note firstly that the youngest child, Paula, was about two or two and a half years old at the time that this was filmed judging by her appearance, and the eldest, Ryan, was four. Either the scriptwriters have made an error, or she was concerned for her daughter while she was still in the womb? Ryan would have been about one year old when she bought the book.

I would expect that the very fact that Jody had read Hopkin's book would dissuade him from following up this case, since she had already been exposed in detail to his own interpretation and methodology. Also, given that Jody said she would "rather believe that there's something wrong with my mind than to believe actually my kids are abducted", there was no mention of her seeking conventional therapy before going to Hopkins.

Jody goes on to say that she had always known "that something had happened, and that there was a presence in my room, and there were these little men" - straight away, I am suspicious that she is superimposing her experiences on her children. Hopkins either does not suspect this, or appears not to think it is a matter for concern.

Hopkins asks Jody "I'm curious what's the first time that you noticed something coming. I guess it would have been from Ryan". He is already leading the witness, suggesting that Ryan was the primary victim, contrary to her remarks above. Jody's response mentions typical childhood fears, eg shadows. Nothing which I would interpret as of likely alien origin.

Hopkins then goes on to say "I want to see what the children are saying and what we can learn, especially from the older boy". Bear in mind, we are talking here about a 4-year old and a 2-year old. Ryan, the 4-year old is apparently capable of fairly meaningful communication, but is still extremely suggestible. Paula, the toddler, is unable to formulate complete sentences, and is very likely to respond to questions in a completely random fashion -as can be seen from the transcript at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m24-016.shtml>

Now we come to the part which stuck in my mind the most:

Hopkins shows Ryan a series of pictures - Dick and others were quite right, there was only one alien image amongst them. Ryan identifies Santa Claus, Batman, and a policeman before he gets to the Alien image. When he sees it, he appears not to recognise it at all and looks at Hopkins as if for a cue.

Hopkins asks "Ever seen anything like that before?" and Ryan shakes his head indicating that he has not.

In my opinion Hopkins should have discontinued his interview at this point, moving on to asking Ryan to make up a story involving Batman as a distraction, but he continues, asking Ryan to make up a story about the "alien" character which Ryan did not recognise.

At one point in Ryan's story, he says that "He comes upstairs and sees a person sleeping, with his eyes closed. And he walks them down the stairs". Ryan pauses there, again looking at Hopkins as if for a cue, and Hopkins responds "He walks them down the stairs? Uh huh? Why does he do that? That's a good story. Why does he do that?".

Note the inclusion of "That's a good story" - reassuring Ryan that he is saying what Hopkins wants to hear, encouraging the storyline.

The next part is a little difficult to explain. The transcript shows it as follows:

RYAN: Then he usually brings them up, but he never stops. Then he makes them land. And then he woke up and he said, "Hey! What am I doing down here if I'm supposed to be up there? I bet someone took me!" [\*there is a transcription error in this section, see below\*]

BUDD HOPKINS: He said something very interesting. I'll play this.

RYAN: I bet someone took me!"

BUDD HOPKINS: "I bet somebody took me." That's right. Saying something like that, putting the reaction to that particular picture in the light of somebody taking somebody down some stairs and up into something, and dropping them, and then saying, "Somebody took me," it may be a coincidence, of course. It may not mean anything, but also it may mean, if there is some abduction events going on in his life, that there's a kind of an unconscious memory coming through. It's hard to tell.

I shall clarify this section based on what was on the broadcast:

RYAN: Then he usually brings them up, another step. Then he makes them land. And then he woke up and he said, "Hey! What am I doing down here if I'm supposed to be up there? I bet someone took me!"

BUDD HOPKINS: He said something very interesting. I'll play this.

[at this point, Hopkins plays a tape recording]

RYAN: I bet someone took me!"

BUDD HOPKINS: "I bet somebody took me." That's right.

[The above was Hopkins \_direct\_ response to Ryan on\_the\_tape, not part of Hopkins' interaction with the camera.]

Note the positive reinforcement provided to Ryan for coming out with a statement which clearly met with Hopkin's approval.

Next hopkins states "Saying something like that, putting the reaction to that particular picture in the light of somebody taking somebody down some stairs and up into something, and dropping them, and then saying, "Somebody took me," it may be a coincidence, of course. It may not mean anything, but also it may mean, if there is some abduction events going on in his life, that there's a kind of an unconscious memory coming through. It's hard to tell".

Now, remember that Ryan didn't recognise the alien and Hopkins chose the picture to make up the story about. Also, quite how Hopkins interprets "another step" as "into something", I don't know.

If Ryan had chosen the batman image to make up the story, and came up with much the same story, no doubt Hopkins would apply exactly the same comments (less the reference to "that particular picture"). The story itself was most likely related to routine domestic activity. There was no mention of aliens, spacecraft, surgery, etc, just the fact that someone woke up where they didn't expect to - for those of you who have or have had children, how many times have they fallen asleep on the floor, or in the car, and been moved (asleep) to a more appropriate place?

There are other aspects of his technique in the programme which I am dubious of, but because of the editing, I can't reasonably challenge those.

To summarise:

1. I question his decision to become involved with the case at all, given the full knowledge that Jody had already read "Intruders" beforehand.
2. I question the merits of interviewing a child of two and another of 4, particularly without any specialist training in child psychology.
3. I question Hopkins' decision to persist with the interview of Ryan after he clearly indicated that he did not recognise the alien.
4. There is evidence of Hopkins leading the witnesses, albeit unconsciously.
5. Hopkins appears to be too predisposed to conjecture of an anomalous explanation.
6. Baker and Loftus are both critical of his technique. Common sense tells me that they are probably right.

Regards,

Joe

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>This is the tactic of an opposition without honor. This is the  
>mechanism of the easily duplicitous and the device of the  
>irrelevant authoritarian. It is evidence of a dodgy cant, an  
>illustration of axe-grinding bias, and at the core of their  
>shallowly conjectured views, assumptive arguments, and outmoded  
>positions. Moreover, we, their honorable opposition, would be  
>called foul immediately if we employed a similar mechanism.  
>Indeed, there has been a significant amount of petulant whining  
>as their positions become exposed... their fallacies identified,  
>and their obfuscations pointed out.

>Increasingly, it becomes apparent that their program only works  
>for people who are not paying attention. Even casual attention  
>is enough to have their whole CSICOPian Empire accelerate the  
>rot from within and without, their towers begin to crumble to  
>the ground... their narrow-focus tyranny erodes as we watch. The  
>authoritarian, of needs, must give way to the authoritative. Too  
>many credible people, excluding myself of course, are beginning  
>to watch.

Whoa Alfred,

Last I checked, Brad Sparks wasn't a storm trooper for the  
"CSICOPian Empire." He pointed out a possibly serious  
anachronism in the author's account, but which turned out on  
further research to not amount to much.

This is all part of vetting a story for truthfulness. Sometimes  
inconsistencies can be red flags that something is wrong;  
sometimes not.

In this case, the inconsistency is so minor and understandable  
that I don't think it detracts from the believability of the  
account at all. For one thing, there are several other incidents  
of UFOs nosing around Skyhook and Mogul balloons that we know

about and are very well documented.

For a little bit more about Mogul/Skyhook personnel UFO sightings see:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul\\_UFOs.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul_UFOs.html)

David Rudiak

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:22:15 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 08:02:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Ryan S. Wood <[majesticdocuments.nul](mailto:majesticdocuments.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:30:10 -0700  
>Subject: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>Authenticity Meters Added To [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com)

>BROOMFIELD, CO--Sept 22, 2004 - The incredible story that the  
>Majestic documents tell of crashed UFOs, extraterrestrial  
>bodies, government control, policies of denial, and manipulation  
>pose a profound challenges to our free society. Yet at the core  
>is the question of document and content authenticity.

><http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/authenticity.php>

>Many of the most sensational and intriguing Majestic documents  
>are not from official sources, such as the Freedom of  
>Information Act (FOIA) or government document libraries.

[etc. etc. ]

Is there a single one of these "sensational and intriguing"  
documents that does come from an official source?

If you claim the Cutler-Twining memo does, I would retort that  
enough suspicion and distrust has been attached to that since  
1987. To say nothing of an official 10-point disclaimer from the  
National Archives.

In other words, it is not a case that many "are not from  
official sources", but that each & every one is from a NON-  
official source (and several are proven forgeries).

Fortunately the great majority of ufologists, including those in  
this forum, keep well clear of these laughable bits of paper.  
And the more such documents mysteriously 'arrive', the more  
entertaining it gets.

Whoever authored the ones I have seen can't even write English.

CDA

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## Shades Of Close Encounters

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Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 21:13:16 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 08:05:36 -0400  
Subject: Shades Of Close Encounters

The remains of one of the Russian space shuttles in the desert  
in Bahrain.

It appears to be one sent to Australia for an exhibit but no one  
is sure how it ended where it was found.

Soviet Space Shuttle Found In Bahrain?

From: The Grain-Of-Salt Dept

Posted by Michael on Friday September 24, .nul:19 (Space)

<http://science slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=04/09/24/1314215>

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## Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 10:54:44 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 08:07:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Taylor

>From: Bob Shell <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 08:56:22 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 13:39:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 23:06:58 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

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>>I share your position that there are indeed photos that defy  
>>easy identification, but it is at best premature to count orb  
>>images among them.

>Beautifully stated!

>Yes, there are "mysterious" photographs which turn up now and >  
>then. But the so-called orb images are certainly not among  
>them, >and are not even slightly mysterious.

Bob,

You may not have studied the range of Orb images available on  
the web. Some of the fast moving ones leaving motion trails are  
not so easy to explain away.

>I find it unfortunate that more people with real knowledge of  
>optics are not involved in the study of anomalous photographs,  
>but the optical scientists I know (with the exception of Bruce)  
>all think of it as laughable and a total waste of time.

A bit like James Oberg's "laughable and a total waste of time"  
attitude toward UFO's. And we all know how wrong he is.

>The orbs, just like the "rods", are optical artifacts of  
>imaging systems.

Orbs may or may not be an optical artifact. It is not 100%  
proven until extensive experimentation is undertaken with the  
stereo 35mm film camera. This will position the Orb in  
measurable 3-D space and calculatable diameter if they are real.

If they all show to be so close to the camera and out of focus  
to form large 'Orbs' identical to the many photos constantly  
becoming available, then we still have measurable data to  
positively state the facts of the research results with much  
more accuracy than we can with current test results using 2-D  
film and digital photos.

If we are going to explain this 'optical anomaly' to the people  
submitting the images to researchers for analysis and comment,  
we should at least show that a full scientific analysis was used

to back-up out statements, not just a personal comment based on a series of set-up Orb photos that only proves that close to camera objects can be out of focus.

The so called 'Rods' are totally different to the Orb issue. The 'Rod' issue was much easier to prove. They are not an 'optical anomaly', but a result of a fast moving insect when camera set to slow shutter speed resulting in the recording of motion blur.

>Orbs will show up more and more with the proliferation of  
>digital cameras with their much shorter focal length lenses and  
>greater depth of field.

Now hold on a minute Bob. Your statement here is in conflict with reality if I am correct. A short focal lens means that an object can be positioned closer to the lens and remain in focus. The shorter the focal length, the closer you can get to the lens and remain in focus.

Just as the greater depth of field means full focus over a greater distance from close to the lens to infinity. With increased sensitivity of digital CCD's, a smaller f stop results in greater depth of field.

This would mean there would be \*less\* chance of dust, lint, rain and snow etc, causing out of focus 'Orbs' due to the short focal lens and greater depth of field, not more.

My HP 120 digital camera with small drops of water placed directly on the lens, does not show \*any\* alteration to image quality. Yet with a clean lens, I have photographed Orbs.

Barry Taylor

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## Re: SPI Business 22nd September 2004 - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 19:37:57 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:10:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: SPI Business 22nd September 2004 - Harney

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 23:22:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

>>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 19:04:36 +0100  
>>Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

>>From: Malcolm Robinson <[malckyspi.nul](mailto:malckyspi.nul)>  
>>Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 2:58 PM  
>>Subject: SPI Business 22nd September 2004

<snip>

>>I'm pleased to say that we are building up a fine team of  
>>speakers for our 2005 London Lecture programme. Also pleased to  
>>say that we will be giving you true value for money by ensuring  
>>that each month you will have TWO yes TWO guest speakers  
>>instead  
>>of the more often one speaker which we put on at the moment.

>>In closing, this is my 60th day without a cigarette, so I'm  
>>quite chuffed with that. Generally it's been OK, but there is  
>>the odd day, but the will power is still there at the moment.

>>OK hope to see you all Saturday. My best wishes to  
>>you all.

>>Malcolm Robinson  
>>Founder Strange Phenomena Investigations  
>>25th Anniversary Year 1979-2004.  
>>[www.spiuk.net](http://www.spiuk.net)

>I'm not clear here about who is putting forth this garbage,  
>Philip Mantle or Malcolm Robinson. But garbage it is.

For more details about Malcolm Robinson, his SPI and their odd  
antics, see Kevin McClure's "Abduction Watch" 10/11, June 1998,  
which is available at

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/abwatch/aw10.html>

John Harney

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## South Dakota Tech Hosts UFO Lecture

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 04:57:06 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:14:41 -0400  
Subject: South Dakota Tech Hosts UFO Lecture

Source: The Rapid City Journal

<http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/articles/2004/09/25/news/local/news13.txt>

Friday, September 24, 2004 11:39 PM MDT

South Dakota Tech Hosts UFO Lecture

RAPID CITY -- In 1967, Robert Hastings was involved in a UFO sighting at an Air Force missile base in Montana. It was an experience that inspired him to begin collecting evidence of an official government cover up of unidentified flying object activity.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology invites the community to attend a free lecture by Hastings at 7 p.m. Monday in Surbeck Center Ballroom.

In 1967, Hastings was a self-described "16-year-old Air Force brat" who knew several air traffic controllers on base.

He was in the tower that March, when five unidentified aerial targets suddenly began to be tracked on multiple radar scopes.

"On the night in question, it was immediately apparent to these gentlemen that the objects they were tracking on radar were neither conventional aircraft nor helicopters," Hastings has told audiences. "For approximately a 30-minute period, these aerial objects were observed on radar at times to hover; at other times, they performed high speed aerial maneuvers.

"At one point during the radar tracking, two jets were launched to attempt an intercept of these objects, whereupon they were observed to ascend in unison at an extreme rate of speed."

Hastings said the five objects were maneuvering near nuclear missile silos southeast of the base.

Since then, Hastings has collected thousands of pages of previously classified documents that he believes prove that the U.S. government has hidden the existence of UFOs from the public.

Hastings will speak about that evidence during his lecture at Tech.

The event is sponsored by Tech Activities and Programs, the university's student programming board

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## Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 04:29:12 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:18:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska - Hatch

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows.nul](mailto:rutkows.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 15:39:33 -0500 (CDT)  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 14:18:32 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounter In Alaska

>>>I did not get the impression he was making this up or that he  
>>>was delusional. There was some difficulty in talking with him  
>>>because he was on a radiophone with some voice echo and lag.

>>>I believe the place is technically called Bettles Field, AK,  
>>>since it's just some outlying houses surrounding the airfield,  
>>>as far as I was able to tell.

>>I found the place and it checks out on Airnav.com. For now, its  
>>highlighted on this map of Alaska - Yukon that I just put up:

>><http://www.larryhatch.net/AKYUK.html>

>>Look for the red dot between two green arrows. Remote is an  
>>understatement. Please advise of any factual errors in the brief  
>>text on that page.

<snip>

Hello again Chris:

At last now, with a cold beer at the ready, I can do a quality  
surf for Bettles (field), AK.

First off there is a Magnetometer station there, probably  
associated with the weather station:

<http://midwoodscience.org/elert/lab/aurora/>

Some pix I saw earlier had absolutely spectacular aurorae, one  
more like a ghostly long lived lightning strike than the usual  
hazy curtains.

>I think remoteness might be good enough.

Remoteness is definitely a plus if you are trying  
to keep your UFOs out of the news.

I also searched for the HAARP Project:

<http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/haarp/>

... in case there is any connection, but that's way-the-heck-off  
in Gakona, AK.

A search for "Bettles Field" alone yields tons of predictable  
spam sites: "Florists in Bettles Field", Hotels in BF, even a BF  
Dental Insurance Plan Provider! I bet the UFO witness would like  
some flowers or dental insurance.

Flockfinder.com reassures the religiously minded that " Finding good churches in Bettles Field Alaska is the main purpose of our site..... There are a many great churches in Bettles Field Alaska, so don't stop searching."

I'll pass on that [burp!]

It looks like Bettles was originally a supply dock from the gold rush days .. about as far upriver as a raft of supplies could get before going overland.

The Bettles Lodge site gives the best local color I could find. There's a wet bar in there someplace, and large moose antlers on the outside. This URL also gives history etc. The lodge is popular with the Japanese for some reason. They like places with lots of free open space for understandable reasons.

<http://www.alaska.net/~bttlodge/>

There is no road to Bettles. Its a fly-in destination with rates to match, \$500/nite for the first nite, extra nites are maybe \$175 US, since they don't have to fly you back in and out again. This is not Motel-6, but at least they have a bar.

Frankly, if I had a UFO scouting Planet Earth, I would check out Bettles, AK too. But, it wouldn't be the first place on my list, not with those rates.

Best wishes

- Larry

...So the kangaroo said to the bartender: "well with these prices you may never see another one."

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:34:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:23:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 12:25:04 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:38:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

<snip>

>>Though, this convenient "item fixation" is the debate's stock in  
>>trade. In the Army we called it pole-vaulting over tic-turds to  
>>avoid a dangerous mission. I think the concept applies just as  
>>well here.

><snip>

>Oh phulllease spare me the melodramatic bilge.

I don't think so, Sir, even as I can see how impassioned your  
plea really was. What I did, in this instance, was take a small  
point and blow it up out of proportion to its value: my own  
little "locker rupture"... Irritating, isn't it? I find it  
maddening; however, and so must refrain from sparing my opponent  
\_anything\_.

>I was simply  
>questioning the "August 1952" \_date\_ in the portions you so  
>conveniently omitted.

"Convenient" - ah yes, and sometimes even "self-invented"...  
plus I was called on \_my\_ small scurrilousness the very next  
day, delightedly, from \_both\_ sides of the aisle. <ROTFL>

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 13:05:29 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:25:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Reason

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 17:42:45 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>4. There is evidence of Hopkins leading the witnesses, albeit  
> unconsciously.

>5. Hopkins appears to be too predisposed to conjecture of an  
> anomalous explanation.

>6. Baker and Loftus are both critical of his technique. Common  
> sense tells me that they are probably right.

Yes, even Loftus hits the mark occasionally.

This is absolutely not the way to interview children, ever.

Children in strange situations will try to learn what they are  
suposed to do in those situations, and a large part of that  
involves looking for clues about appropriate social behavior  
from the adults around them. This learning process is part of  
what being a child is all about.

A researcher, therapist or interviewer who isn't aware of this,  
and who doesn't control their interactions with the child  
accordingly, will end up getting nonsense out of the interview.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 08:06:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 09:30:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 09:47:56 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 07:38:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

><snip>

>Whoa Alfred,

>Last I checked, Brad Sparks wasn't a storm trooper for the  
>"CSICOPian Empire." He pointed out a possibly serious  
>anachronism in the author's account, but which turned out on  
>further research to not amount to much.

Ok, Doc, if you say so... all that walk and quack like a storm-trooper is not necessarily a storm-trooper.<g>

>This is all part of vetting a story for truthfullness. Sometimes  
>inconsistencies can be red flags that something is wrong;  
>sometimes not.

No argument there, Sir. Without collusion... you, along with Mr. Sparks, prove the point of my little "melodrama"... That "nit-vaulting" is a tactic of obfuscation, and that this side of the ufological aisle is more reflectively self-checking even as the other side is not! Please see my response to Mr. Sparks, and thank you for the reasonable and pertinent admonition.

Very gratifying.

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## Rutan Ready To Realise Vision

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:27:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:27:36 -0400  
Subject: Rutan Ready To Realise Vision

"I told them that I had spent half an hour alone in the King's chamber of the Great Pyramid" --Bert Rutan

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Source: BBC News OnLine - UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3676312.stm>

09-25-04

Rutan Ready To Realise Vision  
By Jo Twist  
BBC News Online science and technology staff

As the first X-Prize flights go ahead, BBC News Online asks SpaceShipOne's Burt Rutan to explain his motivation and vision.

One might think that a man who dreams of opening up space to the holidaymaking public would have had his imagination fired as a boy by science fiction novels.

But Burt Rutan, 61, has only ever read one sci-fi book: Carl Sagan's Contact.

A child of the mid-50s, his strongest memory was Wernher von Braun's collaboration with Walt Disney.

The German physicist drove most of the US space programme's achievements until his death in 1977, and made three popular space films for Disney TV between 1955 and 1957.

The films, showing man in space, on the Moon, on Mars, and the "unknown", fascinated the boy Rutan.

"The most exciting thing I saw as a child was this vision of von Braun going to the back of the Moon," he explains to BBC News Online, as he relaxes in his plus-fours and diamond socks in preparation for a round of golf.

"That was the strongest impression of adventure, and I think that was so important because the whole world had that sense of adventure 500 years ago when Magellan made it around the world."

Shortcut into space

As a child, Rutan was also surrounded by a furious debate about possible man-made canals and intelligent life on Mars.

But the message behind the von Braun-Disney films was about selling the idea of space travel to the American public, convincing them of the need for the space race.

Similarly, SpaceShipOne and the other X-Prize contenders are trying to sell the idea that space travel can be prised out of the government's grip and offered to thousands of ordinary folk.

Because of what the "little guys" are trying to do, Rutan envisages affordable space tourism in 10 to 15 years.

Rutan is no "little guy", however. His company, Scaled Composites, is financed by one of the richest men in the world, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

They share a curiosity about the "unknowns" of space. Allen has injected large sums into Seti (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), as well as Scaled Composites.

But when it comes to space, Rutan's passion focuses on the engineering challenges it presents, not ET.

Rocket passion

As a child, he was fascinated with building planes and rockets.

"We didn't have practical model rockets in the 50s.

"The ones we made were very dangerous and the kids that played with them didn't have all their fingers, and sometimes were blind in one eye."

And on 21 June 2004, his ultimate rocket - SpaceShipOne - proved that there was a future for non-governmental space access. And it did not poke anyone's eye out.

So strong is his love of engineering, he was inspired to study the pyramids of ancient Egypt.

Recently, he was misquoted in a magazine interview: he was said to believe aliens built them.

"I told them that I had spent half an hour alone in the King's chamber of the Great Pyramid," Rutan explains. From his engineering perspective, his conclusions differed from what Egyptologists said.

"I just believe that we are yet to learn what technologies they had to assemble these perfectly fitting stones that high up in the King's chamber of the Great Pyramid."

Eye on the sky

Once in awe, Rutan is now somewhat critical of the US space agency (Nasa). In the 1970s, the capability of affordable space flight had been proved, he insists.

But Rutan believes the space agency should have worked the capability harder into a programme in the early 70s, instead of concentrating on beating the Russians to the Moon.

In 1961, there were four manned spaceflights in a year, but the race to the Moon took over.

"By 1973, we had a space station, the Skylab, and we had multiple probes going up to planets. So, all this wonderful stuff happened in 10 to 15 years.

"About that time, there should have been enormous initiatives to make it affordable for people to fly in space, not just a handful of trained Nasa astronauts and Russian cosmonauts.

"If you asked Nasa in those days how long will it be until it is affordable so that I can fly, the answer would be, 'we're working on it and it 30 years there will be affordability'."

'Black sky'

He decided instead to dedicate his skills to airplanes. Besides, he was safe in the hope that by the time he was 60, he would be able to buy his ticket to space.

"All of us wanted to fly in space," says Rutan. "When we saw what these astronauts said when they came back from these flights, it just amazed everyone."

But, he says, ask the same question of Nasa now and the answer is the same as 30 years ago. Nasa is working on it and it will

be affordable in 30 years' time.

"If it is 30 years, I will 90 and will a guy who is 90 get to fly?" To Rutan, the two choices became apparent.

"The first choice was to give up, and admit that I would never go into space, never see that black sky. The other choice I had was to do something about it."

Which is what he did, in secret, in the quiet of the Mojave desert. The result, four years later, was the first private manned spaceship.

"Once thousands are flying into space, they'll look back and ask, 'why did this happen?'

"And what I believe they will conclude is because somebody had the courage to just go out and just see if the little guy with his eye on affordability could actually do this."

As for ET? Rutan hopes there is local life on other planets, because it would be fun to do what holidaymakers do: "interface them".

SpaceShipOne's X-Prize attempts take place on 29 September and 4 October.

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>Center Ballroom.

<snip>

It was a presentation given by Mr. Hastings at Troy University,  
Troy, Alabama, that rekindled an old interest in the ufological  
for me in 1994. He was very compelling. 10 years later and  
the wheels still spin.....

For all the trouble that the presentation ended up causing me in  
the aggregate for the next decade, still, I have to thank him.  
Reality is better.

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:44:16 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:33:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Hatch

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:11:52 +0100  
>Subject: Magonia Supplement 52

>Because of technical problems with the html edition of Magonia  
>Supplement No. 52 there has been some delay in putting it on  
>line. It is now available on the Magonia Extra web site -

><http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk>

Hello:

Can you provide a direct URL to the page you mention? Time is limited here, and I cannot search your entire site.

Thanks

- LH

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## Blimp-Like Object

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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:34:57 -0400  
Subject: Blimp-Like Object

Forwarded to the UFO UpDates List for its consideration and  
comment - an interesting picture.

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

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## Re: Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Keep Them Rovers

From: Colin Stevenson <[colsweb.nul](mailto:colsweb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 16:11:51 +0100 (BST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:38:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Keep Them Rovers

>From: Greg Boone <[EvEvolbabyoalom](mailto:EvEvolbabyoalom)>  
>To: [ufufoupdatesivirtuallystrangeet](mailto:ufufoupdatesivirtuallystrangeet)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 13:58:50 EDT  
>Subject: Rolling, Rolling, Rolling, Keep Them Rovers Rolling

ht<http://wwwwncnom/2004/TECH/space/09/22/mars.rovers.apapndex.hthtml>

>This post header is of course a knock off of the popular TV  
>western theme from the show, Rawhide.

>After a 2 week 'cone of silence' the rovers are back at it and  
>NASA has extended funding for their mission.

>Sometimes NASA builds things that just won't quit. It's about  
>time they get the kudos considering the dangers, budgets,  
>politics they have to overcome just to get these missions up and  
>going.

>If memory serves, aren't the Pioneer and Voyager craft still  
>kicking? I believe one of them is.

>Best,

>Greg

Hi Greg and listers

Congratulations also go to the manufacturers of these well  
esteemed Human creations but we hope the highly inintelligent  
Martian street-crime Bunnies don't spoil things for us all

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Not sure if Martian bunnies would have raw Hides?

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## Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:43:33 -0400  
Subject: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

Hi, Errol, et al,

There is presently a tremendously irritating thread on UFO UpDates that reoccurs once every two or three years. The thread involves Budd Hopkins. In general, the theme of the thread condemns Budd's hypnosis techniques, and in specific, an accusation that Budd leads witnesses - especially children. You'd think someone making a charge like this would have some special knowledge of Budd's methods, but these claims are made by people who have no experience in hypnosis, and who are making the claim on the basis of incomplete and out of context excerpts from notoriously non-factual television specials. Is this an example of their brand of research?

The present thread was started by someone who cited his 'memory' of an excerpt from a show he admittedly hadn't even seen in years. The thread has now degenerated into participants nodding in agreement about how bad it is to lead children into frightening and potentially damaging belief structures.

Yes, I think we all agree its bad to lead any witness, most especially children. The irritation comes from the fact that there is no basis for this contention. Budd simply doesn't do it.

Greg Sandow has written intelligently about the subject after watching Budd perform his methods, and Greg's articles can be found at:

<http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo/Contents/contents.htm>

Further, Budd put out a video on his methods and techniques with children clients a few years ago. It may still be available for purchase on his site. Nobody has ever cited this video, and it is very forthcoming in answering many of the present questions posed by those participating in the thread. Nowhere in the video does the objective viewer sense that Budd is leading the responses of the children.

On a personal note, I've talked to Budd on this very topic, having a child myself who may have had an abduction experience. I can assure you that nothing Budd Hopkins has ever said on his own website, his essays and articles, or on his video on the subject, or even in his personal conversations would ever lead an intelligent observer to assume or infer that he leads his child clients into believing in the abduction experience.

Inferring abuse of children - even if it simply involves research methodology - is deliberately inflammatory and an explosively unfair attack if there's no strong basis for it. I urge everyone to do at least a reasonable amount of research on the issue themselves before they participate in this frustrating and misleading thread. As we've seen on Updates over the years, (and unfortunately in American politics as well), these sorts of charges are made by people who have run out of ideas on how to defend their opinions and simply want to exact some personal damage. This sort of attack crosses the line in terms of decency and the those writers making these accusations should be ashamed of themselves.

Best ,

Anon

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## Re: 'Kidnapped By UFOs?' NOVA 1997 Transcript -

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><http://www-c.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/transcripts/2306tufos.html>

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>NOVA #2306T: Kidnapped by UFOs?  
>REPACK

>Broadcast Transcript  
>PBS Airdate: April 1, 1997

<snip>

>DR. JOHN MACK: There are a number of psychological and  
>psychiatric studies that have been done of these individuals,  
>and none of them has shown any consistent personality pattern.  
>None has shown any consistent psychopathology. A number of the  
>people have been traumatized by their experiences, but that is as  
>a result of the experiences.

>JOE MORTON: Harvard University psychiatrist John Mack seems an  
>unlikely proponent of alien abduction.

>DR. JOHN MACK: I first got into this field, really without  
>knowing I was getting into it. I had a psychologist colleague  
>who asked me, did I want to meet Budd Hopkins, and I said,  
>"Who's he?" This was the fall of 1989. And she explained that he  
>was an artist in New York who took seriously the stories of  
>people who reported being taken by alien beings into spacecraft.  
>And my reaction to her was that he must be quite mad if he  
>believes such stories, and he must be dealing with some  
>contemporary sort of psychosis.

<snip>

Well this says a mouthful!

Here we have Dr. Mack whose first impression was that Hopkins  
the researcher, "must be quite mad if he believes such stories,  
and he must be dealing with some contemporary sort of  
psychosis."

Dr. Mack was honest enough to state his first impression. Him  
being at the top of his field at that! Goes to show at that time  
and perhaps now how abductees, experiencers are treated right  
off the bat.

This is what I've been beefing about for some time now having  
talked to tens of thousands of believers, researchers,  
abductees. Past 50 years they've been ostracized, attacked,  
thrown in psychiatric facilities, beaten etc. Yet the majority  
of the population of the planet believe in fairies, angels,  
demons, leprechauns, sprites, elves etc. but you won't find them  
tossed in a mental institution. Reason being is those beliefs  
make alot of money and are culturally acceptable.

It's not like if you grab on to an ET and he'll lead you to a pot o' gold or make you cookies in a hollow tree or see that you get to some afterlife shangri-la where you'll dance with virgins and such nonsense. I don't see any 'happy camper' abduction stories there.

So if Dr. Mack had concluded "none of them has shown any consistent personality pattern. None has shown any consistent psychopathology." then where was the broad public announcement to the press that these people aren't crazy? Dr. Mack is a top top professional and suddenly out of the clear blue sky his scientific analysis is ignored? Any other day of the week he'd been applauded for his efforts but when he finds the contrary to popular or better yet, enforced opinion, he's ignored and attacked?

I'd bet anybody that if there was some pharmaceutical drug attached with the abduction experience and made lots of money there'd be UFO abduction stories plastered on the front pages of every rag from here to the lower east side of the Land of Oz.

Sure, I'm not one for hypnosis. That's just me. Yet it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see between the lines here.

We've got to come to grips here and realize that no matter what data we present, even from bona fide scientists, it won't be accepted by the mainstream for who knows what various knuckleheaded reasons.

I enjoy reading the Scriptures. They're full of examples of just this. One testament after another is full of how God tells someone to do something, everyone else thinks the person is crazy and attacks or degrades or even kills them, then what God said comes to pass. Next chapter it's the same thing over and over again. You'd figure somewhere along the line someone would have 'gotten' it by now.

Even if you had Dan Rather expose the UFO issue, no one would believe him.

Looks like abductees, witnesses, experiencers 'can't win for losing' as they're not only tormented by strange beings but they face far greater torment from their own kind.

Best,

Greg

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## Hopkins' 1996 NOVA Pre-Airing Comments

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Subject: Budd Hopkins And NOVA  
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Budd Hopkins faxed me the following, asking that I post it. He'd originally written it (I think) to be posted once the NOVA show 'Kidnapped By Aliens' had aired on PBS at the end of February 1996.

In order to not confuse, I've taken the liberty of 'tweaking' some of the tenses and wording, since this is/was posted before the air-date.

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A Response To NOVA'S Program On The UFO Abduction Phenomenon

Or

Science Is Not Always What Science Programs Do

by

Budd Hopkins

Readers familiar with the writings and lectures of the late Allen Hynek may recognize in the above title an expanded version of one of his most quoted bon mots, "Science is not always what scientists do." After pre-viewing the soon to be aired NOVA program which systematically and outrageously distorts the UFO abduction phenomenon and my work in the field, it's fair to say that NOVA has abandoned its right to be thought of as either objective, balanced, or scientific. However, I suppose it's a perverse sort of honor to find my work trashed by people with the same intolerant mindset as those who also trashed the research of Dr. Hynek, Dr. James McDonald, and so many others who have labored in the same unfashionable vineyard.

What NOVA presents in its luridly titled program, 'KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS?' is a mangling of the truth, a polemic having absolutely nothing to do with scientific investigation. Typically, on a show filled with hostile authority figures with little or no acquaintance with the data, astronomer Carl Sagan said that he believed all abduction accounts are delusions or hallucinations. So far, NOVA appears unconcerned that Dr. Sagan has yet to mount

a serious investigation into even one abduction report. Should we be concerned with a program so obviously biased? After all, my informal inquiries reveal that TV critics, media professionals and especially scientists almost universally view Nova as a slick operation pandering to the same sensation-seeking audiences as commercial TV. This NOVA UFO program was designed to air during 'Sweeps Week', the period when the ratings war is at its hottest. Consequently, before they plunged in the knife later in the show, the producers began it in the most sensational tabloid style imaginable, with eerie music, foggy re-enactments and spooky lights, suggesting that NOVA was now going head-to-head with 'Hardcopy' and 'Entertainment Tonight'.

But for anyone interested in truth, we must care about NOVA's misrepresentations. The show undeniably reaches many public television viewers and is still regarded by those outside the scientific and intellectual communities as a science program. Its deceptions, unfortunately, will mislead a large, ultimately world-wide audience now, and in later reruns and videotape sales.

The main reason for the program's destructiveness is its message, implied and delivered directly, that all abductees - all - are weak-minded patsies, delusional, or victims of repeated hallucinations. In other words, liars aside, all who report such experiences are, to some extent, mentally abnormal.

What evidence does Dr. Sagan, for example, present to buttress his sweeping - and to the abductees, damning - indictment of their ability to separate fantasy from reality?

None. None whatsoever. For a man regarded within popular culture as a kind of 'Pope of Science' to offer such a wholesale denigration of UFO abductees with no supporting evidence is worse than irresponsible.

In the psychological literature there is only one report of an in-depth, blind study of the mental health of abductees - the 1983 report by Dr. Elizabeth Slater - and it shows that Dr. Sagan's opinion

is totally unsupportable.\*

Did NOVA make any effort to find out if there is any evidence supporting Sagan's 'diagnosis' of the abductees he'd never met? More to the point, how many abductees on the show did NOVA ask to submit to psychological tests, psychiatric interviews and the like? To my knowledge, none. John, a former counselor and one of the abductees who appears at length on the program, informed NOVA by letter that he would present himself for any type of test, medical or psychological, that they wished to administer. If NOVA were trying to do an objective, scientific study as they claimed, they should have instantly accepted John's offer. Instead, they chose to ignore it. When one considers the destructive conclusions NOVA presented about the abductees they showed on camera, they cannot argue that they refused John's offer out of concern for his reputation. There seems to be only one reason to decline the opportunity of conducting psychological tests: the fear that the results might destroy their theories and thus expose NOVA's deceptions.

Having declined to employ any scientifically valid testing, the producers went on, in effect, to have John diagnosed on the air by 'experts' who'd never met him. This was the program's basic modus operandi: material that I presume was carefully pre-selected was presented, for negative comment, to experts ignorant of the mass of UFO abduction case material and who were given no opportunity to interview the witnesses. Their comments therefore have the same degree of validity as the diagnoses issued by pop psychologists on daytime radio and TV after two - or three-minute conversations with the caller, a practice NOVA's producers would otherwise be the first to condemn.

But even worse is the show's blatantly dishonest presentation of a family case to which they devote a great deal of airtime. The young mother of two small children had written a letter to me, and with her permission I presented a copy of it to producer Denise DiIanni of the NOVA staff. In her letter the young woman said this about her abduction experiences:

"My memories are real and I have not had to use hypnosis to remember them."

From a life-long series of encounters she records the following details:

"The 'little men' as I used to call them would enter my bedroom from the same place in the wall... [[They) were small, had large heads with large dark eyes that seem to look right through me."

Describing painful physical procedures, she added:

"The tears would roll down my cheeks into my ears, an uncomfortable feeling. I was unable to wipe my tears away..."

She described the alien figures as moving in unison, and in another encounter:

"being slowly lowered into my mattress, so slow that I would think 'hurry up, I just want to feel my mattress under me and go to sleep.'"

On another occasion she saw her brother being taken in broad daylight:

"He looked so tired and was slumped over... I remember being very worried that he was too little to get into that object in the sky."

In these accounts and in later, face-to-face interviews with the NOVA crew present, she described many more experiences from childhood to the present, all recollected without hypnosis. What's more, her husband vividly described watching their little son being floated out of the house by the aliens while he lay paralyzed on the floor of their front hall. With NOVA's camera recording it all, he lay down exactly where he remembered having fallen and described where each alien had been standing. He explained that the master bedroom was on the other side of the wall he was leaning against. Desperately trying to alert his sleeping wife, he showed us how he tried in vain to move his leg enough to bang against the wall to summon help.

His testimony was the most vivid and important of our visit to their home. It corroborated his wife's account and explained their powerful fear for their children's safety. But all of this eyewitness testimony and dramatic film footage was suppressed by Nova. All of it.

In its place, producer DiIanni assembled an emasculated case in which only the vaguest, most tenuous aspects of the family's testimony were presented. Having thus suppressed all of the strongest evidence, NOVA went on to slander my view of the case's validity with the following summary: "Budd Hopkins thinks this (portentous pause) provides compelling evidence: children pausing at drawing, dreams of strange events that feel real, and images of traumatic sexual assault, remembered only under hypnosis!" (my emphasis)

Through 'creative editing' I'm portrayed as trying to ascribe an abduction memory to an innocent child. In addition to the anguished father's eye-witness account of laying paralyzed while he watched the aliens taking his son out of the house, the child's mother had included in her letter the following account of what they went through when their boy was three-years old:

"My husband and I saw blinking lights in my sons bedroom... We continue to have problems with our son at night... When his dad gets him dressed in the morning he will ask questions (such as) 'How do they come through the walls? How do they park it there, there's no road there...' He talks about tables with no legs, 'but those are the kind you don't eat on.' He tells me how chilly it was outside last night."

There is, of course, much more, all of which was known to Ms. DiIanni. But in her script I am portrayed as suspecting the boy's possible abduction solely because of one piece of evidence: A child "pausing at a drawing of an alien". As NOVA well knows, no one on earth would ever describe that isolated, ambiguous reaction as "compelling evidence" - unless their goal

was a conscious attempt to make the individual look like a fool.

I won't devote much time to demonstrate the ways NOVA edited my hypnotic sessions to make it appear that I'm leading the witness, though I must provide at least one...

For many years I've used what I call the "body inventory" method to avoid leading hypnotic subjects. When the witness describes being stretched out on an examination table, I say that we will now explore all the sensations that he/she feels from the feet, systematically up through the body, to the top of the head. I explain that the subject might feel a different sensation in some part of the body: pleasure, pain, an itch, a tickle, heat, cold, etc. - or that that part of the body may feel perfectly normal. I begin with the feet, proceed to the ankles, shins, calves, then the thighs, the sexual organs, the lower abdomen, the stomach and chest, the arms and hands, the head, and then the eyes, the nose, inside and out, the mouth, inside and out, and the ears, inside and out. The purpose is to avoid leading the subject to any one particular part of the body by naming most all of them at the very outset. NOVA, of course, didn't devote even three words of explanation to this painstakingly slow and objective process - it can take up to a half hour - but suddenly cut in as I direct the subject's attention to her "female parts..." To put the least damaging interpretation on NOVA's deceptive editing, its result is to suggest that I'm leading the witness directly into sexual recollections or fantasies, something that a full transcript of the session would clearly refute.

When I was originally approached by NOVA's Denise DiIanni, I was told that she would only deal with people who agreed to show their faces on national TV. I explained that of the more than 500 likely abductees I've worked with one-on-one, only about 15 would agree to appear on national TV. Unfortunately, among the 271 who declined to appear were all the police officers, the (7) psychiatrists, the scientists, Ph.D.s, business executives, psychologists, physicians and even a NASA research scientist with whom I'd worked; in short, the people with the most to lose by subjecting themselves to potential public ridicule. Obviously, this reluctant 97% included the most highly credentialed and scientifically sophisticated abductees, the very individuals one would think NOVA should be most interested in interviewing if the program were to have scientific relevance. I asked if some of these highly credible people might be allowed to discuss their abduction experiences on camera, backlit or in silhouette, but NOVA declined, refusing to interview anyone outside the self-selected 3%. This decision alone demonstrated to me Ms. DiIanni's preference for potentially sensational TV footage over any attempt at scientific depth or inclusiveness.

The very brave handful who agreed to appear on national TV were mainly young and independent and for the most part not subject to the career risks of corporate politics. None were offered, and none requested, financial remuneration. All agreed to appear as a way of helping other abductees, in much the way a few rape victims will also come forward publicly, despite potential humiliation. Rape victims are guaranteed to receive sympathy. However, the abductees on Kidnapped by Aliens? were subtly but thoroughly discredited, beginning with that lurid title and the question mark that cast doubt on their testimony before it was even heard. Their bravery and generous spirit of cooperation was rewarded by NOVA's implication that all of them were either deluded, hallucinating, or simply weak-minded because, as NOVA's 'experts' said, such experiences simply cannot happen. At one point, physicist Paul Horowitz, who apparently has no idea of the range of evidence supporting UFO reality, categorically stated that UFOs don't exist and have never landed!

NOVA interviewed me at length in my studio, and, knowing all the fashionable theories debunkers use to discredit anyone reporting an abduction experience, I chose to stress the reports that fell outside these conventional explanations. I dealt with the huge number of abduction accounts that surface without the use of hypnosis, knowing that NOVA was sure to deride the process. True to form, the program implied over and over with sledgehammer thoroughness that hypnosis should be thought of as the generating cause of these (automatically false) abduction accounts. My discussion of contradictory data - the mass of non-hypnosis abduction reports wasn't even

mentioned on the program.

I showed producer DiIanni a collection of photographs of the physical marks and scars that are the common sequelae of UFO abductions, and urged her to interview some of the people bearing the more dramatic wounds. Since these individuals were among the 97% unwilling to run the risk of ridicule by appearing on camera, NOVA not only refused to film them in shadow, but the slides of their wounds and marks which I was asked to lend to NOVA were never shown.

Also suppressed were the photographs I submitted showing ground traces and alterations of the soil caused by UFO landings. NOVA staffer Liesl Clark, in charge of the program's Internet Web, informed me that to show such physical evidence would be "to open a can of worms". She was right about that.

So, after being told that the abduction phenomenon was merely an artifact of hypnosis, the public was also deliberately denied any chance to see, to hear about and to consider photographic evidence of reported alien physical procedures and UFO ground traces. Thus, another of the debunker's false but favorite myths was reinforced: "There is no physical evidence."

It's one thing, of course, to disagree as to the meaning and the degree of probative weight to ascribe to physical evidence, but it's another thing to suppress that evidence altogether.

Knowing that 'sleep paralysis' is one of the most preposterous general explanations of abduction reports yet offered, I described to NOVA's representative the existence of hundreds of accounts of abductions that took place in the daytime with all of the participants

fully awake, and I cited examples. Since this fact also wasn't mentioned during the program - which naturally restricted itself solely to those cases which more plausibly fit the sleep paralysis theory - the public was misled yet again: "It's always hypnosis, there's never any physical evidence. and like sleep paralysis, it always happens at night." Ms. DiIanni knew that thousands of case reports prove all of these statements false, but chose to suppress that information, too, on her show.

Though it's been painful having to spend so much time describing some of NOVA's many systematic deceptions, distortions and omissions, the denigration of thousands of decent, mentally sound people who have reported UFO abductions cannot be left unchallenged. Not once did any of NOVA's on-camera, debunking consultants admit that any of these people might simply be telling the truth. I was not naive enough to think that NOVA having produced an earlier program opposing the reality of UFOs, would now turn around and proclaim the reality of UFO abductions.

I was naive enough, however, to credit the producers and Ms. DiIanni in particular, with sufficient honesty to make a very small admission:

that despite all the debunkers' theories, all the data has not been explained and that an intriguing mystery does remain. In my wildest imagination I never thought they would have the arrogance to imply that all abduction experiences can be explained away by these (mutually contradictory) debunking theories, or that in doing so NOVA would be so unscrupulous as to deliberately suppress all evidence to the contrary.

People who trust NOVA will also unknowingly accept falsehoods such as the following, as true:

NOVA said that after the film 'Close Encounters' appeared, the number of UFO sightings increased, an example of the media generating 'false reports'. But in fact during that time, the number of new sightings actually decreased. For my part, NOVA often referred to me as "a therapist", though they are well aware that I've never made that claim and have never charged an abductee a penny for any help I've given.

But the acceptance of false information isn't the worst result of NOVA's deceptions. Far more damaging is the fact that anyone currently thinking of going public with a personal abduction account will be extremely hesitant to do so. Any physicians,



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## NOVA's Attitude Toward UFOs

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The UFO UpDates Archive contains much on NOVA's attitude toward UFOs.

An example:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/apr/m11-004.shtml>

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:40:25 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

>>Source: The Triangle - A Student Newspaper at  
>> Drexel University Philadelphia

>><http://www.thetriangle.org/news/2004/09/23/SciTech/Ufo->>science.Investigations.Debunked-729532.shtml>

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>>UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked  
>>The Iron Skeptic  
>>By Aaron Sakulich

>>If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed  
>>with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the  
>>science and technology section of a newspaper. While on the one  
>>hand the details of "Ufology" don't belong in any reputable  
>>paper, a close look at the interaction between science and the  
>>investigation of UFO claims is very enlightening.

<snip>

>>In the mid-fifties, "contactees" who claimed to have been  
>>contacted by the crews of alien spaceships began to appear. It  
>>is these people who turned investigations of UFOs into a circus  
>>of insanity, and I think it fairly obvious that each and every  
>>one of these people is suffering from a mental disorder of one  
>>sort or another. But even here, scientists have a chance to  
>>learn: A psychologist or sociologist could write a lifetime of  
>>free meal tickets studying the special brand of insanity or  
>>greed in these people.

<snip>

>>No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists,  
>>and, as a whole, no group has ever neglected the duty of their  
>>chosen livelihoods more than scientists have in refusing to  
>>treat such matters with an impartial investigation.

>>Okay, now I'm scared. This is what they're teaching kids to do in  
>>college? Toss around generalizations like frisbees?

<snip>

You've misread him completely and missed his strong defense of  
scientific UFO investigation. Apparently you are so strongly  
biased pro-ETH that you cannot see when someone uses the  
technique of disarming the skeptics first before making a case

\_for\_ the UFO. Even in the part you did quote (above) you ignore his indictment of science for having "neglected the duty" of conducting an "impartial" investigation of UFOs.

This is what partisan extremists do - they go on ideological witchhunts searching and destroying anyone who betrays the slightest deviation from the party line, or expresses anything the slightest bit counter to a 100% pure propaganda position.

Aaron Sakulich had also said the following:

"Nonetheless, there are still a large number of cases that go unsolved and uninvestigated. Scientists are squandering opportunities to explore the unexplained, possibly discovering new meteorological phenomena, new chemical or biological phenomena (once, even swamp gas was not understood) or, at the very least, a better understanding of the workings and depravities of the human mind."

Apparently you are not satisfied with him accusing "Scientists [of] squandering opportunities to explore the unexplained."

Brad Sparks

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## Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked -

From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 10:45:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 10:34:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 10:38:35 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:40:25 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

>>Source: The Triangle - A Student Newspaper at  
>> Drexel University Philadelphia

>><http://www.thetriangle.org/news/2004/09/23/SciTech/Ufo->science.Investigations.Debunked-729532.shtml>

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>>UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked  
>>The Iron Skeptic  
>>By Aaron Sakulich

>>If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed  
>>with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the  
>>science and technology section of a newspaper. While on the one  
>>hand the details of "Ufology" don't belong in any reputable  
>>paper, a close look at the interaction between science and the  
>>investigation of UFO claims is very enlightening.

><snip>

>>In the mid-fifties, "contactees" who claimed to have been  
>>contacted by the crews of alien spaceships began to appear. It  
>>is these people who turned investigations of UFOs into a circus  
>>of insanity, and I think it fairly obvious that each and every  
>>one of these people is suffering from a mental disorder of one  
>>sort or another. But even here, scientists have a chance to  
>>learn: A psychologist or sociologist could write a lifetime of  
>>free meal tickets studying the special brand of insanity or  
>>greed in these people.

><snip>

>Reminds me of how the CIA would try to recruit us in College.  
>They would avoid all the black and hispanic kids and somehow  
>some way find the most chemically dependent, fascist  
>knuckleheads on campus.

>That was several years before Iran-Contra. It was funny watching  
>their selectees years later at drug rehab facilities.

Greg Boone,

Obviously, the recruiters didn't have a clue. While one may  
complement the other, the fact is book smart does not equal  
street smart.

Gary Matteson

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 16:03:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 10:42:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Sandow

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 17:42:45 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>Thanks to all those that replied to my post - except for  
>those that I couldn't understand - and to Errol for posting  
>the NOVA transcript.

>I can confirm that this is the programme which I was  
>referring to, having been searching for the video until 03:00  
>this morning.

>The only significant difference that I have found is that the  
>version broadcast in the UK was narrated by Stephen Greif.  
>Here are the sections which I have the main issues with:

>JODY: I am a mother. I do not want to believe that my kids  
>are being abducted. I'd rather believe that there's something  
>wrong with my mind than to believe actually my kids are abducted.

>STEPHEN GREIF: Jody first began to fear for her son and  
>daughter three years ago, after she read Hopkins'  
>best-selling book, Intruders.

<snip>

There's lots to say in reply to Joe McGonagle, including thanks for quoting the NOVA transcript at such length. McGonagle gets lots of credit for presenting a very thorough account of what he believes, and why he believes it.

But does he know that Budd long ago published a critique of the NOVA episode? In a moment I'll quote what he said about the interview with the child. But remember the questions I asked earlier. How can anyone base any serious critique of his methods on a few minutes shown on TV? How much of Budd's work with this child and his parents did NOVA show? What did they leave out? Did they present their excerpts from Budd's interviews, and from their own interviews with the families, in their full, objective context?

Budd thinks not. (I might add that I observed some of the filming for the show, and talked at length to the producer as she was filming, and after the show aired. I'd strong support Budd's belief that she wasn't even remotely objective.)

Here's what Budd wrote about his interview with the child:

But even worse is the show's blatantly dishonest presentation of a family case to which they devote a great deal of airtime. The young mother of two small children had written a letter to me, and with her permission I presented a copy of it to producer Denise DiIanni of the NOVA staff.

In her letter the young woman said this about her abduction experiences: "My memories are real and I have not had to use hypnosis to remember them."

From a life-long series of encounters she records the following details: "The 'little men' as I used to call them would enter my bedroom from the same place in the wall... [They] were small, had large heads with large dark eyes that seem to look right through me."

Describing painful physical procedures, she added: "The tears would roll down my cheeks into my ears, an uncomfortable feeling. I was unable to wipe my tears away..."

She described the alien figures as moving in unison, and in another encounter:

"being slowly lowered into my mattress, so slow that I would think 'hurry up, I just want to feel my mattress under me and go to sleep.'"

On another occasion she saw her brother being taken in broad daylight: "He looked so tired and was slumped over... I remember being very worried that he was too little to get into that object in the sky."

In these accounts and in later, face-to-face interviews with the NOVA crew present, she described many more experiences from childhood to the present, all recollected without hypnosis. What's more, her husband vividly described watching their little son being floated out of the house by the aliens while he lay paralyzed on the floor of their front hall. With NOVA's camera recording it all, he lay down exactly where he remembered having fallen and described where each alien had been standing. He explained that the master bedroom was on the other side of the wall he was leaning against.

Desperately trying to alert his sleeping wife, he showed us how he tried in vain to move his leg enough to bang against the wall to summon help. His testimony was the most vivid and important of our visit to their home. It corroborated his wife's account and explained their powerful fear for their children's safety.

But all of this eyewitness testimony and dramatic film footage was suppressed by Nova. All of it.

In its place, producer DiIanni assembled an emasculated case in which only the vaguest, most tenuous aspects of the family's testimony were presented. Having thus suppressed all of the strongest evidence,

NOVA went on to slander my view of the case's validity with the following summary: "Budd Hopkins thinks this (portentous pause) provides compelling evidence: children pausing at drawing, dreams of strange events that feel real, and images of traumatic sexual assault, remembered only under hypnosis!" (my emphasis)

Through 'creative editing' I'm portrayed as trying to ascribe an abduction memory to an innocent child. In addition to the anguished father's eye-witness account of laying paralyzed while he watched the aliens taking his son out of the house, the child's mother had included in her letter the following account of what they went through when their boy was three-years old:

"My husband and I saw blinking lights in my sons bedroom... We continue to have problems with our son at night... When his dad gets him dressed in the morning he will ask questions (such as) 'How do they come through the walls? How do they park it there, there's no road there...' He talks about tables with no legs, 'but those are the kind you don't eat on.' He tells me how chilly it was outside last night."

There is, of course, much more, all of which was known to Ms. DiIanni. But in her script I am portrayed as suspecting the boy's possible abduction solely because of one piece of evidence: A child " pausing at a drawing of an alien". As NOVA well knows, no one on earth would ever describe that isolated, ambiguous reaction as "compelling evidence" - unless their goal was a conscious attempt to make the individual look like a fool.

And here's Budd's complete critique:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m26-008.shtml>

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## Mars Water Vvapour And Methane Concentrations

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 20:04:35 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 10:44:07 -0400  
Subject: Mars Water Vvapour And Methane Concentrations

From: [http://www.esa.int/esaCP/Pr\\_51\\_2004\\_p\\_EN.html](http://www.esa.int/esaCP/Pr_51_2004_p_EN.html)

[extract follows]

# 51-2004: Water and methane maps overlap on Mars: a new clue?

20 September 2004

Recent analyses of ESA's Mars Express data reveal that concentrations of water vapour and methane in the atmosphere of Mars significantly overlap. This result, from data obtained by the Planetary Fourier Spectrometer (PFS), gives a boost to understanding of geological and atmospheric processes on Mars, and provides important new hints to evaluate the hypothesis of present life on the Red Planet.

Related link:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3577551.stm>

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## Student Writes About Science & The Paranormal

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 18:03:18 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 10:52:52 -0400  
Subject: Student Writes About Science & The Paranormal

This is an editorial written by a young man in his sophomore year at college. It's well written and researched and is the kind of work that shows how things should be done. None of the condescending "Hey, I have critical thought so I can get a job as a chimp in a government contract lab" nonsense.

Best,

Greg

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Source: The Chronicle OnLine -  
The Independant Daily At Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

<http://www.chronicle.duke.edu/vnews/display.v/ART/2004/09/23/4152b829f3ffc>

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Editorial: Columns

Things In Perspective

by Tony Manela

Around 900 B.C.E., a Greek shepherd named Magnus walked on rocks that mysteriously plucked the iron nails from his sandals. Three hundred years later, the philosopher Thales discovered that amber, rubbed with cloth, inexplicably attracted feathers.

These two phenomena, with a few millennia of human curiosity and ingenuity, eventually led to supercomputers, telecommunications and innumerable other 'miracles' of technology that define our society today. Imagine going back in time, demonstrating these things to Thales and Magnus - showing them the tree that grew from the seed they planted. Hopefully that thought will help put things in perspective for what follows.

Science has changed a great deal in the last 2,600 years. Much of the 'science' performed today is what philosopher of science Thomas Kuhn would call 'normal science,' a process of puzzle-solving. In a 'mature science,' like physics, most scientists spend their careers basically confirming the underlying assumptions that form the paradigm of the field. The vast majority of scientists today don't look for, or expect to discover, revolutionary new phenomena.

According to this view, only an infinitesimal fraction of those practicing science in our age will become Newtons or Einsteins. The rest will live out their careers unnoticed and not remembered by history; Kuhn's term 'puzzle-solving' seems to suggest that the work of such scientists has more in common with completing a crossword puzzle than actually exploring nature. While the role of such 'normal' scientists is necessary, it is not at all glorious or even, arguably, meaningful.

Not all sciences, however, are mature ones. A prime example of a

burgeoning science is parapsychology (the study of the transfer of information and energy through means inexplicable by physics).

Duke University actually has a legacy in this field of which most Duke students aren't aware. In 1927, a scientist named J. B. Rhine joined the faculty and began studying 'the unexplained powers of the mind.' He coined the term 'extrasensory perception' (ESP). He revolutionized the field with his famous card-reading experiments - controlled experiments held to the most rigorous scientific standards. Basically, Rhine noticed a phenomenon in nature, and began thoroughly exploring it.

Unfortunately, the Rhine Research Center (which used to be located in the West Duke Building) is no longer affiliated with the University. While parapsychology research was intriguing when it first became prominent back in the 1920s and 1930s, it quickly fell from grace in academia. In order to conduct experiments in the field, scientists like Rhine needed the approval of various University institutions (like Internal Review Boards) in order to work with human subjects, get funding, etc. Such institutions tend to be dominated by practitioners of mature sciences.

I don't purport to be an expert in the sociology or philosophy of science, but it seems to me that perhaps there was an element of jealousy in the decision to exile parapsychology from academia; perhaps the normal scientists who controlled the powerful institutions in the University realized the momentum of Rhine's work, and decided that if they couldn't shift or establish a scientific paradigm, nobody could.

Why exactly does parapsychology have such a bad rep? I am not talking about the 'study' of UFO's and Bigfoot sightings. I am talking about the statistical analysis of data collected in legitimate, controlled scientific experiments. Modern-day parapsychology experiments involve electromagnetic shielding, Random Event Generators based on quantum processes, computer-randomized image selection and many other rigorous protocols employed throughout the sciences.

They yield evidence that is extremely statistically significant (evidence that wouldn't be questioned if it appeared in a psychological or pharmacological context). They yield evidence of a phenomenon in nature that cannot be explained away by our current body of knowledge - a phenomenon for which there is not yet a paradigm. This is the only reason why the field is abhorred by the 'scientific community.'

Parapsychologists today find themselves in the same place as Thales did 2,600 years ago, having just touched on something strange and intriguing. They need the support of the rest of the scientific community, not its spite and jealousy. After all, look at all we've created on the basis of some magnetic rocks and amber that attracted feathers. Imagine what technologies could be brought about in the next 2,600 years if we had the wisdom to recognize and cultivate burgeoning sciences.

The Rhine Research Center is still in operation today a mile off campus. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more about parapsychology and its history at Duke, visit:

[www.rhine.org](http://www.rhine.org)

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## Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 19:25:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 10:58:52 -0400  
Subject: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

From: Jerry Goodenough <[j.goodenough.nul](mailto:j.goodenough.nul)>  
To: [skeptic.nul](mailto:skeptic.nul)  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 22:54:45 +0100  
Subj: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

The latest edition of 'The Skeptic' (despite the spelling it's the UK publication I refer to, not to be confused with the entirely different US publication) is a bumper issue with no less than five articles on the resolution of the Rendlesham Forest Incident, once dubbed Britain's Roswell.

Recent revelations make it clear that a good part of 'the incident' was caused by an admitted hoaxer, using the multiple lights of his police vehicle in the fog to produce some interesting effects that had Rendlesham's USAF guards wandering round in the forest looking for a UFO. Everything else was built up on that through a whole series of errors, pointless secrecy, the service unwillingness to indicate any problems (particularly with a base full of US nuclear weapons on British soil), diplomatic problems with armed American soldiery wandering round off-base, and so on.

Among other things the articles put quite a dent in the reputation of Nick Pope, once dubbed 'Britain's real-life Fox Mulder'. Pope, the low-level civil servant whose investigative paperwork at the time was quite objective, now -- after his best-selling book 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' -- says still that it was extraterrestrials with their flashing lights that landed in Rendlesham Forest.

There are a lot of fascinating philosophical and psychological conclusions to be drawn from the Rendlesham affair, about the way people reach beliefs, the way that pre-existing attitudes shape people's approaches to investigations, and so on. (Jenny Randle's article here, from Britain's premier ufologist, makes some splendid criticisms of the ufologist mind-set as well as of knee-jerk scepticism.) And I think there are significant parallels with what I have heard about Roswell.

Details of the magazine aren't yet up on the Skeptic's website:

<http://www.skeptic.org.uk> but will no doubt be there soon.

Devotees of fine detail can read the finally-released British defence files on the 'incident' at:

[http://www.mod.uk/linked\\_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/publications/foi/ufo/ufofilepart1.pdf)

(part2.pdf, etc)

or catch something of the developments via another article author, David Clarke, at his site:

<http://www.flyingsaucery.com/Rendlesham/index.htm>

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 23:00:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:04:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:22:15 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>From: Ryan S. Wood <[majesticdocuments.nul](mailto:majesticdocuments.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:30:10 -0700  
>>Subject: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

<snip>

>Is there a single one of these "sensational and intriguing"  
>documents that does come from an official source?

>If you claim the Cutler-Twining memo does, I would retort that  
>enough suspicion and distrust has been attached to that since  
>1987. To say nothing of an official 10-point disclaimer from the  
>National Archives.

>In other words, it is not a case that many "are not from  
>official sources", but that each & every one is from a NON-  
>official source (and several are proven forgeries).

>Fortunately the great majority of ufologists, including those in  
>this forum, keep well clear of these laughable bits of paper.  
>And the more such documents mysteriously 'arrive', the more  
>entertaining it gets.

I have a comment about the CT memo.

Although I have not spent a lot of time investigating the MJ-12 documents, I was one of the first to visit the archives to check up on the Shandara/Moore report on their discovery of the CT Memo. This was back in the "old days" at the old archives in Washington, DC. back when you could go to the modern military section and actually hold a document in your hands.

So I examined closely the CT memo. It is onion skin, with two definite crease lines across as if it had been tri-folded at one time. However the crease lines were pressed flat.

The most interesting thing to me, however, were the edges of the paper. They were brownish. I concluded from looking at the edges and the flat crease lines that the document had spent many years in a stack of papers or whatever such that the edges were exposed to the atmosphere but that most of the page was isolated from the atmosphere by whatever was on top and below it.

The browning of the edges indicated to me that the document was old... certainly not something that Moore or Shandara or some hoaxer or some disinformationist had typed a few years or so previous to my examination of it. I could well imagine it being 20-30 years-old.

Unfortunately, an actual test was never performed - but not for lack of trying.

Back in 87 or 88(?)the Fund for UFO Research contacted a

document examiner in the DC area. Compare with the recent docugate! He was willing to test the document for a mere \$3,000 or so.

Unfortunately we could not get the document out of the archives.

In the previous year someone had been caught stealing documents and selling them, so the Archive was quite sensitive to the loss of documents. Even though the Archive's official position was that they could not determine the origin of the CT- memo, they would not let it be tested unless the test equipment could be brought into the Archive. Of course, the document examiner wasn't willing to do that.

Whether or not it would now be possible to carry out a test at the modern archives, I don't know. However, those who are seriously evaluating documents ought to try to arrange some test for the CT memo.

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## Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 01:32:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:11:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 11:55:34 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>If one disconnects the photo image from the visual sighting then  
>one would have an even more bizarre coincidence of a lens flare  
>that happens to appear at the same time as a "red ball" and  
>match what the witness says he saw when \*not\* looking through  
>the camera lens.

Dr. Maccabee,

I would not say that what appears in the photo is a sphere, nor would I say that it appears to be on fire. It appears to be a hexagonal lens flare complimented by an additional flare in line with where the sun would be to produce the highly lighted area in the upper left.

While I am in no position in Houston Texas to determine whether the sun is shining on the lens, I would say that the two lens flares in the photo certainly appear to support the lens flare idea. Your insistence on dismissing the greenish flare as a film aberration is odd in that you ascribe anomalous traits to the larger flare. Since the red flare in no way agrees with the viewer's description of a spherical ball of fire, you are contradictory to accept this flare as what he saw, while discounting the other flare as a film aberration. This may be convenient, but it is not scientific. It is pure conjecture...an attempt to make the photographic evidence fit what the man says he saw. If you dismiss the greenish flare as a film aberration, you must accept the same possibility for the red flare, since it is also not what the man described. Well, it is red.

Again, I am satisfied with what the photograph recorded. I am still baffled however by the red ball of fire the man saw. While you might describe this as a bizarre coincidence, I submit that there are no coincidences, and suspect that the man saw the lens flare, and on seeing the resulting photo, created the story to make the image more compelling. I do not know this to be the case, but it is as easy for me to conjecture this readily believable scenario as to believe that he took a photo of a spherical fireball which photographed as a hexagonal area of light and a greenish complimentary one...just as a lens flare would.

This photograph holds no mystery except to those who refuse to see.

There are more compelling photos on which to wax photographic. Next, please. :)

Respectfully,

Kyle

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## Re: New Orb Images - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 02:05:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:13:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - King

>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 10:54:44 +1000  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

<snip>

>If we are going to explain this 'optical anomaly' to the people  
>submitting the images to researchers for analysis and comment,  
>we should at least show that a full scientific analysis was used  
>to back-up our statements, not just a personal comment based on  
>a series of set-up Orb photos that only proves that close to  
>camera objects can be out of focus.

<snip>

Hi Barry,

I cannot disagree that someone wanting an explanation for an odd photo deserves a straight-faced answer, and an understanding of the reaction such odd photo effects elicit.

What is important is that before you suggest that someone has taken a photo of a true phenomenon, you temper the suggestion with a suitable proviso... that it might be nothing unusual.

You tend to sensationalize without this needed proviso.

Your best direction as a serious investigator is to assume mundanity. Then follow the science. Otherwise, you will cherry-pick the facts that fit your premature conclusion.

I have spent the past week taking photographs of various areas of my house. I have photos of several "orbs". One even seems to have a face peering out at me. :)

Your 3-D idea sounds good, but keep a few things in mind...

a dust particle has to be a few inches from the lens to catch the light of the flash, which is what causes the flaring that makes an orb.

Small, cheap digital cameras typically will not focus on something inches from the lens, and even then typically have to have a special setting enabled. Also, the extremely small lenses on most modern digital cameras are very susceptible to dust. The surface area of these lenses is extremely small, and they are extremely difficult to clean.

Read up on focal length and focus and depth of field. You are mistaken on several points in your post. Focal distance (as opposed to focal length) plays an important part in your statements, yet you make no reference to it. You make statements like "close to the lens" without quantifying what you mean. This is critical, as dust specks are typically from 0-8 inches from the lens to make a good "orb" based on my attempts to photograph them. Even a very good digital camera will not focus to 8 inches without enabling a macro mode. This information is readily available, and does not require a scientist.

A camera cannot focus on a speck of dust. A speck of dust in focus is invisible. The effects you call orbs cannot be focused upon. The fact that they are too close to focus on is why they appear as they do, along with the bright light of the flash.

When you take a 3-D photo, you get two perspectives in one shot. If a dust-speck appears in one, it may or may not appear in the other, depending on very slight variations in reflectivity, and the absolute position of the dust speck.

If you get a photo with an "orb" in each perspective shot, any measurements you make will be erroneous, since you are not photographing an actual object, but a light flare from a tiny object.

My best rebuttal to orbs is this...there must be sunlight, a flash or some other source of light, along with a recording device, to see an orb. A true object in 3D would not require such conditions. If you disagree with this statement, please explain why orbs are not photographed in the absence of a strong light source... sun or flash?

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 02:30:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:15:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 13:05:29 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>This is absolutely not the way to interview children, ever.

>

>Children in strange situations will try to learn what they are  
>suposed to do in those situations, and a large part of that  
>involves looking for clues about appropriate social behavior  
>from the adults around them. This learning process is part of  
>what being a child is all about.

>A researcher, therapist or interviewer who isn't aware of this,  
>and who doesn't control their interactions with the child  
>accordingly, will end up getting nonsense out of the interview.

Cathy,

I have great respect for Budd Hopkins as a serious researcher honestly trying to help people. That said, I fully agree with you where children are concerned.

A child's desire for acceptance and eagerness to please are indeed a part of normal development. A researcher who does not have a complete grasp of this, and the techniques needed to avoid suggestion, does a disservice to his subject.

Additionally, a researcher who accepts as truth the testimony of a traumatized child under dubious analytical conditions does a disservice to himself and to his field.

I think a similar sentiment is plausible for adults under similar circumstances. Traumatized adults also seek an answer, and like children, are overly vulnerable to a seemingly tidy explanation, and are more susceptible to suggestion as a result.

This doesn't discount the experiences of abductees, but rather the methods used to confirm or discount them...the same suggestibility works for the researcher trying to discount the abduction hypothesis. If his beliefs or desires are in any way telegraphed to the subject (mindful that a traumatized person would be much more watchful and perceptive of intent) ...game over.

The human mind requires great care to coax it into divulging its truths. A traumatized mind requires kid gloves and a full set of tools just to prevent further harm.

Rush not in, therefore.

Brava,

Kyle

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 07:36:52 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:19:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: **Mike Christman** <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August, 1952 Incident

<snip>

Hello Mike:

That's a real goodie! I had the case listed, based on Richard Haines' Project Delta book and the Don Berliner catalog, but this has much more detail.

The only things missing are the date (29 AUG 1953) and possibly the time of day. The sun would be up 24 hours that far north in August of course, so its a daylight sighting regardless.

I saved your entire message as a file here in case I need to refer to it again. I too would like to see any reactions from the naval people who read the article. Maybe one or two might come forward with their own anomalous accounts.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Koch

From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 13:09:51 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 11:23:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Koch

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2004 16:49:19 -0700  
>Subject: UFOs + ECHELON

>The tricky subject of UFOs has been raised in the European  
>Parliament for the first time since the Belgian "flying  
>triangle" flap a decade ago.

>European Voice:

><http://www.european-voice.com/>

Hello List,

I found these two articles in the archive of the European Voice:

"Witnesses provide foundation for existence of aliens  
Vol. 10 No. 12 - 1 April 2004

The recent article by James Drew, Scepticism set to scupper any  
chance of Union-led UFO research (European Voice, 18-24 March)  
was very good."

"Scepticism set to scupper any chance of Union-led UFO  
research

Vol. 10 No. 10 - 18 March 2004

Are we alone in the universe? If not, are we being visited  
by our intergalactic neighbours? Such questions, normally  
pondered following an excellent supper, when port and  
cigars are handed out and thoughts turn to philosophical  
matters, have once again appeared on the European  
Parliaments radar screen."

But I could not get access to the texts because they want 12  
British Pounds for three articles. If no one else has access to  
these articles, I would offer to pay the money and provide the  
texts to you.

Joachim

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<http://www.kochkyborg.de>  
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## Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:02:47 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 07:39:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Colvin

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Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 04:52:57 -0000  
From: [poetdreamerscholar.nul](mailto:poetdreamerscholar.nul)  
To: [fort.nul](mailto:fort.nul)  
Subj: [fort] Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

I'd find this much easier to accept if it weren't for two things:

1. I'm always highly suspicious of "confessions" which come two decades after the fact; and
2. The same Skeptics who now tell us that Rendlesham was a purposely-created hoax (based on the testimony of a solitary witness) spent that intervening 20 years insisting that the Rendlesham UFO was actually nothing more than the bright illumination from a marine lighthouse shimmering through Rendlesham Forest.

Have you ever noticed that single-witness testimonies are never good enough to establish the existence of anything, but are perfectly sufficient for debunking?

Sincerely,

George Wagner  
[gwagneroldtimeradio.nul](mailto:gwagneroldtimeradio.nul)

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 17:35:21 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 07:53:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Harney

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:44:16 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:11:52 +0100  
>>Subject: Magonia Supplement 52

>>Because of technical problems with the html edition of Magonia  
>>Supplement No. 52 there has been some delay in putting it on  
>>line. It is now available on the Magonia Extra web site -

>><http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk>

>Hello:

>Can you provide a direct URL to the page you mention? Time is  
>limited here, and I cannot search your entire site.

If you click on the URL I gave then you should get the home  
page. You should then click on "Magonia Supplement No. 52" which  
is on the left near the bottom of the page. Or try:

<http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms52.htm>

John Harney

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:42:06 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 07:55:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 23:00:21 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:22:15 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>>From: Ryan S. Wood <[majesticdocuments.nul](mailto:majesticdocuments.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 08:30:10 -0700  
>>>Subject: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

<snip>

>>Is there a single one of these "sensational and intriguing"  
>>documents that does come from an official source?

>>If you claim the Cutler-Twining memo does, I would retort that  
>>enough suspicion and distrust has been attached to that since  
>>1987. To say nothing of an official 10-point disclaimer from the  
>>National Archives.

>>In other words, it is not a case that many "are not from  
>>official sources", but that each & every one is from a NON-  
>>official source (and several are proven forgeries).

>>Fortunately the great majority of ufologists, including those in  
>>this forum, keep well clear of these laughable bits of paper.  
>>And the more such documents mysteriously 'arrive', the more  
>>entertaining it gets.

>I have a comment about the CT memo.

>Although I have not spent a lot of time investigating the MJ-12  
>documents, I was one of the first to visit the archives to check  
>up on the Shandara/Moore report on their discovery of the CT  
>Memo. This was back in the "old days" at the old archives in  
>Washington, DC. back when you could go to the modern military  
>section and actually hold a document in your hands.

>So I examined closely the CT memo. It is onion skin, with two  
>definite crease lines across as if it had been tri-folded at one  
>time. However the crease lines were pressed flat.

I recall you telling me that back in the 80's. But the  
horizontal triple folds are just what a hoaxer might do to  
smuggle a fake CT Memo into the Archives folded like a letter in  
his jacket or coat.

>The most interesting thing to me, however, were the edges of the  
>paper. They were brownish. I concluded from looking at the edges  
>and the flat crease lines that the document had spent many years  
>in a stack of papers or whatever such that the edges were  
>exposed to the atmosphere but that most of the page was isolated  
>from the atmosphere by whatever was on top and below it.

>The browning of the edges indicated to me that the document was  
>old... certainly not something that Moore or Shandara or some  
>hoaxer or some disinformationist had typed a few years or so  
>previous to my examination of it. I could well imagine it being  
>20-30 years-old.

Larry Bland of the George C. Marshall Institute has said that old stationery and typewriters from that era are available for hoaxing. A 30-year-old 1950's era blank sheet of stationery in a stack of sheets with browned edges could have been typed on by a hoaxer in 1984-5 (using a normal sheet and carbon paper over the onionskin of course) with an appropriate old era government typewriter. In fact one would not even need to find a stack of unused old government stationery somewhere. I have many times found single unused sheets of blank stationery nestled in among used-sheets of documents in various archives ("many" meaning say one sheet per several thousand pages of documents).

Then the AF agent or the DIA-SAC Colonel known to have been involved in MJ-12 could have smuggled the sheet into the Archives, then planted the location clues using the "Ethiopian postcard" that was sent so that the planted document could be "found." As for the creases, once they were noticed surely the hoaxer would have tried to flatten them out using a fingernail in the Archives as this would be much too suspicious since the "original" carbon copy in the "NSC" (as it was meant to be by forged imitation) would always have been flat in a file folder and never folded as if sent in the mail in an envelope. Then the hoaxer would have made sure the flimsy onionskin sheet was flattened further between heavy stacks of normal weight paper in the file box it was found in so that it would have months of paper-flattening pressure before being "found".

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## Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:55:40 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 07:57:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread - Sparks

>From: Xxx Xxx <[xxx.nul](mailto:xxx.nul)>  
>To: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 12:47:42 -0400  
>Subject: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>Hi, Errol, et al,

>There is presently a tremendously irritating thread on UFO  
>UpDates that reoccurs once every two or three years. The thread  
>involves Budd Hopkins. In general, the theme of the thread  
>condemns Budd's hypnosis techniques, and in specific, an  
>accusation that Budd leads witnesses - especially children.  
>You'd think someone making a charge like this would have some  
>special knowledge of Budd's methods, but these claims are made  
>by people who have no experience in hypnosis, and who are making  
>the claim on the basis of incomplete and out of context excerpts  
>from notoriously non-factual television specials. Is this an  
>example of their brand of research?

>The present thread was started by someone who cited his 'memory'  
>of an excerpt from a show he admittedly hadn't even seen in  
>years. The thread has now degenerated into participants nodding  
>in agreement about how bad it is to lead children into  
>frightening and potentially damaging belief structures.

But the transcript has now been presented and it does show  
that Joe M's memory was correct.

>Yes, I think we all agree its bad to lead any witness, most  
>especially children. The irritation comes from the fact that  
>there is no basis for this contention. Budd simply doesn't do  
>it.

The transcript shows that he does "do it". Are you saying it  
was just a one-time slipup pounced on by NOVA's hostile  
producers to embarrass him, and that 99% of the time he does not  
lead witnesses, especially highly suggestible young children?

Brad Sparks  
(not anonymous)

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 20:18:10 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 07:58:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - McGonagle

Hi Greg, List,

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 16:03:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 17:42:45 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>There's lots to say in reply to Joe McGonagle, including thanks  
>for quoting the NOVA transcript at such length. McGonagle gets  
>lots of credit for presenting a very thorough account of what he  
>believes, and why he believes it.

>But does he know that Budd long ago published a critique of the  
>NOVA episode? In a moment I'll quote what he said about the  
>interview with the child. But remember the questions I asked  
>earlier. How can anyone base any serious critique of his methods  
>on a few minutes shown on TV? How much of Budd's work with this  
>child and his parents did NOVA show? What did they leave out?  
>Did they present their excerpts from Budd's interviews, and from  
>their own interviews with the families, in their full, objective  
>context?

Thanks for the positive comments, Greg. I had read this before,  
and recently re-read it. Budd does make valid points about the  
objectivity of the producer, but the segments which I am  
critical off do not depend on the editing - I have deliberately  
avoided criticising segments which I consider questionable, but  
depend to a large extent on what what was not in the programme.

>Budd thinks not. (I might add that I observed some of the  
>filming for the show, and talked at length to the producer as  
>she was filming, and after the show aired. I'd strong support  
>Budd's belief that she wasn't even remotely objective.)

>Here's what Budd wrote about his interview with the child:

>But even worse is the show's blatantly dishonest presentation of  
>a family case to which they devote a great deal of airtime. The  
>young mother of two small children had written a letter to me,  
>and with her permission I presented a copy of it to producer  
>Denise DiIanni of the NOVA staff.

>In her letter the young woman said this about her abduction  
>experiences: "My memories are real and I have not had to use  
>hypnosis to remember them."

However, the memories appear to have come to the surface after  
reading "Intruders". It appears from the programme that prior to  
reading this, she did not associate her experiences with "Alien  
abduction", and had not sought any form of counselling for the  
experiences. This strikes me as odd, and raises concerns that the  
recall of the experiences were influenced by the book. This in

itself should have rang alarm bells for Hopkins.

>From a life-long series of encounters she records the following  
>details: "The 'little men' as I used to call them would enter my  
>bedroom from the same place in the wall... [They] were small,  
>had large heads with large dark eyes that seem to look right  
>through me."

Hopkins' rebuttal goes on to deal with the editing of segments, and criticism of comments made on-film by sceptical commentators. The major point in which I am in agreement with him is that the husband's material was totally excluded. However, the inclusion or exclusion of this material did not effect the actual flaws in his interview technique which I pointed out earlier, flaws which he does not refer to at all in his rebuttal (presumably, he didn't recognise them as flaws, and nobody pointed them out to him?).

To the anonymous poster complaining about my remarks, I suggest that you seek a professional medical opinion before placing the mental welfare of your child in the hands of an amateur. If you fail to do that, it could be viewed as child neglect. Also, examine closely my last post pointing out specific examples of what I consider bad about Hopkin's handling of that particular case, and challenge me on those - I think you will realise that I am right in this case.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:01:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 02:30:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 13:05:29 +0100  
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>>This is absolutely not the way to interview children, ever.

>I have great respect for Budd Hopkins as a serious researcher  
>honestly trying to help people. That said, I fully agree with  
>you where children are concerned.

<snip>

Just curious, Kyle. On what information are you and Cathy basing  
how you deem Budd Hopkins is interviewing these children?

Don Ledger

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## Flying Saucers And Four Guys Named George

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 19:46:46 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:02:43 -0400  
Subject: Flying Saucers And Four Guys Named George

Greetings to the Listarians,

For those who are collecting the Audio History of Ufology Series your requests and pleads for the Contactees have been heard. Volume 6 is now available and titled:

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## Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 23:10:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:05:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Orb Images - Maccabee

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 01:32:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Orb Images

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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## CI: New Posts

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 22:11:32 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:06:28 -0400  
Subject: CI: New Posts

I've added some commentary on the ongoing Martian biochemical controversy to the Cydonian Imperative blog:

<http://cydonianimperative.blogspot.com>

The case for life on Mars appears to have reached an all-time evidential high. Repeated observations (and the verification of ammonia in the Martian atmosphere) could have far-reaching ramifications for JPL's current geology-driven Mars exploration program, and I look forward to further developments.

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

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Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

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

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

New book: "After the Martian Apocalypse"  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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## Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Chace

From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 23:21:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:07:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON - Chace

>From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 13:09:51 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFOs + ECHELON

>"Scepticism set to scupper any chance of Union-led UFO  
>research"

>Vol. 10 No. 10 - 18 March 2004

>Are we alone in the universe? If not, are we being visited  
>by our intergalactic neighbours? Such questions, normally  
>pondered following an excellent supper, when port and  
>cigars are handed out and thoughts turn to philosophical  
>matters, have once again appeared on the European  
>Parliaments radar screen."

The European Voice writer who wrote the above has applied the term "intergalactic" without, apparently, understanding its meaning. Or perhaps he or she did it because it has simply become a space age equivalent of the word "grandiose." The more appropriate term to have used would be "galactic" or "interstellar" as these refer to travel within a galaxy, whereas intergalactic refers to travel between galaxies. Intergalactic either presupposes faster than light travel, or extremely patient aliens, as galaxies tend to be millions of light-years apart. Like Stanton Friedman I often get a little annoyed when I see people needlessly introducing the term "intergalactic" into discussion of extraterrestrial visitation.

Thus far, George Lucas has managed to keep the term out of his Star Wars films, for purposes of consistency, since these films are about a multi-stellar or galactic civilization, and intergalactic travel plays no role in them.

Incidentally, one of my key criticisms of Carol Rainey's portion of the book "Sight Unseen" that she co-wrote with Budd Hopkins is her needless use of the term "intergalactic." The other major criticism involves some of her discussion of the mechanisms by which optical invisibility might be achieved, but that's a subject for another time.

The word "scupper" is one that I don't recall seeing before (maybe it's a British thing), so I looked it up. The dictionary says it means to wreck or ruin something, which could have been inferred from the context of its use.

I also wonder if skepticism is really what's responsible for the scuppering or if it's really just the "giggle factor."

David W. Chace

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## Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 05:11:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:18:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52 - Hatch

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 17:35:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 07:44:16 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Magonia Supplement 52

>>Can you provide a direct URL to the page you mention? Time is  
>>limited here, and I cannot search your entire site.

>If you click on the URL I gave then you should get the home  
>page. You should then click on "Magonia Supplement No. 52" which  
>is on the left near the bottom of the page. Or try:

><http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms52.htm>

Thanks John.

The link at bottom is what I wanted.

- LH

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## Fostoria UFO Sightings?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:57:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:57:39 -0400  
Subject: Fostoria UFO Sightings?

Source: The Ohio News Network

<http://www.onnnews.com/Global/story.asp?S=2346688>

09-24-04

Fostoria  
UFO Sightings?

by Rob Packard

Strange unidentified objects hovering in the skies of Northwest Ohio. Some objects were caught on tape in Fostoria. It's no science fiction film. It's a story you'll only see on NBC 24.

We decided to research the issue, after several people called our newsroom Friday morning reporting unusual sightings this week in the skies around Fostoria.

We did some research, took a trip and found a man who's been investigating them for years. Frozen on videotape- shots of disk like objects recorded by George Ritter.

In one case a glowing object darts through the sky.

Ritter makes it a point to roll tape daily on the skies over his backyard. Over the past six years he's stockpiled a collection of more than 400 video tapes containing 856 hours of raw footage. Some of the suspicious objects were caught on tape just this week.

"(I've captured footage) of UFOs hundreds and hundreds of times. There's something going on in Ohio that nobody's figured out yet," Ritter told NBC 24 news.

We called Fostoria Police and talked with a patrol officer who says the last official report of a UFO in their area was a few years ago.

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## Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 13:30:38 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 09:01:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - McGonagle

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:02:47 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

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>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 04:52:57 -0000  
>From: [poetdreamerscholar.nul](mailto:poetdreamerscholar.nul)  
>To: [fort.nul](mailto:fort.nul)  
>Subj: [fort] Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>I'd find this much easier to accept if it weren't for two  
>things:

<snip>

Hello List,

I find myself in agreement with George here. I haven't got around to fully examining the events connected with Rendlesham, though I have visited the location on at least four occasions, twice on my own at night (to capture the atmosphere of the actual event under similar circumstances). The guy that disclosed his hoaxing activity has not actually said the he was personally present at the incident, but that someone else might have carried out a similar hoax (I gather that it was a fairly frequent occurrence, though I am surprised that if that is the case, it has taken so long to come to light).

There certainly is a lot of hype involved, for example, the reported radiation readings and their significance. The lighthouse has changed over the years, so it is difficult to judge how visible or otherwise it was at the time. Currently, it is difficult to spot, and is only visible from very small areas of the forest. It might have played a part, but my feeling is that it did not cause the initial sighting.

None of this is to say that I think the cause was supernatural - there are a number of other explanations possible, my current favourite is that it was caused by the re-entry of a KH-9 film container. That scenario would certainly account for all the secrecy, and succeeding events could have been deliberately staged to cover the real cause. There was an excellent site at:

<http://www.kca07.dial.pipex.com/theory.htm>

which has "mysteriously" vanished, but my previous post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/oct/m25-017.shtml>

expands on my thoughts about this.

Regards,

Joe

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## Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:27:31 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 09:03:43 -0400  
Subject: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest Argentina

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
September 27, 2004

Source: Las Ultimas Noticias (LUN)  
Date: September 26, 2004

Talk of tornadoes, fallen satellites and saucer crashes  
Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

Sunday, September 26, 2004

The forest woke up on the ground. That simple, that strange. All of the trees occupying a space equivalent to a city block in that forest near Ushuaia had been uprooted, piled from north to south as if pointing toward the same location. Of course, speculation on what could have caused the strange phenomenon commenced immediately, according to INFOBAE.com

According to the first explorers to reach the site, it seemed as if an aircraft had collided, with the exception that there was no fuselage lost among the branches. Locals told of having seen fireballs plunging from the sky days earlier, which - according to them - could have been the answer to the mystery. But none of the trees is burned.

In the northern part of the now-mysterious site, the tree trunks had been severed at a height of six to seven meters, which validated for several witnesses the theory that the impact had been something - meteorite, UFO, satellite - falling from the sky.

The Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas tried to appease the excitement saying it could have been a volteo (overturning), in other words, "a kind of tornado that uproots trees," according to the explanation given by Rogelio Acevedo. But Acevedo acknowledged that research must go on, since the winds in the area weren't strong enough to uproot the trees.

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## Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

From: Joel Carpenter <[crediblesport.nul](mailto:crediblesport.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:28:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 09:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

Of possible interest to List members.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0409/27bigelow/>

best -

Joel Carpenter

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:23:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 09:24:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
>subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 02:30:19 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 13:05:29 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

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>>>This is absolutely not the way to interview children, ever.

>>>I have great respect for Budd Hopkins as a serious researcher  
>>>honestly trying to help people. That said, I fully agree with  
>>>you where children are concerned.

><snip>

>Just curious, Kyle. On what information are you and Cathy basing  
>how you deem Budd Hopkins is interviewing these children?

Hi Don,

As I said, I agree with Cathy where children are concerned. I am not in a position to question Budd Hopkins' techniques, as I've never seen him in person in a session. My comments were pointed at any researcher who attempts to plumb the depths of the human mind, as my post indicated. I think I noted the risks on both sides of the abduction riddle. Pro or con.

I suppose I was just revealing my general mistrust of people who tinker with the mind while possessing a fully imperfect human mind of their own. Dangerous stuff in my view.

Nothing more than that. Cathy will have to explain her comments, as we just \_met\_. :)

Regards,

Kyle

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:15:37 -0400  
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Hi Dr. Maccabee,

Perhaps it is so, and we are stuck to our sides of the fence. I have not concluded a hoax, however. I simply stated that as a conjecture equally compelling to your own conjecture.

The man says he saw an almost perfect sphere. The photo does not in any way depict a sphere...perfect or otherwise.

The man says the sphere was on fire. The object in the photo does not exhibit any hint of fire... no light distortion above, no flame licking away from a hot, fiery center.

The man did not describe seeing a hexagonal red glowing area of red light. Yet that is what his photograph depicts.

Based on what the man described, the photo is of something very different. I'm simply reading what he said, and looking at what he photographed.

I offered my conjecture of a hoax only as a rebuttal of your conjecture that seeing one thing and photographing another constitutes a bizarre coincidence. What he photographed is not bizarre at all, but what he described is very bizarre indeed.

I think both conjectures are lacking.

What is not lacking is the great difference between what he says he saw and what he photographed...aside from the color red.

Your bizarre coincidence conjecture is no more compelling than my hoax conjecture. This is where we actually agree. To make this case tidy, conjecture is required. That makes the case very weak in my view. Perhaps this is where we differ.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 16:16:59 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:19:11 -0400  
Subject: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

Please find enclosed some recent news from Dr Claude Poher,  
<[Claude.Poher.nul](mailto:Claude.Poher.nul)>

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To all, hello!

You may be interested to know that I got photos of the oils  
flames from the gulf of Mexico platforms confirming the  
interpretation of the Flir camera video made from an aircraft of  
the Mexican Air Force on March 5, 2004. For more details, see:

<http://www.universons.com>

in index #6.

The most interesting picture is included down here with its  
counterpart from the Flir video (see note below).

Sincerely

Claude POHER  
25 September 2004

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Regards,

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## Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:18:06 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:24:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread - Ledger

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:55:40 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>>From: Xxx Xxx <[xxx.nul](mailto:xxx.nul)>  
>>To: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 12:47:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>>There is presently a tremendously irritating thread on UFO UpDates  
>>that reoccurs once every two or three years. The thread involves  
>>Budd Hopkins. In general, the theme of the thread condemns Budd's  
>>hypnosis techniques, and in specific, an accusation that Budd  
>>leads witnesses - especially children. You'd think someone making  
>>a charge like this would have some special knowledge of Budd's  
>>methods, but these claims are made by people who have no  
>>experience in hypnosis, and who are making the claim on the basis  
>>of incomplete and out of context excerpts  
>>from notoriously non-factual television specials. Is this an  
>>example of their brand of research?

>>The present thread was started by someone who cited his  
>>'memory' of an excerpt from a show he admittedly hadn't even  
>>seen in years. The thread has now degenerated into participants  
>>nodding in agreement about how bad it is to lead children into  
>>frightening and potentially damaging belief structures.

>But the transcript has now been presented and it does show  
>that Joe M's memory was correct.

>>Yes, I think we all agree its bad to lead any witness, most  
>>especially children. The irritation comes from the fact that  
>>there is no basis for this contention. Budd simply doesn't do  
>>it.

>The transcript shows that he does "do it". Are you saying it  
>was just a one-time slipup pounced on by NOVA's hostile  
>producers to embarrass him, and that 99% of the time he does not  
>lead witnesses, especially highly suggestible young children?

>Brad Sparks (not anonymous)

You don't get to see the real transcripts, Brad. Just the  
transcript of the finished product. There are hours of  
transcripts from which the director pastes together the final  
edit utilizing a shot-list. The producers/director/editors of  
any NOVA program never err. Whatever the end product, it is  
deliberate.

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 09/27/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 10:22:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:28:27 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/27/04

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 84  
September 27, 2004

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## INTELLIGENCE REFORM LEGISLATION ADVANCES

Competing versions of legislation on intelligence reform have been introduced in the House and Senate and will be considered this week.

The Senate bill (S. 2845) hews fairly closely to the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission (including intelligence budget disclosure) and was crafted on a bipartisan basis. The text is here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/s2845.html>

The House bill (H.R. 10), in contrast, includes numerous controversial provisions to expand law enforcement authority and its authors excluded participation by House Democrats. That bill is here (1 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/hr10.pdf>

The House bill was informed in part by a September 16 White House draft bill. Among other notable features, that draft included a new Freedom of Information Act exemption for "operational files" of the new National Intelligence Director (at pp. 16-17). But the proposed FOIA exemption has not been included so far in the House or Senate bills. See the September 16 White House draft bill here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/wh091604.pdf>

## INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Having examined some 1.3 million pages of declassified documents at the National Archives, reviewers identified 356 pages of classified nuclear weapons-related information that should not have been disclosed, the Department of Energy said in a newly disclosed periodic report to Congress.

As in the past, the most frequently reported category of inadvertently disclosed information concerned historical information regarding nuclear weapons storage locations abroad.

The Fourteenth Report on Inadvertent Releases of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data was transmitted to Congress on a classified basis in March 2004. An unclassified version was released last week. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent14.pdf>

NEW FRUS VOLUME ON SOUTH, CENTRAL AMERICA

U.S. foreign policy towards South and Central America during the tumultuous years 1964-1968 is documented in a new volume of the official State Department series Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS).

"Many of the [records] document the Johnson administration's responses to a series of crises: the 1964 Panama Canal flag incident; the 1964 coup d'etat in Brazil; the 1964 presidential election in Chile; the 1966 coup in Argentina; the 1967 hunt for Ernesto 'Che' Guevara in Bolivia; the 1968 coups in Peru and Panama" and more, according to a State Department press release.

The full text of the new volume is available here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/johnsonlb/xxxi/index.htm>

In a news release welcoming publication of the FRUS volume, the National Security Archive noted that it disclosed for the first time official documents on political intervention by the CIA in the 1964 election in Chile:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20040925/index.htm>

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## Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:32:02 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:30:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - Ledger

>From: Joel Carpenter <[crediblesport.nul](mailto:crediblesport.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:28:51 -0400  
>Subject: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

>Of possible interest to List members.

><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0409/27bigelow/>

Hi Joel,

These have been around for some time - or at least the design and engineering has. They were originally called "Habitats". It wasn't easy gaining acceptance for these lighter, tougher safer modules.

There was a a Huston based Senator who fought against their use, since it would mean that the less safe thin-skinned modules would not be constructed in Huston and jobs would be lost.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 15:37:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:31:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - McGonagle

I have just found the new URL for the article referred to in my previous post, it is:

<http://ds.dial.pipex.com/town/close/kca07/index.htm>

Joe

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 15:39:46 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:32:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Hale

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:23:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>As I said, I agree with Cathy where children are concerned. I am  
>not in a position to question Budd Hopkins' techniques, as I've  
>never seen him in person in a session. My comments were pointed  
>at any researcher who attempts to plumb the depths of the human  
>mind, as my post indicated. I think I noted the risks on both  
>sides of the abduction riddle. Pro or con.

>I suppose I was just revealing my general mistrust of people who  
>tinker with the mind while possessing a fully imperfect human  
>mind of their own. Dangerous stuff in my view.

Hi,  
Perhaps they should do nothing, and leave it all alone.  
No one can get upset then.

Roy

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:55:20 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:23:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
>>subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>As I said, I agree with Cathy where children are concerned. I  
>am not in a position to question Budd Hopkins' techniques, as  
>I've never seen him in person in a session. My comments were  
>pointed at any researcher who attempts to plumb the depths of  
>the human mind, as my post indicated. I think I noted the risks  
>on both sides of the abduction riddle. Pro or con.

>I suppose I was just revealing my general mistrust of people  
>who tinker with the mind while possessing a fully imperfect  
>human mind of their own. Dangerous stuff in my view.

>Nothing more than that. Cathy will have to explain her comments,  
>as we just met. :)

I don't think the baby [child] should be thrown out with the bathwater. Since there is evidence that these abductions begin in childhood, it makes sense to start there. Whether a shrink or someone of Budd Hopkins ilk does the task, they both bring the same level of expertise to the table. Let's give children credit for being a lot more resilient than this present day tendency to treat them as if they will self destruct over the slightest bit of trauma in their lives. We shove the tooth fairy, fairies in general, the Easter bunny, Pokemon, gods, the devil, angels, monsters, ghosts and all sorts of other strange entities at them during their early impressionable years, what's the big deal about the pictures of a little gray [grey]?

I have more.

But again, basing arguments pro or con on NOVA's version of how Budd does his interviews with children is unrealistic. Better to check with someone who has been present during one of his interviews.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 15:57:53 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:38:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Hale

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 19:25:49 -0700  
>Subject: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

<snip>

>Recent revelations make it clear that a good part of 'the  
>incident' was caused by an admitted hoaxer, using the multiple  
>lights of his police vehicle in the fog to produce some  
>interesting effects that had Rendlesham's USAF guards wandering  
>round in the forest looking for a UFO.

What a load of trash. I heard this guy being interviewed on the  
James Whale Show Talksport UK 1089 MW, along with Georgina  
Bruni. The guy admitted he did not cause much of the light show  
as the above has stated, a case of the sceptics latching onto  
something and trying to milk as much out of this cow as  
possible!

>Everything else was built up on that through a whole series  
>of errors, pointless secrecy, the service unwillingness to indicate  
>any problems (particularly with a base full of US nuclear weapons  
>on British soil), diplomatic problems with armed American soldiery  
>wandering round off-base, and so on.

Sorry, but have you just landed back from Fantasy Island? After  
all that has been written and debated on Rendlesham, along  
this comes and rubber stamps the case for closure? Perhaps you  
have spent too much time on philosophy courses!

>Among other things the articles put quite a dent in the  
>reputation of Nick Pope, once dubbed 'Britain's real-life Fox  
>Mulder'. Pope, the low-level civil servant whose investigative  
>paperwork at the time was quite objective, now -- after his  
>best-selling book 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' -- says still that  
>it was extraterrestrials with their flashing lights that landed  
>in Rendlesham Forest.

To be fair to Nick, at least he has stuck to his opinion on this  
case, where as the UK sceptics have changed from radioactive  
rabbits, to lighthouses that suddenly grow legs and move in the  
night.

>There are a lot of fascinating philosophical and psychological  
>conclusions to be drawn from the Rendlesham affair, about the  
>way people reach beliefs, the way that pre-existing attitudes  
>shape people's approaches to investigations, and so on. (Jenny  
>Randle's article here, from Britain's premier ufologist, makes  
>some splendid criticisms of the ufologist mind-set as well as of  
>knee-jerk scepticism.) And I think there are significant  
>parallels with what I have heard about Roswell.

Ok, and after 25 years of UFO research can Jenny tell me if  
ET has ever been here in any way shape or form?

>Dr Jerry Goodenough

>University of East Anglia  
>England

Good to see the Dr. getting out of his classroom and devoting his time to such a great subject, perhaps researching the mind and the philosophy of religion can drive one to boredom, so UFOs make a good sideshow for all academics!!

Roy

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## Re: Blimp-Like Object - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:02:16 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:39:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Blimp-Like Object - Warren

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 10:09:53 -0500  
>Subject: Blimp-Like Object

>Forwarded to the UFO UpDates List for its consideration and  
>comment - an interesting picture.

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

Alfred, Et Al,

I believe that's a picture of "The Baldwin Dirigible."

Regards,

Frank Warren

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## CCCRN News: Formation Report #13 - Humboldt,

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 09:29:31 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:40:28 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #13 - Humboldt,

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

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<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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FORMATION REPORT #13 - HUMBOLDT, SASKATCHEWAN

Large circle in barley, approximately 35 metres (114 feet) diameter. Found September 22 by farmer while harvesting. Slightly elliptical with offset centre, counterclockwise lay. Many plants recovering due to phototropism. As most single circles tend to be up to about half this size at most on average, this one is unusually large! Initial field report, survey diagram and ground photos are posted on the web site. Investigation in progress by CCCRN Saskatchewan. This is the thirteenth reported formation for 2004.

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 10:08:22 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:44:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 07:36:52 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>From: Mike Christman <[mschristman.nul](mailto:mschristman.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 15:21:19 +0200  
>>Subject: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

>>Cosmic Curiosity: Naval History Magazine Reports on August,  
>>1952 Incident

>I had the case listed, based on Richard  
>Haines' Project Delta book and the Don Berliner catalog, but  
>this has much more detail.

>The only things missing are the date (29 AUG 1953) and  
>possibly the time of day. The sun would be up 24 hours that far north  
>in August of course, so its a daylight sighting regardless.

According to Brad Sparks list of Blue Book unknowns,

<http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/bluebookunknowns-v1-6.pdf>

the date was 29 August 1952, instead of 1953, time 10:50 a.m.  
Original source was again Berliner's catalog.

Again from Berliner catalog, also a 29 August, but 1954,  
Greenland sighting of multiple disks by commercial pilots

[http://www.ufocat.com/on\\_this\\_day/August29.html](http://www.ufocat.com/on_this_day/August29.html)

Despite the partial coincidence of date and location, this is  
apparently unrelated to the military case.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 18:37:25 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:50:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Reason

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
>subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>Just curious, Kyle. On what information are you and Cathy basing  
>how you deem Budd Hopkins is interviewing these children?

For my part, none whatsoever - I've always tried to make it clear that my knowledge of Ufological matters is sketchy at best. Since I haven't even seen the NOVA show in question, I know nothing at all about Hopkins' technique or whether the documentary gave a misleading impression of it.

I can say that interviewing children presents a number of very specific problems, and that these mainly have to do with the fact that there are two perspectives in such an interview - the adult's and the child's, and that children do not think like adults. A developmental psychologist I once knew, used to begin his lectures by observing that it was a mistake to regard children as mini-adults, because one would then inevitably be forced to the conclusion that they were also incompetent mini-adults. Children and adults have different competences, and if you don't take this into account then your research is likely to produce artifacts.

It isn't just Ufologists who need to be aware of this - psychologists need to be aware of it too, and all too frequently they aren't. Cognitive psychologists in particular are notoriously prone to misconstrue interactions with children, and it's impossible to say to what extent psychological constructs such as suggestibility and fantasy-proneness are really artifacts arising from such misunderstandings. Indeed, some of Loftus' own work is a case in point.

To what extent Ufology is also affected by this problem is a question which would have to be addressed by someone who knows a lot more about Ufology than I do.

Cathy

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From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 17:59:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:00:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread - Hall

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:55:40 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>>From: Xxx Xxx <[xxx.nul](mailto:xxx.nul)>  
>>To: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 12:47:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>>Hi, Errol, et al,

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>producers to embarrass him, and that 99% of the time he does not  
>lead witnesses, especially highly suggestible young children?

Brad and List,

I suggest those of you who are reading into the NOVA transcript  
cease and desist in condemning Budd for allegedly leading the  
child witness until you acquire a proper understanding of what  
happened.

The transcript (any transcript) does not properly convey the  
facts. Read Errol's detailed post by Budd about the  
circumstances:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m26-008.shtml>

The NOVA producer twisted, distorted, and manipulated the film  
footage by editing out significant portions that would have

given a totally different impression and therefore taking things out of context, and clearly they were very hostile toward the abduction subject.

They were using propaganda and biased presentation techniques that are all too familiar to those of us who have done many [pseudo] documentary programs. I remember writing an angry letter to the producer after watching the program, because their sleazy tactics were very obvious to me.

Budd does not - repeat - does not lead either adult or child witnesses and is sensitive to the issues involved in working with children.

As I've said before, I have sat in on quite a few hypnosis sessions that he conducted, including some with young children, and I saw nothing to criticize. And I do know something about human psychology since I was once Senior Abstracts Editor for the American Psychological Association.

Like Greg Sandow, who knows Budd well, I am not saying that Budd is perfect. A professional psychologist (hypnotherapist) friend and I sat in on one session where, the friend said, Budd did something relatively minor that was not in the best interests of the subject. But it was not a major issue either.

I know Budd to be a very caring, conscientious person, who works hard to do what is right and proper, and he regularly seeks advice and counsel from professionals.

- Dick

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## Re: rritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread -

From: Xxx Xxx <[xxx.nul](#)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 16:15:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:06:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: rritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread -

[This post is from a subscriber and is known to me --ebk]

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Hi, Brad,

I'm saying what I said, which is that, announcing Budd misleads  
children on the basis of a fleeting memory of a TV show - and  
now a transcript of a particularly inaccurate TV show - is  
deliberately inflammatory and paints an unfair picture.

I'm not saying Budd's (nor any research method for that matter)  
is without weakness, nor that reasonable people couldn't come to  
differing conclusions about what that research indicates.

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## Dr. John Mack Succumbs To Accident Injuries?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:29:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:29:02 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack Succumbs To Accident Injuries?

For the past couple of hours I've been receiving e-mails reporting that Dr. John Mack was struck while crossing a street in London last night. He reportedly died shortly thereafter.

I've searched news sources for confirmation of the reports and have found nothing.

However, The John Mack Institute's website at:

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

has a terse, new, one-line header on its front page which ominously reads:

"AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING"

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## Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 14:20:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:43:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident -

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Sent: Friday, September 24, 2004 9:47 AM  
>Subject: Re: Naval History Magazine Reports 1952 Incident

<snip>

>the inconsistency is so minor and understandable that I don't  
>think it detracts from the believability of the account at all.  
>For one thing, there are several other incidents of UFOs nosing  
>around Skyhook and Mogul balloons that we know about and are  
>very well documented.

>For a little bit more about Mogul/Skyhook personnel UFO  
>sightings see:

>[http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul\\_UFOs.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul_UFOs.html)

For even more details on the known sightings by Mogul/Skyhook  
balloon personnel, see a new page I just got up on my website:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Balloon\\_UFO\\_Sightings.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Balloon_UFO_Sightings.html)

Note that the newly-described 1952 Naval Greenland incident  
involving a Skyhook balloon has been added to the list.

One of the very interesting pieces of documentation linked to is  
a letter to Dr. James van Allen from Cmdr. Robert McLaughlin,  
who headed up the Naval missile research program at White Sands.  
I received a copy of this letter from Brad Sparks. You can view  
it at:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/McLaughlin\\_Van\\_Allen\\_letter.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/McLaughlin_Van_Allen_letter.html)

In the letter McLaughlin, a new UFO "believer" described the  
following:

1. Charles Moore's famous UFO sighting from April 24, 1949. This  
is the same Charles Moore of Mogul/Roswell infamy who is  
debunking Roswell in the present-day, and even created a hoaxed  
Mogul balloon trajectory to reinforce it.

As Brad Sparks pointed out to me, note how McLaughlin in this  
unclassified letter states that Moore "had been head of Project  
Mogul for the Air Force." Yes, this is the same "Project Mogul"  
whose very name was supposedly so super-secret, hush-hush, that  
Moore has claimed he never heard it used until it was  
declassified in 1992. Yet McLaughlin is not only using the  
forbidden words but saying the Moore was in charge of very same.

(Moore, incidentally, was witness to another UFO during a  
Skyhook launch on Oct. 11, 1951, also described on the above web  
page of sightings.)

2. McLaughlin's own UFO sighting during a V-2 launch, which he  
had only a few days before he wrote the letter to van Allen (May  
12, 1949). He wrote this sighting up, along with Moore's, in a  
famous True Magazine article from March 1950, which you can read  
at:

<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/true-mc.htm>

3. Described famous astronomer Clyde Tombaugh's fascination with UFOs (Tombaugh had his own jaw-dropping sighting August 20, 1948). Both Tombaugh and McLaughlin thought there was a connection between the first A-bomb test in New Mexico when Mars was at close approach and the current onslaught of flying saucer sightings. Tombaugh told McLaughlin that he had personally seen a bright flash on Mars on August 27, 1941, which he now ascribed to "an atomic explosion of some sort." (More likely a meteor strike, IMHO)

All in all, a fascinating letter. Please check it out.

David ("getting sick of balloons") Rudiak

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## Re: endlesham (Dis)Solved - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 21:58:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:45:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: endlesham (Dis)Solved - Hall

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:02:47 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 04:52:57 -0000  
>From: [poetdreamerscholar.nul](mailto:poetdreamerscholar.nul)  
>To: [fort.nul](mailto:fort.nul)  
>Subj: [fort] Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>I'd find this much easier to accept if it weren't for two  
>things:

>1. I'm always highly suspicious of "confessions" which come two  
>decades after the fact; and

>2. The same Skeptics who now tell us that Rendlesham was a  
>purposely-created hoax (based on the testimony of a solitary  
>witness) spent that intervening 20 years insisting that the  
>Rendlesham UFO was actually nothing more than the bright  
>illumination from a marine lighthouse shimmering through  
>Rendlesham Forest.

>Have you ever noticed that single-witness testimonies are never  
>good enough to establish the existence of anything, but are  
>perfectly sufficient for debunking?

>Sincerely,

>George Wagner  
>[gwagneroldtimeradio.nul](mailto:gwagneroldtimeradio.nul)

Excellent point. As an ex-USAF enlisted man myself, my mind  
boggles at the notion that someone could fake or stage such  
events on a strategically important Air Force Base.

The story makes no sense at all.

That sucker would be in the brig before you could say "Pelican  
guano." No way!

Also, Col. Halt (whom I know and have interviewed at length) is  
a very impressive witness, whose testimony tends to be discarded  
at will by second-guessing, armchair debunkers whose main claim  
to knowledge appears to be based on visits to the site 20-plus  
years later and totally erroneous assertions about lighthouses.

- Dick

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 18:48:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:47:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:42:06 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 23:00:21 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:22:15 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

<snip>

>>If you claim the Cutler-Twining memo does, I would retort that  
>>enough suspicion and distrust has been attached to that since  
>>1987. To say nothing of an official 10-point disclaimer from the  
>>National Archives.

>>In other words, it is not a case that many "are not from

>>I have a comment about the CT memo.

<snip>

>>So I examined closely the CT memo. It is onion skin, with two  
>>definite crease lines across as if it had been tri-folded at one  
>>time. However the crease lines were pressed flat.

>I recall you telling me that back in the 80's. But the  
>horizontal triple folds are just what a hoaxer might do to  
>smuggle a fake CT Memo into the Archives folded like a letter in  
>his jacket or coat.

Perhaps.

<snip>

>Then the AF agent or the DIA-SAC Colonel known to have been  
>involved in MJ-12 could have smuggled the sheet into the  
>Archives, then planted the location clues using the "Ethiopian  
>postcard" that was sent so that the planted document could be  
>"found."

You refer to the postcard that essentially gave the box location  
of the document. But Shandara and Moore did not "connect the  
dots" until after they had found the document by a "brute-force"  
search of all the boxes.

>As for the creases, once they were noticed surely the  
>hoaxer would have tried to flatten them out using a fingernail  
>in the Archives as this would be much too suspicious since the  
>"original" carbon copy in the "NSC" (as it was meant to be by  
>forged imitation) would always have been flat in a file folder  
>and never folded as if sent in the mail in an envelope. Then  
>the hoaxer would have made sure the flimsy onionskin sheet was

>flattened further between heavy stacks of normal weight paper in  
>the file box it was found in so that it would have months of  
>paper-flattening pressure before being "found".

We don't know that the document wouldn't have been folded by the person acting in Cutler's behalf to place it in a business envelop for transmission to Twining... probably by special courier.

But anyway, your suggestion that it was sitting in a box with papers and much weight on it from the time the hoaxer put it in the box until Shandara found it doesn't ring true to me. I have examined the box... and looked at the other file folders (which, as I recall, had many pink withdrawal sheets... documents never given to the archives). The documents in folders stand on edge. The file box holds the documents and folders vertically. There is no weight or pressure.

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## An Interesting Article On Photo Manipulation

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 06:22:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:52:22 -0400  
Subject: An Interesting Article On Photo Manipulation

If anyone has questioned whether or not a photo can be convincingly faked, this article give a glimpse of the technology involved with today digital capabilities:

<http://www.discover.com/web-exclusives/real-or-photoshopped0927/>

Steve

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## UFO Mockumentary To Air

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 11:58:14 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:53:52 -0400  
Subject: UFO Mockumentary To Air

<http://www.yorkregion.com/yr/newscentre/erabanner/story/2239625p-2594850c.html>

Here's a funny story on a chap who filmed his own UFO  
"Mockumentary" 15 years ago and shelved it.

He decided to finally show it to the public and it's going to  
air on the Space Channel.

It's a comedy that uses first person UFO accounts.

Hey the man's name is Pfundt.

Reminds me of Funt.

Say, it's fun to laugh at yourself.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 12:55:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:58:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:32:02 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

<snip>

>There was a a Huston based Senator who fought against their use,  
>since it would mean that the less safe thin-skinned modules  
>would not be constructed in Huston and jobs would be lost.

Hi Don,

The Johnson Space Center is located in Clear Lake City, south of  
\_Houston\_.

There are no modules constructed at JSC, thin-skinned or otherwise.  
JSC is a training facility for astronauts.

NASA plays a huge role in the local economy of Clear Lake City, but  
the proliferation of unmanned probe and satellite missions has made  
the JSC...home of Mission Control...mainly a monitoring center for  
the ISS.

Many jobs have been lost, but not because of manufacturing. That is  
done elsewhere.

The chief cause has been the grounding of the Shuttle.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 10:56:05 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 15:01:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:27:31 -0400  
>Subject: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest Argentina

>INEXPLICATA  
>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>September 27, 2004

>Source: Las Ultimas Noticias (LUN)

>Talk of tornadoes, fallen satellites and saucer crashes  
>Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

-snip-

Hi Scott,

This is most interesting, in light of my posting (and update) in the last few days regarding the large "tree circles" in the Northwest Territories here in Canada, at least the two locations we know of so far in the last few years. I'm not implying there must necessarily be any kind of connection, but this case of yours, like ours here, certainly deserves continued follow-up (which I am also still doing here).

I'm interested in any further details on this Argentina case when they are available, in particular any aerial / ground photos and studies regarding the snapped and "exploded" trunks (the ones that "appear to have been blown away from within by a stick of dynamite"). The description as provided reminds me, at least superficially, of the "blown nodes" (expulsion cavities) found in the nodes of some crop formations, including those large ones in the recent formation again in Matsqui, BC this summer, similar to last year's, in 7' - 10' tall cattle corn (per my other recent updates; scan images are on the CCCRN web site in the 2003 / 2004 report archives).

Is there any kind of overall shape to the downed trees in your case or just random? - I understand the trees are flattened in one direction; in the ones here, they are / were flattened radially, the tops pointing inward in the Nahanni Butte ones and both inward and outward in the Cli Lake ones. According to some preliminary consultations with forestry experts, I've been told that blowdown areas can sometimes be roughly circular (or just a random swath / mess as usually the case), but not "perfect circles" and not with radial lay patterns of fallen trees, which is the aspect I'm most intrigued about.

I also just heard of a similar case (circle) involving trees in Wisconsin in 1984, from Richard Hendricks of The Anomalist. Not sure if it has ever been mentioned on this list before or not, but he has a newsclipping with photo which he is sending me a copy of.

Best,

Re: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

Paul Anderson  
Canadian Crop Circle Research Network  
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 15:20:43 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver

Sadly, the rumour is true...

Dr. Mack was in Oxford speaking at the T. E. Lawrence Society Symposium, this past Sunday afternoon. His speech went so well that he was asked to give another that evening, which he did.

Yesterday evening he went out for dinner with friends in London and was returning to where he was staying, on a darkened street, was struck and died instantly, by a vehicle driven by a drunk driver.

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## Passing Of Dr John Mack

From: **John E Mack Institute** <[info.nul](mailto:info.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 16:34:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:00:05 -0400  
Subject: Passing Of Dr John Mack

This is preliminary information; further information will be posted to [www.johnemackinstitute.org](http://www.johnemackinstitute.org)

Passing Of Dr John Mack: Announcement To Friends And Colleagues

At this time we must with great sorrow confirm that Dr John Mack has passed away in London, England.

Dr Mack was one of several speakers discussing British officer T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") at the T. E. Lawrence Society Symposium, Oxford. Dr Mack's 1977 biography of T.E. Lawrence, *A Prince of Our Disorder*, received the Pulitzer Prize in biography (see complete bio below). Dr Mack's presentation at an afternoon panel was so warmly received that he was asked to stay and present an additional evening talk, which again met with positive response. Afterward, he went to dinner with friends.

On his return to the home at which he was staying while in London, traveling on foot on Totteridge Road, he was struck by a vehicle being driven by an intoxicated driver. Dr Mack was in a crosswalk. Dr Mack was pronounced dead on the scene by London police and is believed to have died on impact.

Dr Mack leaves three sons, two grandsons, his former wife, and many friends who love him dearly.

This information will be revised as needed and will be replaced by a statement from Dr Mack's family when available. Information will be posted to the John E Mack Institute website, [www.johnemackinstitute.org](http://www.johnemackinstitute.org)

The John E Mack Institute, recently named in his honor, honors Dr Mack's courageous examination of human experiences, and his landmark explorations of the ways in which perceptions and beliefs about reality shape the human condition.

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John Mack (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

John Edward Mack, M.D. (October 4, 1929 - Sep 27, 2004), professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, considered to be a leading authority on the spiritual or transformational affects of alleged alien encounter experiences.

Mack received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School (Cum Laude, 1955) after undergraduate study at Oberlin (Phi Beta Kappa, 1951). He is a graduate of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and is Board certified in child and adult psychoanalysis.

The dominant theme of his life's work has been the exploration of how one's perceptions of the world affect one's relationships. He addressed this issue of "worldview" on the individual level in his early clinical explorations of dreams, nightmares and teen suicide, and in his biographical study of

the life of British officer T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in biography in 1977.

Mack advocated that Western culture requires a shift away from a purely materialist worldview (which he feels is responsible for the Cold War, the global ecological crisis, ethnonationalism and regional conflict) towards a transpersonal worldview which embraces certain elements of Eastern spiritual and philosophical traditions.

Mack's interest in the spiritual aspect of human experience has been compared by the New York Times to that of fellow Harvard alum William James, and like James, Mack became a controversial figure for his efforts to bridge spirituality and psychiatry.

This theme was taken to a controversial extreme in the early 1990s when Mack commenced his decade-plus study of 200 men and women who claimed that recurrent alien encounter experiences had affected the way they regarded the world, including a heightened sense of spirituality and environmental concern. Mack's interest in the spiritual or transformational aspects of people's alien encounters, and his suggestion that the experience of alien contact itself may be more spiritual than physical in nature -- yet nonetheless real -- set him apart from many of his contemporaries such as Budd Hopkins, who initially advocated the physical reality of aliens.

In 1994 the Dean of Harvard Medical School appointed a committee of peers to review Mack's clinical care and clinical investigation of the people who had shared their alien encounters with him (some of their cases were written of in Mack's 1994 book Abduction). After fourteen months of inquiry and amid growing questions from the academic community (including Harvard Professor of Law Alan Dershowitz) regarding the validity of Harvard's investigation of a tenured professor, Harvard issued a statement stating that the Dean had "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment," concluding "Dr. Mack remains a member in good standing of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine."

Mack's explorations later broadened into the general consideration of the merits of an expanded notion of reality, one which allows for experiences that may not fit the Western materialist paradigm, yet deeply affect people's lives. His second (and final) book on the alien encounter experience, Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters (1999), was as much the culmination of his work with the "experiencers" of alien encounters (to whom the book is dedicated) as it was a philosophical treatise connecting the themes of spirituality and modern worldviews.

Notes:

Mack was a student of Grof Holotropic Breathwork, a meditative technique developed by Stanislov Grof.

Mack's work was documented in the film "TOUCHED" by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Laurel Chiten  
<http://www.blinddogfilms.com/touched>

HIGH RESOLUTION (3.5 MB) PORTRAIT OF DR JOHN MACK  
<http://www.johnemackinstitute.org/johnmack.jpg>

Archive of Dr John Mack's writings:  
<http://www.passporttothecosmos.com>

The John E Mack Institute:  
<http://www.johnemackinstitute.org>

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## Re: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 15:27:12 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:11:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver - Boone

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 15:20:43 -0400  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver

>I just spoke with Will Bueche of The John Mack Institute & The  
>Centre For Change, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

>Sadly, the rumour is true...

<snip>

Thank you Errol for informing us of this tragedy.

We all throughout the world owe Dr. Mack a debt of gratitude for his courage and works.

The world has lost a true champion and compassionate professional.

I'd only met him once in Roswell's 50th Anniversary where he generously gave us a few minutes for a video interview. He then was in my hometown area with an institute he was with.

Calls upon all of us to honor him with doing the professional and honorable research.

Prayers to him and his family.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 16:50:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:15:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. John Mack Killed By Drunk Driver - Velez

My deepest condolences and sympathy to his family and friends. I knew and respected John. May he rest in Peace.

John Velez

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## Dr. John Mack

From: Mark Haywood <[circleman99.nul](mailto:circleman99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 21:30:15 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:56:55 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

Our thoughts should go out to his family and friends at this time.

It is a sad loss for UFO research when a stalwart campaigner for the truth is lost

Mark Haywood

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**John Mack**

From: **Chris Burns** <[Thurstonoreggae.nul](mailto:Thurstonoreggae.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:49:10 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:04:49 -0400  
Subject: John Mack

List,

This is incredibly sad news. My sympathy to his family.

Chris Burns

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## Dr. John Mack

From: Lavinia Pallotta <[galactica.nul](mailto:galactica.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 00:10:26 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:22:58 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

Dr. John Mack was esteemed and respected in all over the world.  
Scientific abduction research has lost one of its Great Fathers.

Lavinia Pallotta  
Italy

President of Fondazione Sentinel  
<http://www.fondazionesentinel.org>  
Gruppo Camelot  
<http://www.gruppocamelot.too.it>  
webzine Camelot Chronicles  
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## Professor John Mack

From: Ronald Freeman <[i.ron1.nul](mailto:i.ron1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 15:15:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:44:05 -0400  
Subject: Professor John Mack

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From: Dr Michael Salla <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>  
To: [exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:11:58 -0000  
Subject: Professor John Mack Dies in an Accident

Aloha Everyone, it's my sad duty to announce that Prof John Mack passed away last night in an auto accident.

The news was confirmed by Wendelle Stevens and so it looks like one of the leading lights who did so much to legitimize abduction/contact research is no longer with us.

I'm sure the legacy of Prof Mack will continue to shine the light on the genuiness of abduction research, and of the transformative potential of the ET presence. He also was a leading light in legitimizing ET research within a university environment so he will be surely missed by those of us battling to have ET/exopolitical research included within university curricula.

He will be surely missed by all.

In peace

Michael Salla, Phd  
[www.exopolitics.org](http://www.exopolitics.org)

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## John Mack

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:54:27 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:47:52 -0400  
Subject: John Mack

I met Dr. Mack a few times around the globe, always at conferences, always very focused in his work. I have great admiration for his work and I learned a lot from his books.

The Brazilian UFO Community is deeply saddened by this tragic accident and recognise that serious abduction research has suffered a great loss. Dr. Mack's place will be hard to fill.

Whoever knows his family, please trasmit the Brazilian UFO researchers' condolences.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Dr. John Mack

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:13:34 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:49:26 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

A man of science who had grit and courage to look and learn.  
Now, he knows the answers and we are poorer by his passing.

Wendy Connors

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## Professor John Mack

From: Michael Christol <[spachopr.nul](mailto:spachopr.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 19:28:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:52:04 -0400  
Subject: Professor John Mack

My condolences to the family and friends of Dr. John Mack.  
His tragic passing will leave a large gap in the credible  
research science of Alien Abduction and Ufology.

My pPrayers are with him as he moves into the higher realms  
of Eternity.

Mike Christol

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**Dr. John Mack**

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
Date: TueDate: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:16:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 07:55:31 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

My condolences to Dr.Mack's family, friends, and colleagues for their loss.

Sincerely,

Royce J. Myers III  
[ufowatchdog.com](mailto:ufowatchdog.com)

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## On Dr. John Mack

From: Larry Landsman <[LL1157.nul](mailto:LL1157.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 22:35:16 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 07:57:07 -0400  
Subject: On Dr. John Mack

It truly was a shock to learn of his untimely passing today.

Those of us at the SCI FI Channel who had the honor of meeting (and breaking bread with) Dr. Mack are grateful for the time we had together. His significant contributions to a field still struggling for legitimacy cannot be overstated. His wit, intelligence, and tenacity will surely be missed.

Our sincerest condolences to Dr. Mack's family and colleagues.

Larry Landsman  
Director, Special Projects  
SCI FI Channel

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## Passing Of Dr John Mack

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 00:22:04 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 08:15:38 -0400  
Subject: Passing Of Dr John Mack

Very sorry to learn of Dr. Mack's demise.

His work in the UFO field will be long remembered.

I was his roommate for a few days at a UFO conference (TREAT) at the University of Virginia back in the late '80's. I tried to convey to him the idea that there were physical aspects to UFO sightings and events which provided proof of the physical reality, but he never took that seriously.

In his first book on the subject, Abduction, he essentially rejected physical proof, saying that there may never be such evidence and that it will be necessary to rely upon witness statements about recollections or statement made during hypnosis.

The death of John Mack at the hands of a 'criminal' - a drunk - recalls the death of Eugene Mallove last spring at the hands of another criminal - during a robbery.

Gene was not a 'ufologist', but he was partial to the subject and understood that there was something going on that was worthy of attention. He asked me to write a UFO article for Infinite Energy Magazine, an article that would rebut the Klass type of criticism that there was nothing to the UFO subject. That article became Prosaic Explanations: The Failure Of UFO Skepticism, published several years ago and available at my web site.

The loss of these two men will have an impact on the subjects of their respective interest. (The impact on cold fusion research and publication has already been impacted by the loss of Gene, who was the editor of Infinite Energy and a great promoter of research into "new energies.")

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## John Mack's Transpersonal Journey Continues

From: Peter Khoury <[ufoesa.nul](mailto:ufoesa.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:13:06 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 08:29:43 -0400  
Subject: John Mack's Transpersonal Journey Continues

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Like all of us I found the news of John Mack's untimely passing very saddening.

While some of us might not have agreed with some of the directions John was taking the subject in, I think the field has been enriched by his involvement. When he was in Australia I supported his research into indigenous aboriginal abduction & UFO experiences - an area we both had a strong interest in, particularly its shamanic dimensions. On the hurdles he often encountered, particularly from mainstream academia, he once told me what he felt. Maybe his response was coloured by spending too much time in Australia, but clearly he enjoyed his time down under. His response: "Fuck 'em". I smiled and wished him well. He was always a courageous and wonderful researcher. Full speed John on the rest of your transpersonal journey.

I recently went through the final editing of my forthcoming book, from which some discussions about John's legacy had been deleted. Not my choice, but this forum and this time seems like a good place to post that material.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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I lectured with John Mack, Dominique Callimanopulos, his research associate, Robb Tilley, a fellow research associate, and experiencers, Kelly Cahill and Peter Khoury, in Sydney, on February 4th, 1996, at an Australian Transpersonal Association presentation. Some of the forum session was germane to the key issues being discussed in this book, specifically the search for evidence and the nature of the reality behind alien abductions. This is the crux of the problem. The abduction phenomenon is centring on the human dimension of the UFO phenomenon. To date it has not provided the kind of physical evidence that would persuade a scientist.[i] The UFO phenomenon has in many ways. My focus in this book on the scientific and forensic examination of the alien abduction phenomenon is an attempt to re-centre the drift of the abduction mystery:

Dominique Callimanopulos: The real problem with this is how do you define what knowledge is and how do we know when we know something. You have the researcher who has his or her consciousness coming at an experiencer or abductee who is having a subjective experience... The whole interaction is not something you can repeat. So how do we know what takes place during that enquiry.

Bill Chalker: Just as a scientist to respond to the question about physical evidence and the need for physical evidence, I would like to put my perspective... Like it or lump it, the UFO experience (and the abduction experience) is a marginalised experience in human society. It might be popularised by the X Files and things like that. But, essentially it is seen as a fringe phenomenon. It is not generally accepted as a reality.

Most of us on a day to day basis live in a physical reality and that's why there is this sort of emphasis on the search for physical evidence ... But, I find it interesting that indigenous cultures seem to be coming out and offering us some quite sobering insights into this field, that they themselves seem to have been aware of for hundreds of years. Also, the powerful nature of these experiences on the individual is also sobering from a scientific point of view, for me at least ... That's why I turn to people like John and other health professionals to assist us in that field.

John Mack: What Bill is slipping us slightly into here, is what I've called the politics of ontology. In other words, this is a political question he is hinting at. Who decides in a given culture what is real or not. In this culture it isn't any longer so much the religious leaders, as it is the scientists.

In other words the mainstream scientists tell us the methodologies, the criteria for reality that we are expected to go by, and he said this very well, that is, unfortunately in this culture, this is marginalised and mainstream notions of method and reality require that we get this physical evidence, and I support this, and I think we should get physical evidence.

But, I just think we should be aware of the degree to which what is real is determined on the basis of a consensus of a certain elite.

Some critics argue that sufficient explanations for the UFO abduction mystery are already available. Answers may yet emerge in work being done with such esoteric fields as temporal lobe sensitivities, fantasy prone personalities, false memory syndrome, sleep paralysis, and electro-hypersensitivities. Some of these areas have been examined and found wanting. Some researchers feel that such areas are not relevant, but the judgement is in, and abductions are real alien experiences.

Others argue just as passionately that it is all rubbish. What is needed is the recognition that it is far too early to rush to judgement with definite positions. What has been uncovered to date - an extraordinarily complex human drama - argues powerfully for caution and patience. We have a long way to go and much to discover along the way.

John Mack was a potent and articulate spokesman for some of the wider dimensions of the abduction mystery, and with his 1999 book, *Passport To The Cosmos =96 Human Transformation And Alien Encounters*, he plainly marked out his perspectives, that were signalled in his first book on the subject =96 *Abduction =96 Human Encounters With Aliens*.<sup>[iii]</sup>

In essence "Passport" represented a shamanic envisioning of the whole alien abduction mystery. The transformative aspects of the phenomenon held sway for John Mack, and examination of the physical dimensions seemed secondary or even unimportant. He argued, "There are problems with an entirely literal physical interpretation. To begin with, despite liberal use of words like genetic, DNA, and mitochondria, there is not solid material evidence of which I am aware to support the notion that any of this, including the creation of the hybrids themselves, is occurring on the material plane to the extent that detectable or measurable changes are happening at the molecular level. At best what we have in the physical domain are small lesions (which skeptics say could be self-inflicted, but I have found no evidence for this) and bodily symptoms that might be manifestations of subtle forces, real energies originating on another plane of reality."<sup>[iiii]</sup>

These statements puzzled me somewhat as during his research visits to Australia and after them he had become well acquainted with Peter Khoury and the fact that the hair sample related to his 1992 experience was being subjected to mitochondrial DNA sequence analysis. Our first report on the work =96 *Strange Evidence =96* appeared in the Spring 1999 issue of the *International UFO Reporter* and information about it was widely reported in the UFO media from June 1999 onwards. Prior to that we were circulating the preliminary results of the research. In addition while the words genetic and DNA might have been liberally used in the abduction research field I was not aware of similar usage of the term mitochondrial, until the appearance of the "Strange Evidence" report. I felt that perhaps any information that gave credence to the relevance of words like genetic, DNA and mitochondria, as our study did, conflicted with

the numinous dimensions of the hyper reality John Mack speculates is at the heart of the abduction phenomenon. He concludes, "The abduction phenomenon seems to be one of a number of intrusions into our reality from other realms that are contributing to the gradual (at least so far) spiritual rebirth taking place in Western culture. It seems to have something to do with the human future. Each of the principal elements of the phenomenon =96 the traumatic intrusions; the reality-shattering encounters; the energetic intensity; the apocalyptic ecological confrontations; the reconnection with Source; and the forging of new relationships across a dimensional divide =96 contributes to the daishigyo, the great ego death, that is marking the end of the materialist business-as-usual paradigm that has lost its compatibility with life in the world as we now know it." [iv] For John Mack, "In the end, the abduction phenomenon seems to me to be a part of the shift in consciousness that is collapsing duality and enabling us to see that we are connected beyond the Earth at a cosmic level." [v]

It seems that in alien abductions John Mack has seen affirmations of important concerns and perspectives he has long had, and they sit well with the transpersonal and environmental issues he has championed for some time, certainly long before the alien sirens beckoned him into their seductive embrace. To do that requires one to disconnect from the classic physical dimensions of the abduction phenomenon, all of which seem to argue that at least part of the experience occurs in the real world and real world consequences occur. Physical evidence, both explicit and hidden, is becoming available. What has not been so much in evidence are appropriate methodologies to capture and assess this range of evidence. So far the record has been uninspiring, but a new paradigm is emerging, one that has been well represented in terms of potential and actual results by one small part of that paradigm, namely DNA. Other parts of that new paradigm have their anchor in science and its broad base of approaches to understanding the world around us, even when it=92s being intruded upon, perhaps by something out there.

What is needed, rather than uncoupling from the physical reality we think we all understand, to embrace the wider startling realities that are intruding into our world, is a multidisciplinary approach. Science needs to be an anchor in this enterprise.

Budd Hopkins and Carol Rainey in their book, *Sight Unseen*, provide a sort of de-facto 'reality check', when they highlight the various scientific breakthroughs and discoveries which resonate or reflect the bizarre elements that have emerged in abduction lore over the previous few decades. In essence the impossibility of the body of abduction lore as perceived by Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs and others may diminish considerably given that some of the startling advances of our own sciences seem to eerily approximate some of the unlikely tenets of the alien abduction mythos. For example the field of transgenics provides a telling analog answer for the genetic species barrier argument that was thrown up in the face of the "ridiculous" claims that maybe a human alien "hybrid" agenda was at the heart of the abduction mystery. Such analogies are not certainties but they give sustenance to the argument that some of the touchstones of abduction lore are not as unfeasible as they seemed a decade ago. [vi]

The results that emerged with the hair sample recovered from Peter Khoury=92s 1992 experience are a veritable lightning rod to such speculations. The evidence in total (from Chapters 3 & 4) might represent advanced DNA and cloning techniques, we are only now beginning to develop and exploit. One of Carl Sagan=92s last books *The Demon - Haunted World*, was subtitled, *Science As A Candle In The Dark*. [vii] Science should light the way, but not in a debunking way, that seems so rife in the contemporary mainstream science and sceptical communities responses to the abduction mystery. Science can allow us to focus on a strategy beyond the crossroads at which abduction research now lingers. Even the quantum envisioning of reality, seen in such works as "Hyperspace" by quantum physicist Michio Kaku, [viii] strikingly reflect the more numinous and abstract pictures of reality and strange phenomena that pervade alternative views anchored in consciousness. [ix]

[i] See the course of the debate in such books as *The Abduction*

Enigma =96 The Truth Behind The Mass Alien Abductions Of The Late Twentieth Century, by Kevin Randle, Russ Estes, and William Cone, Ph.D. (1999), The Complete Book Of Aliens And Abductions, by Jenny Randles (1999), UFOs And Ufology =96 The First 50 Years, by Paul Devereux and Peter Brookesmith (1997), Alien Discussions =96 Proceedings Of The Abduction Study Conference Held At MIT, Cambridge, MA, edited by Andrea Pritchard, David Pritchard, John Mack, Pam Kasey & Claudia Yapp (1994), Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind =96 A Reporter=92s Notebook On Alien Abduction, UFOs, And The Conference At M.I.T., by C.D.B. Bryan (1995), Alien Abductions =96 Creating A Modern Phenomenon by Terry Matheson (1998), and UFOs & Abductions =96 Challenging The Borders Of Knowledge, edited by David Jacobs (University Press of Kansas, 2000)

[ii] Abduction =96 Human Encounters With Aliens, by John Mack (1994)

[iii] Passport to the Cosmos, by John Mack, (1999) pg. 125

[iv] Ibid, "Passport" pg 279

[v] Ibid, "Passport" pg 280

[vi] See Sight Unseen =96 Science, UFO Invisibility And Transgenic Beings, by Budd Hopkins & Carol Rainey (2003).

[vii] The Demon-Haunted World =96 Science As A Candle In The Dark by Carl Sagan (1996)

[viii] Hyperspace =96 A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, And The 10Th Dimension, by Michio Kaku (1994)

[ix] For example, The Holographic Universe, by Michael Talbot (1991), The Eagle=92s Quest =96 A Physicist=92S Search For Truth In The Heart Of The Shamanic World, by Fred Alan Wolf (1991), and off course, Passport to The Cosmos =96 Human Transformation And Alien Encounters, by John Mack (1999)

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## Passing Of Dr John Mack

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 10:24:42 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 09:39:58 -0400  
Subject: Passing Of Dr John Mack

I spent time with John at a number of conferences at which both John and I spoke. Because he spoke after me at 2 in Australia, he had to listen to my comments about physical world explanations for alien visitations, but not excluding many transformational aspects of the UFO problem.

He certainly had been brianwashed by his friend Carl Sagan and others. I think I moved him slightly in the direction of considering that maybe interstellar travel and high performance craft zipping around the atmosphere did not violate laws of physics

His courage at Harvard, when taking on the nasty, noisy negativists, was certainly admirable.

Stan Friedman

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## John Mack Pulitzer Winner Dies

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:00:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:00:52 -0400  
Subject: John Mack Pulitzer Winner Dies

Source: The Washington Times - Washington, DC

<http://washingtontimes.com/upi-breaking/20040929-084304-2843r.htm>

09-29-04

John Mack Pulitzer Winner Dies

Cambridge, MA, Sep. 29 (UPI) -- John E. Mack, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his study of T.E. Lawrence and who researched people reporting encounters with extraterrestrials, has died at age 74.

Mack was a Harvard Medical School professor and the John E. Mack Institute in Cambridge, Mass., released news of his death. Mack was crossing a street in London Monday when he was hit by a car driven by a drunken driver, the institute said in a release. London authorities said Mack was dead at the scene.

Mack was in London for a conference on T.E. Lawrence -- "Lawrence of Arabia." Mack's "A Prince of Our Disorder: The Life of T.E. Lawrence" won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1977.

He also interviewed some 200 individuals who said they had had encounters with alien beings. Mack reportedly believed such encounters were real, although perhaps more spiritual than physical, information on the institute Web site stated. That work was berated by other academics, but Mack held that the spiritual or transformational aspects of those alleged encounters gave important psychoanalytic insights.

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### Dr John Mack & Physical Evidence

From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 06:42:22 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:04:05 -0400  
Subject: Dr John Mack & Physical Evidence

I think Mack's position relative to the physical evidence has often been misunderstood. It may have been when he spoke at the Triad UFO Research Conference in Bellevue, WA in 1993 that I heard him address this. He made the point that there is physical evidence, aspects of the phenomenon that would be fun for "science buffs" (his words) and this included things like scoop marks, burned earth (I believe he was referring to Ted Philips' data on ground traces), radar visual cases and so forth. He was quite clear in acknowledging that such things were real, tangible aspects of the phenomenon and could be studied with the methods of science. But I think his point was that such data in themselves would not be sufficient to prove the reality of the phenomenon to a skeptical scientific community, and that only once scientists began paying more attention to the eyewitness testimony and looking at the whole picture, with physical evidence taken as supportive of eyewitness testimony, would we make any real progress toward "proving" the reality of the phenomenon. Dr. Mack argued for a science of human experience.

I also recall a time when he was on the Maury Povich show debating William Cone. He mentioned how the skeptics often downplayed the significance of what they called "anecdotal evidence." Mack said that one has to be careful about the "buzzwords" used by those who resisted taking UFO abductions seriously. He stated, "Anecdotal evidence translates as human experience." He expounded on this briefly, and several years later Budd Hopkins developed this line of thought further, using the analogy of how expert witnesses are required to present laboratory findings to a jury in criminal cases and that the physical evidence in these cases may never actually be seen or handled by the jury. Rather, jury members depend on the testimony of others to present the information to them. The basic point being that almost all physical evidence is in some sense anecdotal and depends on our ability to trust the individuals telling us about it.

Mack did sometimes speculate about the UFO abductors coming from some kind of nonphysical realm, and he talked about the Grays being "less densely embodied" than human beings, whatever that means. But he did always stress that they can show up physically in our world.

Dr. Mack also criticized what he called the "Western Worldview" on a fairly regular basis, and downplayed the interpretation of the aliens' abilities as being merely the product of an advanced science or technology. Rather, he had a somewhat mystical way of looking at things, which I may never really understand.

However, one aspect of Dr. Mack's worldview that I do agree with is the notion that the UFO abduction phenomenon could help us to break down our extreme arrogance or egotism that we have as a species. We seem to operate as if the universe revolves around the human species. The apparent nonhuman, yet nonetheless intelligent and powerful nature of the UFO occupants challenges that belief. One does not have to be part of the New Age movement to see that this could be a good thing.

Dr. John Mack, is one of very few authors, like Budd Hopkins and Whitley Strieber, (I guess Dr. Jacobs also deserves a mention),

whose books and appearances have greatly influenced the way people think about the UFO abduction phenomenon. I am glad that I had the opportunity to ask him a question at CSICOP's annual conference in 1994, and to make a comment supporting his research when he was on KOMO TV 4's Town Meeting here in Seattle that same year. I had looked forward to seeing him speak again someday. I will miss him.

Even so, his writings and recordings of his talks and interviews survive and will likely continue to be read and listened to for a long time to come.

My condolences to his family,

David W. Chace

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## Professor John Mack

From: Bill Weber <[wweber1.nul](mailto:wweber1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:58:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:05:50 -0400  
Subject: Professor John Mack

My thoughts go out to his family. It reminds me of how short and fragile life is.

Bill

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## John Mack

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:09:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:07:17 -0400  
Subject: John Mack

Death is always tragic, but more so when sudden and unexpected.  
John Mack will be remembered.

It is ironic that a man for whom perception was of such great  
importance was killed by a man for whom perception was of so  
little importance.

Remember too that there were two victims in this accident.

One is gone, but the other will carry the scars forever.

A black day, indeed.

Kyle King

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**Dr. John Mack**

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 23:14:42 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:08:53 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

My first thought at the news: DAMN. I didn't know Mack personally, but I counted him as one of ufology's "good guys."

I'll miss him.

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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>

New book: "After the Martian Apocalypse"  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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## John Mack

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 08:52:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:15:16 -0400  
Subject: John Mack

Very sad news. I first met him in 2001 in Alabama, and had much respect for his work, determination and commitment. On behalf of CCCRN, my condolences to his family and colleagues. He will be missed.

Paul Anderson

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## Dr. John Mack

From: Gary Mattteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:04:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:16:53 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

Although I never met Dr. Mack, his sincerity, and consequently (for me), his beleiveability came through his books and too rare appearances on T-V.

Like many fine people, I am convinced his mark on our times will not be clearly discernable for many years, perhaps, decades.

Gary Mattteson

[http://www.geocities.com/sparky\\_from\\_nebraska/Unofficial\\_MUFON-NE](http://www.geocities.com/sparky_from_nebraska/Unofficial_MUFON-NE)

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## Dr John Mack

From: Don Ecker <[decker0726.nul](mailto:decker0726.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 10:49:30 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:18:41 -0400  
Subject: Dr John Mack

It was with great surprise and shock that we learned of  
Dr. Mack's passing on Sept. 28th, 2004.

UFO Magazine sends our deepest condolences to Dr. Mack's family  
and colleagues. He will greatly be missed.

Don and Vicki Ecker  
William and Nancy Birnes

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## Dr John Mack

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:52:28 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:20:05 -0400  
Subject: Dr John Mack

May I take this opportunity to offer my sincerest condolences to Dr Mack's family.

I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with John at a variety of conferences in many different parts of the world and whether or not you agreed with his conclusions on the abduction phenomena, it goes without saying that he was a lovely man.

Philip Mantle

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## Harvard Professor Dr. John Mack

From: ronald freeman <[i.ron1.nul](mailto:i.ron1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:33:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 16:48:09 -0400  
Subject: Harvard Professor Dr. John Mack

Truth has lost a great ally...  
In the true light i see a real nobel laureate

Ronald Freeman

"The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the  
illusion of knowledge." --Daniel Boorstin.

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## Dr. John Mack Will Be Missed

From: Larry Cekander <[larryroyc.nul](mailto:larryroyc.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 14:06:07 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 17:23:18 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack Will Be Missed

It is with great sadness that the staff at the Museum Of The Unexplained UFO Trace Evidence Research Center and the Bob White UFO HARDEVIDENCE team send our sincerest condolences to Dr Mack's family.

I had an opportunity to meet Dr. Mack at a conference in Laughlin and found him very open and honest in his search for answers many of us all are seeking in our quest. You knew where he stood but he would look at other aspects of research.

You might not agree with his concepts but you respected the man for his bull dog determination and commitment.

We have lost a guiding light in our field.

Happy trails John.

Larry Cekander  
VP Museum of the Unexplained  
Reeds Spring, Missouri  
<http://ufoevidence.conforums.com/index.cgi>

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## Passing Of Dr John Mack

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 17:40:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 17:47:59 -0400  
Subject: Passing Of Dr John Mack

List,

My condolences to Dr Mack's family, on his untimely death.  
A great researcher and author who will be surely missed.

Roy

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## Dr. John Mack

From: **Joachim Koch** <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 23:32:27 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 17:57:25 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

We would like to condole with the family of Dr. Mack on his sudden passing.

Dr. Mack was a very remarkable man and it happened that I met him recently, in July, at the Barge Inn in Honeystreet, Wiltshire, where he spent a few hours before he went off to Glastonbury to give a lecture.

Now he knows the truth...

Joachim Koch  
and  
Hans-Juergen Kyborg  
Germany

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:55:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:10:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Kaeser

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:55:20 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>>I suppose I was just revealing my general mistrust of people  
>>who tinker with the mind while possessing a fully imperfect  
>>human mind of their own. Dangerous stuff in my view.

>>Nothing more than that. Cathy will have to explain her comments,  
>>as we just \_met\_. :)

>I don't think the baby [child] should be thrown out with the  
>bathwater. Since there is evidence that these abductions begin  
>in childhood, it makes sense to start there. Whether a shrink  
>or someone of Budd Hopkins ilk does the task, they both bring  
>the same level of expertize to the table. Let's give children  
>credit for being a lot more resilient than this present day  
>tendency to treat them as if they will self destruct over the  
>slightest bit of trauma in their lives. We shove the tooth  
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>the big deal about the pictures of a little gray [grey]?

>I have more.

>But again, basing arguments pro or con on NOVA's version of how  
>Budd does his interviews with children is unrealistic. Better to  
>check with someone who has been present during one of his  
>interviews.

I believe the NOVA program was obviously biased, but I also believe that we have to be very careful when impressionable children are involved. This is especially true when dealing with trauma, when a trained medical professional should most likely be involved. Can you imagine the legal suits that could develop if those children grow up and seek counseling later?

I'm also not sure that you really want to compare the alien image to human generated mythological and faith based entities.

That being said, I don't think children should be eliminated from research, but it has to be handled extremely cautiously.

Steve

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## Re: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

From: **Santiago Yturria** <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 12:56:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:20:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

>From: Vicente Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 16:16:59 +0200 (CEST)  
>Subject: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

>Please find enclosed some recent news from Dr Claude Poher,  
><[Claude.Poher.nul](mailto:Claude.Poher.nul)>

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>You may be interested to know that I got photos of the oils  
>flames from the gulf of Mexico platforms confirming the  
>interpretation of the Flir camera video made from an aircraft of  
>the Mexican Air Force on March 5, 2004. For more details, see:

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

>Sincerely  
>Claude POHER  
>25 September 2004

Just as an important information. Last Sunday in Mexico the Cantarel oil flames hoax was exposed on national television during the two-hour live broadcast of the Grandes Misterios TV show presenting the facts and official information that exposed and disqualified the hoaxer once for all.

The pro-cover up campaign and its attempts to discredit the Mexican Air Force, their officials and Secretary of Defense after the UFO disclosure failed when the conspiracy was discovered and exposed on national TV. The reactions of the Mexican people were massive sending messages to the tv station of support to the Air Force and officials for opening the UFO case to the people.

During the broadcast every element of the Campeche case was analysed, proving and confirming the unknown origin and nature of the phenomena. The exposition was clear and definitive and the hoax chapter was closed.

It seems that Mr. Phoer is proving his ignorance of the real and official facts and trying to distract the attention of some people from the essence of the case. It's clear that Mr. Phoer as well as some followers of the Mexican hoaxer are trying desperately to revive the conspiracy campaign and, as the Mexicans saying goes: "They are dancing the dance of the fools."

Many discussions and debates around this amazing case continue and it seems that, as usual there, will not be a general agreement. So much talk, but at the end the conclusion will be the same:

Words mean nothing, the phenomena means everything.

Santiago Yturria

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:11:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:52:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 15:39:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>Perhaps they should do nothing, and leave it all alone.

>No one can get upset then.

Hi Roy,

T'would be better to leave it alone than to rush in without understanding and mitigating the risks.

If you feel that I have accused anyone of anything, I suggest you reread my post.

Implicit in the attempt to wrench truth from a traumatized subject is the extreme caution that must be exercised. Any researcher who works with traumatized children likewise should observe the most rigid precautions.

I do not feel that Budd Hopkins would intentionally insert suggestion into his subjects.

I am however quite confident that neither he nor any mental health professional is infallible in preventing it.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Blimp-Like Object - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:19:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:53:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Blimp-Like Object - King

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:02:16 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Blimp-Like Object

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 10:09:53 -0500  
>>Subject: Blimp-Like Object

>>Forwarded to the UFO UpDates List for its consideration and

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

>Alfred, Et Al,

>I believe that's a picture of "The Baldwin Dirigible."

Hi Frank,

Yes, and not the whole photograph. The image is striking in its full form for the harsh contrast which accentuates both the cloud edge and the craft.

The inset on the cited web page is washed out and much less impressive.

Best,

Kyle

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:23:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:55:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 18:37:25 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
>>subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>Just curious, Kyle. On what information are you and Cathy basing  
>>how you deem Budd Hopkins is interviewing these children?

>For my part, none whatsoever - I've always tried to make it  
>clear that my knowledge of Ufological matters is sketchy at  
>best. Since I haven't even seen the NOVA show in question, I  
>know nothing at all about Hopkins' technique or whether the  
>documentary gave a misleading impression of it.

>I can say that interviewing children presents a number of very  
>specific problems, and that these mainly have to do with the  
>fact that there are two perspectives in such an interview - the  
>adult's and the child's, and that children do not think like  
>adults. A developmental psychologist I once knew, used to begin  
>his lectures by observing that it was a mistake to regard  
>children as mini-adults, because one would then inevitably be  
>forced to the conclusion that they were also incompetent mini-  
>adults. Children and adults have different competences, and if  
>you don't take this into account then your research is likely to  
>produce artifacts.

>It isn't just Ufologists who need to be aware of this -  
>psychologists need to be aware of it too, and all too frequently  
>they aren't. Cognitive psychologists in particular are  
>notoriously prone to misconstrue interactions with children, and  
>it's impossible to say to what extent psychological constructs  
>such as suggestibility and fantasy-proneness are really  
>artifacts arising from such misunderstandings. Indeed, some of  
>Loftus' own work is a case in point.

>To what extent Ufology is also affected by this problem is a  
>question which would have to be addressed by someone who knows a  
>lot more about Ufology than I do.

Hi Cathy,

I couldn't have said it better, and I didn't. Your words  
lamentably did not issue from my keyboard. We reach...

Brava,

Kyle

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## UFOs Over Monte Hermoso Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:27:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 18:58:02 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Over Monte Hermoso Argentina

Source: InfoBAE.Com  
Date: 09.28.04

UFOs Reported In Monte Hermoso

The UFO phenomenon manifested itself last night when several drivers transiting from Monte Hermoso to Bahia Blanca saw red and white lights in the sky for several minutes and later vanished over the fields.

Drivers on their way back from the beach at Monte Hermoso to Bahia Blanca reported having seen several flying saucers (UFOs) on National Hwy 3 and Route 229, which provides access to the locality of Punta Alta.

Carlos Coria, a resident of Punta Alta and one of the witnesses to the event, said that "he was driving along Route 3 when to the left of the road my family and I observed two flying objects of great [luminous] intensity and whitish in color."

"Afterward, having turned onto Route 229, we also saw red lights suspended in the air for 15 minutes, but then seemed to turn off, as though there was a landing strip in the field," Coria added.

Sources of the Traffic Police of Bahia Blanca reported that "many people remarked about what had happened, but it isn't something that can be investigated by the police."

"Several drivers phoned us last night to report that they had seen UFOs at the 630 km marker of Route 3 in the location known as Bajo Hondo.", added the spokesman.

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Velez

From: John Velez <[johnvelez.aic.nul](mailto:johnvelez.aic.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:30:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:02:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - Velez

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:55:20 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 08:23:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 18:42:18 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

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>>As I said, I agree with Cathy where children are concerned. I  
>>am not in a position to question Budd Hopkins' techniques, as  
>>I've never seen him in person in a session. My comments were  
>>pointed at any researcher who attempts to plumb the depths of  
>>the human mind, as my post indicated. I think I noted the risks  
>>on both sides of the abduction riddle. Pro or con.

>>I suppose I was just revealing my general mistrust of people  
>>who tinker with the mind while possessing a fully imperfect  
>>human mind of their own. Dangerous stuff in my view.

>>Nothing more than that. Cathy will have to explain her comments,  
>>as we just \_met\_. :)

>I don't think the baby [child] should be thrown out with the  
>bathwater. Since there is evidence that these abductions begin  
>in childhood, it makes sense to start there. Whether a shrink  
>or someone of Budd Hopkins ilk does the task, they both bring  
>the same level of expertize to the table. Let's give children  
>credit for being a lot more resilient than this present day  
>tendency to treat them as if they will self destruct over the  
>slightest bit of trauma in their lives. We shove the tooth  
>fairy, fairies in general, the Easter bunny, Pokemon, gods, the  
>devil, angels, monsters, ghosts and all sorts of other strange  
>entities at them during their early impressionable years, what's  
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>But again, basing arguments pro or con on NOVA's version of how  
>Budd does his interviews with children is unrealistic. Better to  
>check with someone who has been present during one of his  
>interviews.

Hiya Dandy Don, All,

I can't believe that none of the List's older members haven't  
complained (vehemently) about having to deal with the subject of  
this thread yet \_again\_!!!! It's becoming like the Roswell  
threads and the Alien Autopsy threads. Keerist!

My friend Greg Sandow will have to field any questions about Hopkins techniques or NOVA - if he wishes to. As for me, I'm sick to my stomach of repeating myself on the subjects of NOVA and Budd Hopkins. I have written extensively on both topics in the past on more occasions than I care to recall. It would be mind- numbing at this point to repeat it all. It's all at the UpDates Archive, if anyone cares to read it.

At this point in the history of this List it might be prudent for recent members to simply search The Archives for a given subject before launching on yet another re-hash of something that has already been re-hashed four or five times. It seems a terrible waste of time, energy and bandwidth to have cover the same bit of real estate over and over ad nauseum.

I refuse to do it.

Been dere don dat. Read The Archives. It's all there in black and white.

This is a perfect example of why I no longer wish to spend so much of my time and energy involved in 'Internet ufoology.' I'd rather beat my head repeatedly with a hard Salami. Same effect, but at least the method of execution of my remaining brain cells would be new. ;)

Best to all,

John Velez

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## Argentine Police & Locals Chase "Strange Creature"

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:57:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:05:39 -0400  
Subject: Argentine Police & Locals Chase "Strange Creature"

Source: InfoBAE.com  
Date: September 28, 2004

Argentina: Police And Locals Chase After "Strange Creature"

They have not been able to determine if it is a man or an animal. The fact is that it prowls around houses, has killed several hens and left enigmatic traces...

Police and locals sought a strange creature at Colonia El=C3--a in the eastern reaches of this territory in the province of Entre R=C3--os.

The police action came about when a neighbor reported that a person or large animal caused considerable damage in a henhouse behind his home, where it killed several hens. A footprint, hair and other traces were found at the site, which would give the claim credibility.

Oscar Resteinor, a resident in this rural area, reported to the Colonia El=C3--a's sheriff's office that for 20 days now he has been witnessing the presence of this being, with clearly abnormal characteristics, prowling around his home. He claims that he has not been able to identify if its an animal or a person. It would have had yellowish hair of considerable length, claw-like nails, and it left large footprints, walking with its hind legs as would a human or primate.

After the attack to his henhouse, Resteinor and his family and neighbors began to keep a watch in order to catch the strange being, according to the "Analisis Digital" web portal.

The Entre Rios police admitted to having found several traces resembling footprints and hairs measuring between 6 to 10 centimeters in length, as well as a claw or fingernail embedded in a tree trunk.

Plaster casts were made of the footprints, which were described as manlike, but larger and wider than normal.

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 14:35:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:06:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 18:48:14 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

<snip>

>But anyway, your suggestion that it was sitting in a box with  
>papers and much weight on it from the time the hoaxer put it in  
>the box until Shandara found it doesn't ring true to me. I have  
>examined the box... and looked at the other file folders (which,  
>as I recall, had many pink withdrawal sheets... documents never  
>given to the archives). The documents in folders stand on edge.  
>The file box holds the documents and folders vertically. There  
>is no weight or pressure.

Dr. Maccabee,

I'm surprised at you. Surely you must not believe this.

A sheet of paper... creased by prior folding... placed into a hanging file folder with other sheets of paper, will be flattened by the pressure exerted on the sides of the folders' contents. Since a file folder is simply a folded sheet of card stock, the bottom is in the form of a valley. Gravity pulls the folder and its contents down, which compresses the lower edges of all the documents in a folder. The downward pressure of gravity also draws the hanging means (hooks) closer together. It is these forces in combination which compress the contents. This is easily confirmed with a small file cabinet or box, a hanging file folder, a stack of paper, and a previously folded sheet of onionskin stationery. Mine didn't have a noticeable crease after 3 hours.

If the noted document was the only folded sheet in its vicinity, the pressure of the adjacent documents would be greatest where the creases were the deepest, resulting in even more rapid flattening at those points.

Weight from above is not required to un-crease a sheet of onionskin paper. Gravity and a little time are sufficient.

Even if the folders were not hanging, but stood on edge in the box, the contents would not stand, but slump to one side or both, again applying pressure to anything not flat already. The creases would be pressed out of the onionskin by adjacent sheets..."peer pressure". :)

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 39

From: John Hayes <[John.nul](mailto:John.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 20:57:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:10:50 -0400  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 39

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<[Masinaigan.nul](mailto:Masinaigan.nul)>

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Volume 9, Number 39  
September 29, 2004  
Editor: Joseph Trainor

E-mail: [Masinaigan.nul](mailto:Masinaigan.nul)  
Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

SAUCER CRASHES IN  
TIERRA DEL FUEGO

A large saucer crashed on the island of Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost part of Argentina, leaving evidence of its impact but no traces of any wreckage.

"Several residents of Ushuaia, Argentina's southernmost city, "saw a fireball fall from the sky last night (Tuesday, September 14, 2004) after 8 p.m., resulting in an incessant number of phone calls to emergency services centers."

"One of the witnesses happened to be Dr. Rogelio Acevedo, a geologist who is a scientific researcher at CADIC, who at the time was taking his son to School No. 13 and saw the 'bolide' at the level of Le Martial Glacier but behind it."

"The scientist said it was a mass of white, green and yellow hues, although this is the least important aspect. Regarding the possibility that it could be a flare, he dismissed this because of its size."

"But this man, an expert in his field, was not the only one to witness the space phenomenon. Although many people contacted Municipal Civil Defense to ask questions, they said the colors were of different shades."

"A resident of the outskirts of Ushuaia maintains that he can determine the area where the object fell, since he has cattle in the area. The man claimed having heard an explosion after seeing the object fall."

"The possibility that it could have been a meteorite has not been dismissed."

The newspaper La Otra Realidad reported, "The strange object that fell from the sky a few days ago behind the mountain range of Le Martial Glacier, and which was seen by dozens of residents of the Ushuaia area, caused damage to at least 150 square meters of forested area within the National Park, but no physical remains were found on the ground following the impact."

"A 5-kilometer (3-mile) long expedition on foot conducted by Fernando Garcia and Roberto Ceballos, authors of the photographs published today (Monday, September 20, 2004) in the newspaper Botella al Mar, confirmed the existence of '30 to 40 uprooted trees, some shattered in half and other exploded, all of them lying on the ground in a south-north direction.'"

"Unlikely objects were found in the forested area

located behind the Le Martial Glacier, where the luminous objects reported last Tuesday and Wednesday (September 15, 2004) allegedly fell."

"The objects were recovered by the Special Services Division of (Argentina's) provincial police, who scoured the area. The objects and some photos taken in the area shall be submitted for analysis by experts of the Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas, or CADIC (Translated: Southern Center for Scientific Investigations--J.T.)."

"The survey in Vale Andorra and the Le Martial Glacier--indicated as the sites of the fireball's impact--will continue today, weather permitting. The new project expedition may include scientists from CADIC interested in discovering in situ the conditions where these strange elements were found and which drew the attention of police researchers. It is worth noting that Dr. Acevedo, a member of the research center, was one of the witnesses to the fall of the strange luminous bodies from the skies over Ushuaia."

"On Tuesday night, between 8:30 and 9 p.m., over a hundred residents of Ushuaia alerted the Civil Defense and the police about 'fireballs' falling behind the Le Martial Glacier."

"The phenomenon was also seen on Wednesday by residents of the city of Rio Grande," located about 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Ushuaia on the other side of the mountains. There was even a report yesterday (Thursday, September 16, 2004) of a new luminous object falling from the sky around 9 o'clock at night."

"The most curious detail, which was made known yesterday (Saturday, September 18, 2004), was that the damage was caused in the upper part of the trees--some 8 meters (24 feet) above the ground--and that no parts were found on the ground that could serve as evidence of the collision of some strange object."

"It is reported that the pasture grass appears as though having been cut by a lawnmower, and that the imprint of a long trail was left behind, as if the object had been dragged along several meters."

Eyewitness Fernando Garcia reported, "Like everyone else in the city, I heard the story of lights falling from the sky last Tuesday and Wednesday. The fact is that I didn't give it much importance. On Saturday, I heard a journalist explaining that the police officers who had visited the site didn't find anything strange but had indeed found flattened trees. And this was strange to me. Then I phoned my friend Roberto (Ceballos), a backwoodsman who knows the area well, and asked him to come with me."

Garcia and Ceballos hiked for "two-and-a-half to three hours" to reach the impact site, located at Canadon Negra creek in the Vale de Andorra, north of Le Martial Glacier. They found, Garcia said, "150 square meters of toppled woods. Imagine four walls and, in the middle, all of the trees are overturned, fallen, and then piled exactly from north to south. All of them turned toward the same place. In the north, where the object presumably fell, the tree trunks were sheared off at a height of 6 to 8 meters (20 to 24 feet), from greater to lesser, as though the object came in at a slant." (See the Argentinian newspapers El Sureno for September 15, 2004, "Fireball crashes behind Argentine glacier;" for September 17, 2004, "Unlikely 'objects' found in area where 'fireballs' fell;" and for September 19, 2004, "Behind Le Martial Glacier." Also Botella al Mar for September 22, 2004, "Fireball crash site." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Guillermo Gimenez, Christian Quintero y Jose Martinez para estos articulos de diario.)

#### UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN SANTA FE, ARGENTINA

On Monday, September 20, 2004, at 9:20 p.m., "a UFO was photographed by sheer chance" by a resident of Santa Fe, Argentina. The object was spotted "over the northern part of Santa Fe, as he was taking photos of the movements and effects in the sky" caused by "the searchlight employed during the Sixth Biennial Youth Art Festival held at UNL. That was when a light crossed his path."

"He didn't know what it was until he saw the 17

photos taken. Upon enlarging them, he realized that it was a solid object with a metallic center. Even though" the outline of the UFO "sort of lacked definition and sharpness."

"In other photos of the searchlight, a ray of light could be seen coming down from above. This appeared to the right of" the UFO, and "the enlarged photo shows the details. Was it a UFO investigating the searchlight or just a quirk of nature?"

Santa Fe, capital of the province of the same name, is located 385 kilometers (240 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esta historia.)

#### UNDERWATER ALIEN BASE OFF PORTUGAL'S COAST?

A Portuguese ufologist has raised speculations about a mysterious underwater structure on the Atlantic Ocean floor about 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Lisboa, the capital of Portugal.

According to Gregorio Sao Xavier, "Portugal's famous ufologist, Jose Garrido, said spy satellites have found anomalous 'geologic faults' on the sea floor just off shore from Oeiras," a suburb of Lisboa.

"Oeiras is the place where NATO has the RHQ SOUTHLANT (Regional Headquarters, Allied Forces South Atlantic--J.T.), a major subordinate command under the Supreme Allied Commander (SACLANT) in Norfolk, Virginia," Gregorio reported, "The importance of this NATO base (since 1982, the head base of IBERLAND or regional defense--G.S.X.) was displayed in the coordination of operations involving 30,000 (NATO) troops from May to May 15, 2000. The startling importance of this base for Portugal is public knowledge, even if it is low profile in the media."

"In March 2003, the eve of the war in Iraq, Portugal supported President (George W.) Bush in order to keep" away "Spanish proposals to relocate the base to Spain," he added.

"As the story goes, the astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) had noticed a large abnormal geological formation just off the Portuguese coast near Lisboa. Then the imaging satellites scanned the area several more times to get more detailed images. What was found was a huge and apparently artificial depression on the ocean's bottom and near natural geologic faults. The form of the depression resembles a definite triangle with just over a 1,000-square-kilometer area. The contour of the image is very similar to a B-2 Stealth bomber."

According to Gregorio, "this formation is geologically recent, not matching the glacial profiles" of western Europe during the Pleistocene Period "when the ocean receded and therefore excludes the possibility of human construction. Besides being too big to be an artifact of human technology at the time." (That is, the end of the Pleistocene Period around 10,000 B.C.--J.T.)

The undersea depression has generated a keen debate in ufological circles in Portugal. (Email Report) (Editor's Comment: There's a possibility that this undersea formation was constructed before the end of the Pleistocene ice ages, at a time when that stretch of ocean floor was dry land. It then would have been flooded by the Atlantic as seas rose worldwide during the meltdown of the Pleistocene glaciers. Alien base or heretofore unknown civilization? You decide.)

#### UFOs SIGHTED NEAR LISMORE, N.S.W.

On Monday, September 20, 2004, "at 11 p.m., a UFO sighting was made," eyewitness C.B. reported. "The sighting took place around 6 kilometers (4 miles) southeast of Lismore, New South Wales, Australia. An unidentified bright light was seen hovering in fixed position about 5 kilometers (3 miles) away but above the sky line. The object changed frequently in colour from red, orange, yellow and finally to white. It would then

just disappear from sight, lasting between two to five seconds, and then reappeared."

"This event went on for half an hour before the light in the night sky vanished." For witnesses, "there was only myself, my father and my sister, that I know of so far." (Email Form Report)

#### V-SHAPED UFO SPOTTED IN TOWYN, NORTH WALES

On Sunday, September 19, 2004, at 12:45 a.m., eyewitness Beverly Heron was "on the beach and sea at Towyn, North Wales," UK, when "a small light was seen to speed across the sky at great speed. Then a V-shape of light followed at great speed. There was no sound. We watched the V-shape for about 15 seconds; then it disappeared. But we knew that it wasn't any kind of plane we were seeing."

"The sighting was witnessed by myself and my husband. It left me stunned."

Beverly described the UFO as "a V-shape outlined in white lights. Very high speed and on approach was moving in the sky faster than a normal plane and without any sound." (Email Form Report)

#### NEW CROP CIRCLE FOUND IN SASKATCHEWAN

On Wednesday, September 22, 2004, "a large circle in barley, approximately 35 metres (114 feet) in diameter" was found in Humboldt, Saskatchewan province, Canada (population 5,074) "by a farmer out harvesting. It was slightly elliptical with an offset center and a counterclockwise lay. Many plants are recovering due to phototropism."

"The case is being investigated by Canadian Crop Circle Research Network-Saskatchewan. This is the 13th reported crop circle formation in Canada discovered during 2004," said Canadian cerealogist Paul Anderson.

Humboldt, Sask. is on Provincial Highway 5 approximately 110 kilometers (60 miles) east of Saskatoon. (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN for this report.)

#### MYSTERY BOOMS HEARD IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

"Hundreds of people have called the Fort Wayne (Indiana, population 205,727) Mayor's Office with reports of loud booms, primarily in the northeastern part of the city."

"Officials have been able to establish a pattern and possible source, so residents no longer need call. However, at this time, no one has admitted responsibility for the local blasts, so an exact source has yet to be determined. The city will be keeping tabs on the possible source until it determines who is responsible."

"The Mayor's Office says the loud booms pose no threat to public safety."

"Justin Brugger, the Northeast Neighborhood Specialist at the Mayor's Office, said he took over 100 calls on Wednesday," September 1, 2004.

"All we know is that there's a large concentration of people's houses shaking, violently, along Lake Avenue," Brugger said. He said that one resident says the sounds started four months ago (May 2004)."

"The complaints appear to be confined to neighborhoods between State Boulevard and Lake Avenue--from Anthony Boulevard to Maysville Road."

"A lot of theories are floating around out there--nearby construction, railroads, cars being crushed at the Omnisource recycling facility, but long-time residents say the sound is new."

"It just sounded like a plane crash or dynamite explosion or something--I jumped out of bed when I heard it," said Al Poffenberger, who lives on the corner of Lake and Kensington. "I've lived here for 35 years, and I've never heard anything like it."

On Tuesday, August 31, 2004, a college student

spotted a triangular UFO in the area of the mysterious booms. In a report to the National UFO Reporting Center, he stated, "Well, I go to school in Fort Wayne, Ind. Anyways, I drive about an hour to school, so I was going home on State Road 30 towards Warsaw, Indiana (population 12,415). About 9:15 p.m., I saw an object while driving. At first, I didn't really pay any attention to it, but then I noticed it looked funny. It was hovering over some trees off to the right of the highway. Then, as I came up on it, it darted over the highway off into the field at my left."

The student described the UFO as "triangular in shape, a white-blue light at each end of the triangle, and, in the middle, it had a red light that flashed white around it, almost like a strobe light. I had pulled off the road like an idiot, but I wanted to know exactly what I was looking at. Not too much traffic on either side of the highway that night, so it was pretty quiet outside. Very strange, to say the least." (See the WANE-TV news broadcast of September 2, 2004. Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this news story.)

(Editor's Comment: It appears that the "mystery booms" were dynamite explosions related to underground construction at the FEMA facility east of Fort Wayne. Then the UFO came to have a look. But why?)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the newspaper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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## Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:00:01 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:15:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 18:48:14 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:42:06 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2004 23:00:21 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

>>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 20:22:15 +0100  
>>>>Subject: Re: Authenticity Meters Added To MJ-12 Documents

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>>>If you claim the Cutler-Twining memo does, I would retort that  
>>>enough suspicion and distrust has been attached to that since  
>>>1987. To say nothing of an official 10-point disclaimer from the  
>>>National Archives.

>>>In other words, it is not a case that many "are not from

>>>I have a comment about the CT memo.

><snip>

>>>So I examined closely the CT memo. It is onion skin, with two  
>>>definite crease lines across as if it had been tri-folded at one  
>>>time. However the crease lines were pressed flat.

>>I recall you telling me that back in the 80's. But the  
>>horizontal triple folds are just what a hoaxer might do to  
>>smuggle a fake CT Memo into the Archives folded like a letter in  
>>his jacket or coat.

>Perhaps.

><snip>

>>Then the AF agent or the DIA-SAC Colonel known to have been  
>>involved in MJ-12 could have smuggled the sheet into the  
>>Archives, then planted the location clues using the "Ethiopian  
>>postcard" that was sent so that the planted document could be  
>>"found."

>You refer to the postcard that essentially gave the box location  
>of the document. But Shandara and Moore did not "connect the  
>dots" until after they had found the document by a "brute-force"  
>search of all the boxes.

>>As for the creases, once they were noticed surely the

>>hoaxer would have tried to flatten them out using a fingernail  
>>in the Archives as this would be much too suspicious since the  
>>"original" carbon copy in the "NSC" (as it was meant to be by  
>>forged imitation) would always have been flat in a file folder  
>>and never folded as if sent in the mail in an envelope. Then  
>>the hoaxer would have made sure the flimsy onionskin sheet was  
>>flattened further between heavy stacks of normal weight paper in  
>>the file box it was found in so that it would have months of  
>>paper-flattening pressure before being "found".

>We don't know that the document wouldn't have been folded by the  
>person acting in Cutler's behalf to place it in a business  
>envelop for transmission to Twining... probably by special  
>courier.

>But anyway, your suggestion that it was sitting in a box with  
>papers and much weight on it from the time the hoaxer put it in  
>the box until Shandara found it doesn't ring true to me. I have  
>examined the box... and looked at the other file folders (which,  
>as I recall, had many pink withdrawal sheets... documents never  
>given to the archives). The documents in folders stand on edge.  
>The file box holds the documents and folders vertically. There  
>is no weight or pressure.

I have noted many reasons for considering the CT memo genuine,  
some of which are in my Majestic 12 Documents Update on my  
website:

[www.stanfriedman.com](http://www.stanfriedman.com)

The Archives, to their credit, revised their 10 point list in  
response to my pointing out such errors as the CT memo doesn't  
say NSC meeting only already scheduled meeting.

The GAO did find examples of the use of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED,  
there are onionskin carbons that do NOT have the claimed Eagle  
Watermark, etc etc.

Don't forget that Klass paid me 1000\$ for proving him wrong  
about the typeface, that it wasn't known until Bob Todd received  
a copy of a memo from Cutler to James Lay saying keep things  
moving out of my in basket, that Cutler was out of the country  
on the date.

It wasn't known until years after that, when I had declassified  
for me the memo from Lay to Cutler while Cutler was overseas  
saying he was doing just that, and that Lay met with Ike on the  
day in question in the early afternoon and then had a phone  
conversation with him around 4:30.

How did the forger know that Cutler was gone (no signature and  
no /s/) George Elsey, who worked for Truman the whole time he  
was in the White House, pointed out to me that Lay and Cutler  
sat next to each other at NSC meetings, that of course Lay would  
have put out a memo in Cutler's name informing Twining of a  
slight change of Plans.

The Watermark, only visible when held in hand up to a light or  
window, was for Dictation Onionskin by Fox paper. Only made in  
bid lots.. not in stores.

Larry Bland (Marshall Archivist), when we discussed the MJ-12  
documents in person indicated that yes, he could have found an  
old typewriter and old paper... it was the detailed content that  
would have made it very difficult to create phony documents that  
would stand up despite CDA's false claims to the contrary.

I won't go into the slant red pencil mark through the security  
marking, the use of a phrase similar to the last one in another  
CT memo( in a different archive), the absence of a Control  
Number... etc., etc., etc.

Claiming fraud is easy for armchair theorists.

The preponderance of the evidence as noted in my book, my 108  
page final report, the update etc etc indicates the CT, TF, EBE  
are genuine.

I have also noted the falsity of a bunch of Tim Cooper related  
documents.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread -

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 17:10:39 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:19:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread -

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 17:59:07 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 12:55:40 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Irritating Reoccurring Hopkins Thread

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>I suggest those of you who are reading into the NOVA transcript  
>cease and desist in condemning Budd for allegedly leading the  
>child witness until you acquire a proper understanding of what  
>happened.

>The transcript (any transcript) does not properly convey the  
>facts. Read Errol's detailed post by Budd about the  
>circumstances:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/sep/m26-008.shtml>

>The NOVA producer twisted, distorted, and manipulated the film  
>footage by editing out significant portions that would have  
>given a totally different impression and therefore taking things  
>out of context, and clearly they were very hostile toward the  
>abduction subject.

>They were using propoganda and biased presentation techniques  
>that are all too familiar to those of us who have done many  
>[pseudo] documentary programs. I remember writing an angry  
>letter to the producer after watching the program, because their  
>sleazy tactics were very obvious to me.

>Budd does not - repeat - does not lead either adult or child  
>witnesses and is sensitive to the issues involved in working  
>with children.

>As I've said before, I have sat in on quite a few hypnosis  
>sessions that he conducted, including some with young children,  
>and I saw nothing to criticize. And I do know something about  
>human psychology since I was once Senior Abstracts Editor for  
>the American Psychological Association.

>Like Greg Sandow, who knows Budd well, I am not saying that Budd  
>is perfect. A professional psychologist (hypnotherapist) friend  
>and I sat in on one session where, the friend said, Budd did  
>something relatively minor that was not in the best interests of  
>the subject. But it was not a major issue either.

>I know Budd to be a very caring, conscientious person, who works  
>hard to do what is right and proper, and he regularly seeks  
>advice and counsel from professionals.

I have spent quite a bit of time with Budd, listened to tapes,  
etc, as well as heard him speak of his work with children and am  
in full agreement with Dick Hall. I know of no one more objective

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and careful and caring than Budd in dealing with abductees, kids  
etc.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:15:56 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:22:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 12:55:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 11:32:02 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

<snip>

>The Johnson Space Center is located in Clear Lake City, south  
>of \_Houston\_.

>There are no modules constructed at JSC, thin-skinned or otherwise.  
>JSC is a training facility for astronauts.

>NASA plays a huge role in the local economy of Clear Lake City, but  
>the proliferation of unmanned probe and satellite missions has made  
>the JSC...home of Mission Control...mainly a monitoring center for  
>the ISS.

>Many jobs have been lost, but not because of manufacturing. That is  
>done elsewhere.

>The chief cause has been the grounding of the Shuttle.

That should have read, constructed in Texas, Kyle. Wherever  
they were manufactured the inference was that safety was  
subordinate to some manufacturer's bottom line. This from  
memory, from a press release about 5 years ago, from NASAnews.  
Also I think I've seen reference to this by Dr. Robert Zubrin  
[sp].

These newer multi layered, inflatable modules can take a hit by  
a marble sized meteoroid due to it's Kevlar construction and  
apparently some of them carry recyclable water in internal  
jacket as well.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:11:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:23:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique - King

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 15:39:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

<snip>

>Perhaps they should do nothing, and leave it all alone.

>No one can get upset then.

Hi Roy,

T'would be better to leave it alone than to rush in without understanding and mitigating the risks.

If you feel that I have accused anyone of anything, I suggest you reread my post.

Implicit in the attempt to wrench truth from a traumatized subject is the extreme caution that must be exercised. Any researcher who works with traumatized children likewise should observe the most rigid precautions.

I do not feel that Budd Hopkins would intentionally insert suggestion into his subjects.

I am however quite confident that neither he nor any mental health professional is infallible in preventing it.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Who Are the UFO Abductees & Ritual Abuse Survivors?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:46:18 -0400  
Subject: Who Are the UFO Abductees & Ritual Abuse Survivors?

Supernatural Support Groups: Who are the UFO Abductees and  
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Christopher D. Bader  
Baylor University

### ABSTRACT

In the 1980s two different groups emerged that exhibited a strikingly similar combination of the quasi-religious and psychotherapeutic UFO abductees and ritual abuse survivors. Both movements focused upon healing members from victimization they experienced at the hands of beings of often supernatural power.

Further, both movements attempt to use techniques developed in psychotherapeutic circles, such as hypnosis, art therapy, and role-playing, to recover 'repressed' memories at the hands of these abusers.

This paper presents the results of surveys of fifty-five UFO abductees and fifty-one ritual abuse survivors. Both UFO abductees and ritual abuse survivors are compared to the general population in terms of their gender breakdown, age, race, marital status, education, and occupation. It is determined that the demographics of these two fledgling movements closely mirror those of other NRMs.

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CIA PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED HISTORICAL INTEL BUDGET FIGURES

A few years ago, the Central Intelligence Agency officially declassified and released CIA budget figures for fiscal years 1963 through 1966 in a document found at the National Archives.

This is a fact of legal significance, since Acting Director (now Deputy Director) of Central Intelligence John E. McLaughlin declared under oath earlier this month that CIA budget figures had "never been publicly identified," and that such secrecy should be perpetuated indefinitely.

The tug of war over disclosure of historical intelligence budget figures is being played out in a Freedom of Information lawsuit sponsored by the Federation of American Scientists seeking release of aggregate and individual intelligence agency budget totals for the years 1947 through 1970. CIA opposes such disclosure "because its release would tend to reveal intelligence methods."

The discovery of the prior budget figure declassifications, by Villanova University political scientist and archival sleuth Prof. David Barrett, legally constitutes "waiver" of the CIA's claimed exemption from disclosure. Or so we argue.

The newly discovered declassified CIA document, entitled "Cost Reduction Program," is attached to our September 27 Response to CIA's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/sa092704.pdf>

WHITE HOUSE OPPOSES INTEL BUDGET DISCLOSURE

Intelligence budget disclosure is nothing less than the key to breaking down the excessive secrecy that degrades U.S. intelligence, the 9/11 Commission concluded unanimously (at p. 416 of its final report).

The bipartisan sponsors of pending intelligence reform legislation in the Senate agreed, and included a provision to routinely require such disclosure.

The White House does not agree. A Statement of Administration Policy today singled out budget disclosure as one of the elements it considers objectionable in the Senate bill.

"The Administration is also concerned that the Committee bill mandates disclosure of sensitive information about the intelligence budget," the White House statement said.

"The legislation should not compel disclosure, including to the Nation's enemies in war, of the amounts requested by the President, and provided by the Congress, for the conduct of the Nation's intelligence activities." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/09/wh092804.pdf>

"We have not heard a compelling argument for maintaining overall [budget] classification," said 9/11 Commissioner John F. Lehman at a congressional hearing earlier this month.

#### CLASSIFICATION REVIEW BOARD PROPOSED, SET ASIDE

An amendment to establish an Independent National Security Classification Board to mediate disputes over secrecy was introduced during Senate deliberation over the pending intelligence reform bill on September 27, but was then set aside at the request of the bill's sponsors.

The introduction of the amendment, however, provided the occasion for an extended colloquy on the defects of secrecy.

"The 1946 Atomic Energy Act established the principle that some information is born classified," recalled Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), a sponsor of the amendment.

"There are certainly important sources and pieces of information that must never be compromised. But over the years, millions and millions of documents that weren't born classified have inherited or adopted or married into a classification."

Sen. Susan Collins responded that "The administration has expressed grave reservations about the amendment as it is now drafted." That is not necessarily an objection, but she asked that it be set aside, and so it was.

Along the way, the proposed amendment garnered one additional Republican co-sponsor, Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX).

See the September 27 Senate debate on the matter here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2004/s092704.html>

#### IAEA REPORT ON LIBYA

An August 30 report of the International Atomic Energy Agency on Libya's nuclear weapons-related activities, originally restricted in distribution, has been "de-restricted" and is now available here (thanks to J):

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/libya/iaea0804.pdf>

#### CRS ON NUCLEAR TERRORISM, BUNKER BUSTERS

The Congressional Research Service, perhaps unable to endure independent scrutiny, still refuses to make its products directly accessible to the public. But two new CRS reports are now available here.

"Nuclear Terrorism: A Brief Review of Threats and Responses," September 22, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32595.pdf>

"'Bunker Busters': Sources of Confusion in the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator Debate," September 22, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RL32599.pdf>

Federation of American Scientists.

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## Re: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked - Warren

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>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 20:40:25 -0500  
>Subject: UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked

>Source: The Triangle - A Student Newspaper at  
> Drexel University Philadelphia

><http://www.thetriangle.org/news/2004/09/23/SciTech/Ufo-science.Investigatio=ns.Debunked-729532.shtml>

>09-23-04

>UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked  
>The Iron Skeptic  
>By Aaron Sakulich

>If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed  
>with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the  
>science and technology section of a newspaper. While on the one  
>hand the details of "Ufology" don't belong in any reputable  
>paper, a close look at the interaction between science and the  
>investigation of UFO claims is very enlightening.

<snip>

Fellow Listers,

Here is my letter to Mr. Sakulich in response to his article:

Dear Mr. Sakulich,

In reading your article, "UFO 'Science' Investigations Debunked," I found my self scratching my head and pondering your position on the subject, as at least "for me" it didn't seem clear where you were taking me; in addition there were many falsehoods, which I will address:

First, you began your article by stating, "If you're anything like I am, you would probably be overwhelmed with disgust and outrage at seeing an article about UFOs in the science and technology section of a newspaper," and then towards the end you write, "Scientists are squandering opportunities to explore the unexplained, possibly discovering new meteorological phenomena, new chemical or biological phenomena (once, even swamp gas was not understood)." And you conclude your article by stating, "No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists, and, as a whole, no group has ever neglected the duty of their chosen livelihoods more than scientists have in refusing to treat such matters with an impartial investigation." If in fact you believe the latter to be true, then your previously mentioned feelings in the first paragraph of your piece appear to be contradictory in my view.

If you feel scientists are the best suited to investigate the

UFO phenomenon, then what section of the newspaper do you feel is appropriate for the publisher=92s to place it in? Moreover, if you feel the subject matter garners scientific inquiry, then why would it evoke feelings of disgust if it were in fact placed in a section of a newspaper who=92s topic was science? Pardon my confusion, but I don=92t get it!

In your second paragraph, you state that, "The first sightings of UFOs in America occurred around 1896"; assuming that you are using the term "UFO" as "Unidentified Flying Objects," then this declaration is false. As you mention yourself further in your own article, "A large portion of UFO sightings are surely misidentification of aircraft or weather balloons, or the erroneous spotting of planets, stars, or other aeronautic phenomena"; certainly, the latter occurred before 1896, and separately, "there were" more "craft-like UFO" sightings prior to that year. You further state that these UFOs "were reported hovering above every state in the union"; this of course is not true either.

In your third paragraph you state, "Scientists of the time, although racing to discover the secret of flight, did not pay much attention to this wave of sightings, and with good reason: Over time, a huge number of them proved to be hoaxes, misidentifications of regular phenomena, or ploys to increase tourism to certain small towns . . ." Can you cite any examples, or name any scientists, or bodies thereof that held this mindset?

Your fourth paragraph was also very confusing; you previously gave cause to the 1896/97 airship sightings to "hoaxes, misidentifications of regular phenomena, or ploys to increase tourism to certain small towns"; then you seem to change directions and name "mass hysteria" as the main culprit. Directly following that declaration, you state that the "prevailing feeling at the time was that some backwoods tinkerer would build a working aircraft in some remote shanty, and then unleash his invention on the world." If in fact that was the popular belief, that seems hardly any cause for "mass hysteria.=92

Your fifth paragraph was indeed amusing, as it seems now that you=92ve changed the reason for the UFO sightings to "hallucinations." You wrote, "as soon as this =91one inventor=92 theory was firmly implanted in the minds of the American populace, people began "seeing" UFOs and occasionally meeting their inventor, who took on the name Wilson over time. Wilson, like the Jersey Devil, never existed . . ." Here you=92ve made claims that contradict what was quoted from witnesses that was published in various Texas newspapers, but cite no data/evidence to support your theorem.

Is the reader to believe that "all the witnesses" who were quoted in separate newspaper reports were having a mass hallucination? Or perhaps, they were all of nefarious character (including the sheriff in one instance) and were just telling tall stories? Since the events took place over 100 years ago, and the people involved can=92t be interviewed, and what remains, is the written accounts of what transpired, and there are multiple accounts in separate small town newspapers of a man by the name of "Wilson," who claimed to be involved with the "airships," it seems, in my view, that there is more "evidence" to support that ideology, (his existence) than to go against it=97unless you=92ve have some information that you didn=92t cite in your article.

In the same paragraph you said, "The first wave of =91modern=92 UFO sightings began in 1947." More accurately it should be said that this was the first wave that drew the public=92s attention in a grandiose way=97UFOs had been reported since the beginning of the war (Foo Fighters), and we=92re investigated by the military. I assume the pilot you are referring to is, "Kenneth Arnold", if so, he was not the first to witness a UFO in =9247, and his sighting was over the state of Washington, near Mt. Rainier, not in the Midwest. Also the Air Force did not exist when Arnold had his sighting.

In your sixth paragraph, you said, "The Air Force played a peculiar role in UFO investigations until the early 1970s." Hardly peculiar, since we had "unknowns" flying in our airspace, and in many instances, near "high-security military installations." Also the Air Force concluded their

investigation, and terminated Project Blue Book in 1969, with the culmination of the Condon Report=97not the =9170=92s. You also wrote, "They were petrified [the Air Force] that what people were reporting were actually Soviet weapons . . ." Petrified is hardly the verb one would use in describing the Air Force=92s concern over the UFOs occupying our airspace at that time, however; records do indicate that since we didn=92t know the origin of the UFOs, consideration was given in the vein that they may be advanced craft from another country, (with the Soviets on the top of the list), or even possibly a secret craft of our own built by another faction of the military.

In the same paragraph you wrote, " With increasing public interest, sightings increased until 1952 when the Pentagon was so swamped with UFO reports that military communications were disrupted." Here you make this seem like "public interest" induced UFO sightings=97quite the opposite=97unlike today "Flying Disk, Flying Saucer, and UFOs" were headline news, and in =9247 and later in =9252 were a national phenomenon; in fact "the largest press conference" held post WWII was provoked because of UFOs in 1952. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, "military communications were never disrupted" by UFO reports. Please cite references.

You further stated in the same paragraph, "After the 1952 wave, the Air Force realized how dangerous UFOs were. Although they had no proof that they were Soviet superweapons, just the existence of the UFO problem could be used as a great propaganda tool by the Russians. Because of this, the Air Force classified all of their UFO investigations, set about trying to discredit the witness to such events, and explain away as much as they could. Their hopes were that interest in UFOs would die down and not give the Soviets any leverage over the imaginations of the American people." According to "declassified records" the military, i.e., the Air Force, didn=92t know "what the UFOs were, or their origin," and aside from entering very sensitive areas, the flight characteristics of these objects were astounding even by today=92s standards=97so the seriousness, or "danger" as you put it, was recognized long before 1952. All military reports, etc., are "classified" at some level. Project Sign was classified at "Secret" or above in 1948.

It is certainly true that the "powers-that-be" did discredit UFO witnesses, and took great effort to "debunk" UFO sightings as a whole, however; "Russian propaganda" was the least of their worries.

In your 7th paragraph you wrote, "Donald Keyhoe founded the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP.)" Donald Keyhoe was not the founder of NICAP, he became the "Director" in 1957. Although his tenure was short-lived, "Townsend Brown" was the original founder of NICAP. You further wrote, "The Air Force was afraid that hearings would make it look incompetent or stir up public interest and create another "wave" of sightings, and worked feverishly against them." Your imagination seems to be running away with you Mr. Sakulich=97please cite some references.

In your eighth paragraph, you wrote, "In the mid-fifties, "contactees" who claimed to have been contacted by the crews of alien spaceships began to appear. It is these people who turned investigations of UFOs into a circus of insanity, and I think it fairly obvious that each and every one of these people is suffering from a mental disorder of one sort or another. " Certainly the contactees were a colorful group, but to "label them =91all=92 insane" is superfluous, to put it mildly, and a grand generalization to be more accurate.

In your ninth paragraph, you wrote, "It was during this period in the late 1950s and early 1960s that science turned against itself. Previous to the cults that popped up around the contactees, the prevailing theory in the scientific community was that UFOs were some sort of as of yet undocumented natural phenomena: strange and rare weather patterns, exotic optical tricks being played on the eyes of the unsuspecting, and so forth. Pretty much everyone agreed that the UFOs-as-alien-spaceships idea was hogwash." Please cite references.

In your tenth paragraph you wrote, "Ridicule against anyone even suspected of being interested in UFOs was just as destructive to life and reputation as being accused of being a communist by

Senator McCarthy. When Dr. James McDonald testified to congress that use of the Supersonic transport (SST) would decrease the ozone layer and cause 10,000 new cases of skin cancer in the US each year, Senator Ted Kennedy attacked him for having shown an interest in UFOs. He was laughed out of Congress, despite the fact that his claims about the SST had scientific background, and a short time later, his career in shambles, he took his life." Here you've gone from comical to ridiculous; although it's true that "mainstream science has had a propensity for avoiding the UFO phenomena, comparing the repercussions of those who have crossed the conventional line to that of the receiving end of McCarthyism is ludicrous! Furthermore, Ted Kennedy did not attack Dr. McDonald, and although the proponents for a U.S. SST program may have made snide comments about his work in regards to Ufology, he was hardly "laughed out of Congress!" I might add that with the efforts of Dr. McDonald, Congress voted down the funding for the SST program, and essentially ended any hopes for the establishment of any such venture. As to Dr. McDonald's career, he was senior physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and professor, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Arizona. He also was a member of the following organizations:

American Meteorological Society.

American Geophysical Union.

Royal Meteorological Society.

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Committee for Environmental Information.

Society for Social Responsibility in Science.

American Association of University Professors.

Sigma Xi.

National Academy of Sciences=92 Panel on Weather and Climate Modification.

Advisory Panel for U.S. Navy-ESSA Project STORMFURY.

Member, Evaluation and Goals Committee, University Committee on Atmospheric Research.

Let's not forget his contributions to Ufology! This was not a man whose career was in shambles, which of course negates your ideology of motivation for suicide.

In your 11th paragraph you wrote, "The only person to come through this unscathed was J. Allen Hynek. A well-regarded astrophysicist, he had begun in 1947 to help the Air Force investigate UFO claims. He was such a cautious, methodical man that it took him 20 years to change opinions and declare that the Air Force really wasn't investigating things properly, and that room for serious scientific study existed." First, Hynek was an astronomer, not an astrophysicist. He did not become a consultant to the Air Force in 1947. Moreover, it was "his opinion" that changed in regards to UFOs, to say he "came through it unscathed" simply isn't accurate! Hynek by his own admission was part of the debunking process early on, and said, "I was quite negative in most of my evaluations. I stretched far to give something a natural explanation, sometimes when it may not have really had it." Cautious and methodical doesn't describe Hynek in the early years of UFO investigation.

In your last paragraph, you wrote, "No one is better suited to investigating UFOs than scientists, and, as a whole, no group has ever neglected the duty of their chosen livelihoods more than scientists have in refusing to treat such matters with an impartial investigation." Aside from the myriad of informational mistakes, and your stance on Ufology, much like that of a politician, (unclear, and or ever-changing) here is where you are finally starting to make sense. Perhaps in the future you will apply some scientific methodology of your own when writing about a subject your not familiar with.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

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>From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
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>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 10:56:05 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest Argentina

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>>Subject: Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest Argentina

>>INEXPLICATA  
>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>>September 27, 2004

>>Source: Las Ultimas Noticias (LUN)

>>Talk of tornadoes, fallen satellites and saucer crashes  
>>Mysterious Treefalls in Patagonian Forest

-snip-

>I'm interested in any further details on this Argentina case  
>when they are available, in particular any aerial / ground  
>.photos and studies regarding the snapped and "exploded" trunks  
>(the ones that "appear to have been blown away from within by a  
>stick of dynamite"). The description as provided reminds me, at  
>least superficially, of the "blown nodes" (expulsion cavities)  
>found in the nodes of some crop formations, including those  
>large ones in the recent formation again in Matsqui, BC this  
>summer, similar to last year's, in 7' - 10' tall cattle corn  
>(per my other recent updates; scan images are on the CCCRN web  
>site in the 2003 / 2004 report archives).  
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When trees are struck by lightning they can explode from the pressure of steam. Where does the steam come from? Well, the tree (if healthy) is full of water and the electric current (thousands of amperes at high voltage) heats the water in milliseconds and turns it to high pressure steam. The immense sudden internal pressure can break the tree trunk.

Now, I'm not saying that that lightning struck the trees, but I am suggesting that perhaps some "phenomenon" cause huge electric currents in the trees and these currents caused the tree to "explode" or break in the weakest area of each tree.

And, incidently, this might have something to do with crop circle bending, also. People (e.g. "Lefty" ) have suggested microwave heating at the base of a stalk that softens the stalk and may cause expulsion cavities by heating the fluid inside a stalk. I'm pointing out that even a unidirectional flow of electricity could cause the same expulsion effect. tree trunk

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## Re: Hopkins' Technique - Chace

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>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2004 17:42:45 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hopkins' Technique

>Hopkins shows Ryan a series of pictures - Dick and others  
>were quite right, there was only one alien image amongst  
>them. Ryan identifies Santa Claus, Batman, and a policeman  
>before he gets to the Alien image. When he sees it, he appears  
>not to recognize it at all and looks at Hopkins as if for a cue.

>Hopkins asks "Ever seen anything like that before?" and  
>Ryan shakes his head indicating that he has not.

Dick Hall or Greg Sandow probably know more about this test than I, but from my understanding Hopkins has the child tell a story about each of the images (or at least a few of them) and tries not to lead the child into thinking the Gray Alien image is any more significant than any of the others. I think what Hopkins is trying to determine is if the child has any special recognition of, or associations with, or emotional reaction to the Alien image that could suggest either conscious or subconscious memories of a UFO abduction experience involving such beings. The child's stories about the other images provide a baseline for comparison.

Critics of UFO abduction research can find fault with just about any test that an investigator like Hopkins can come up with, particularly if it involves research into the possible abduction experiences of children, and regardless of the investigator's efforts to be objective. Those critics are right, to a degree. It is impossible to design a perfect test or experiment of this sort, and there are always human factors to be considered when it comes to how such tests are actually conducted.

Some of those critics want to improve the quality of UFO abduction research, and minimize the risks of creating false memories and so forth. Perhaps some of these people might be able to come up with better tests or even become personally involved in actually investigating cases and interviewing possible abductees. Other critics have no real intention of improving UFO abduction research, and simply want to shut down the whole enterprise entirely. If they should ever succeed, thousands of people around the world will be left to cope with their unexplained experiences, and humanity will have lost an important opportunity to advance its knowledge. I think Joe is of the former category. Some of the members of CSICOP apparently are of the latter.

David W. Chace

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## Take-Me-To-Your-Leader Lit

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Take-me-to-your-leader lit

By Jeff Gammage

Inquirer Staff Writer

A germ is a seed, a bud, an egg, the spark of a new idea that can lead to invention or truth.

A germ is a pathogen, a parasite, a virus, a microscopic destroyer of life and health.

In 12 Monkeys, a germ is the villain, killing billions of people. In The War of the Worlds, a germ is the hero, slaying the Martian invaders.

A germ can change the way you feel. And look. And react.

It can even change the way you think.

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Let's get this out of the way:

Jennifer Bates has never been abducted by a UFO.

She's never been swept into the sky on a beam of white light, been stretched out on an examining table and probed with cold metal instruments.

But she knows people who have. Or at least, who believe they have.

And she's had her own weird experiences, one in particular. About 10 years ago she had a vision: She would open a bookstore, called Germ, and in it she would sell only books that she would want to read.

Now that vision has come true.

What that means for you, the book-buying public, is that if you're looking for a New York Times best-seller or the latest Oprah pick, stay out of her store.

Bates' new and used books all fit under the umbrella of what might be called Apocalypse Culture: UFOs, Bigfoot, Kennedy assassination, ghosts, time travel, conspiracy, ESP, the unexplained, unknown and just plain peculiar.

At Germ, located in the city's Fishtown neighborhood, the shelves bear no listings for Romance, Mystery, Sports or Parenting. Instead it's Mind Control, Secret History, Drugsploitation, Nature Gone Bad, War and Why We Need It, and

Our Mysterious Brain.

It's not that Bates believes in all this stuff, or even most of it. But, she says, there are events that can't be explained. Like the Rendlesham Forest incident in England, where U.S. Air Force officers went into the woods thinking a plane had crashed, only to come upon a strange, glowing craft.

"There is compelling evidence," Bates says. She adds with a smile: "There always is."

In a case like that, she says, it could be an alien spaceship. Or it could be a secret government aircraft, out for a spin. Close encounter or German engineering? It's hard to know.

Either way, she's fascinated by the psychology of the fringe sciences, by the meanings people assign to experiences and the connections they make between them. So while Germ is a place to find vintage Flying Saucer magazines, she also wants it to be a place where people can talk and question without fear of ridicule.

"This is a bookstore," she says. "But it's really more of an information ministry."

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Black hair. Black pants. Black boots. Black shirt. Black wristwatch.

That's Bates. Her green-brown eyes are piercing, her personality the same.

She paints beautiful, disquieting artworks that combine elements of Judaism, American industry and atomic energy. Several hang in the gallery section of Germ. She's fascinated by the Rosenberg executions, physics, higher math, and the occultist practices of the Nazis. She loves *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. And Charlton Heston, for his performance in *Planet of the Apes* and his work leading the National Rifle Association. She owns several guns.

She gives herself one day a week off, on Thursdays. Three days she works for a local nonprofit, and Friday through Sunday she runs Germ. Bates guards the store entrance with a black-clad mannequin named Gunther, whom she describes as a Soldier From the Future but who bears an unsettling resemblance to a German storm trooper.

Bates, who gives her age as "between 30 and death," was born in California, her adolescence spent in the punk-rock culture of Miami. Her mother was an English teacher, very artistic, her father a Marine Corps intelligence officer who was always reading about UFOs. That's what got her interested.

Not that her path from there to here was direct.

She ran off to New York before high school graduation. Got dragged back to Miami. Went to the Rhode Island School of Design. Quit. Listened to the Velvet Underground. Ran out of albums. Went to art school.

In the 1980s she moved to New York, to become a speed freak. She failed. Managed several movie theaters. Decided to move to Hollywood to die. She lived. Moved back to Miami, got a job at a planetarium. Left for New York. Hated New York. Returned to Miami.

In the 1990s she followed a friend to Philadelphia. She stayed.

Bates knows that these days, a successful independent bookstore can seem as rare as, well, a Yeti sighting. Independents died by the score during the 1990s, devoured by big chains and Internet sales, and as a group they struggle now, their 16 percent market share half the onetime peak.

Why do some survive while others fail? The answer is as mysterious as a crop circle. Some have fanatically loyal customers. Others just happen to be located in areas that don't interest the chains. Many reinvented themselves as niche stores, specializing in single subjects. Like Germ.

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When Bates was 9, she saw a string of lights in the sky that could have been a UFO. It also could have been a fuel discharge from an aircraft.

She's never had a supernatural encounter. She has experienced several strange "timing incidents," those fluky 10-seconds-later-and-life-would-be-different coincidences. When she was living in Hollywood, she decided to give away everything she owned - clothes, furniture, paintings, books. Everything. She walked out of her apartment, newly broke and homeless, strode down Sunset Boulevard - and smack into an old friend from Miami. He told her that, one, she was crazy, and two, she could stay at his place for a while.

That's sort of how it goes for her, oddity followed by aberration - so far, all on this planet.

"I wish I could say I was picked up by a UFO," Bates says. "A lot of people say I was dropped by one."

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## PBS Poll: Do Aliens Really Exist?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 06:48:07 -0400  
Subject: PBS Poll: Do Aliens Really Exist?

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/origins/aliens.html> (click on Launch)

All of NOVA's 'instruction' against the affirmative regarding the question are unbalanced rebuttal arguments requiring homocentric assumptions they have to leap to make - and apparently hope you might make the leap, too.

Still 80% of the over 3000 respondents don't buy into the slick mental programming and vote in the affirmative, regardless... wow!

That's got to have some statistical significance. The NOVA site is philosophically hostile to the proponent community. It must really chafe NOVA's collective butt that people still vote the other way even when we've been 'told' otherwise. Indeed, that whole 'poll' was an obtuse dodge to talk you out of the potentiality for intelligent alien life, and not to find out what a real 'breakdown' was. Their 'poll' tried to skew itself, before results could be tabulated. That doesn't appear to be very rational or at least negatively so. <g>

PBS, be ashamed.

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## A Wake Up Call Perhaps?

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Subject: A Wake Up Call Perhaps?

Dr. Maccabee said alot in his post about the passing of both Dr. Mack and Dr. Mallove.

To me both men's passing has been a wake up call to me.

In the past few years I've lost several folks who were role models and mentors. It started with the 911 attacks where I lost some and then each year since it's been piling up.

These people we cherish and look up to deserve the legacy of we who are still here to step up to the plate and do our best to make them proud. In the past few years I've been exhausted now to surrogate father, uncle, tutor, mentor etc.

Dr. Mack's passing made me think again about who'll pick up the slack? Some of our esteemed senior UFOlogists and with due respect sceptics also are in their golden years. What new crop of researchers and scientists and courageous ones are we grooming?

When I was in my teens I spent my time keeping an eye on the seniors in my neighborhood. That's a practice I continue to this day. Especially veterans. I feel it's my obligation to give back to them for what they've done for us. Plain and simple. One rewarding thing is that each student I've personally trained has gone on to become wealthy. I didn't realize it but it's a good feeling. No they don't always return the favor but that's okay.

Yet now let me look at Ufology and what has been covered all these years. Primarily the abduction research. If what Dr. Jacobs, Budd Hopkins and Dr. Mack say are true, God help us all. That would make Dr. Mack's passing a tragedy of immeasurable magnitude. We've lost one of our 'Jedi Knights' and it's up to us to continue our training.

More now than ever we must look at the dangers past and present and knock off the bickering and get down to brass tacks. We've still got people being threatened for what they've experienced or researched or witnessed.

There's like a new 'Glass Ceiling' for new discoveries and applications. The young folk see constantly assassinations and greed of global proportions daily. How's a good guy supposed to win?

I grew up around scientists and educators of the highest regard. In those days of the Space Race we all prayed that just one of those scientists or astronauts would come up with another miracle device or cure. We protected them. Yes, there were scientists who would get personal escorts just to the pizza store!

Nowadays they only get kudos if they get wrapped up with some floozy and it's blasted on the tabloids.

Education and literacy in the USA is abominable. Thank the lure of drug money for that. Legal and illegal drugs.

Ufology is highly popular with the people of this world but it's

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not popular with the governments and services that are supposed to accomodate the people. What's wrong with this picture?

That's the clue to the Ufology problem.

Me, I'm going back to finish my law degree.

Education is the key. Show the kids that they can make a difference and that they should team up and protect themselves cause they can't always depend on those sworn into office to do so.

Best,

Greg

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## Lakenheath-Bentwaters 1956

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
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Subject: Lakenheath-Bentwaters 1956

Hi all,

The "Lakenheath Collaboration" website was launched quite a while ago now at:

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

I've wondered if its association with the dread names of Clarke and Roberts is the cause of some reflex aversion on the part of listerions? But no, there has been - so far as I am aware - absolutely zero response from any of the so-called skeptibunkers, as well as the so-called ETH believers. People must be keeping their opinions to themselves for subtler reasons.

The apparent absence of interest in this project isn't entirely surprising in view of the fact that it doesn't espouse any clear-cut theory about what happened, and the complicated many-layered structure means that it isn't necessarily easy for others to enlist the facts it contains in support of one. But I'd like to know what people feel is the status of this case today. I've posted this rather long discussion both to inform the list as to some history behind the Lakenheath website project and to encourage a little debate about some of the outstanding issues.

The background to my involvement begins with personal research in 1986-7 during which I had extensive correspondence and interviews with the surviving principals and others such as G. D. Thayer of the Condon Report. Some years later I had long since put the case aside when Dave Clarke first contacted me in April 2001 proposing exchange of research materials and collaboration in a non-profit report with his UFOIN team consisting of himself, Andy Roberts, Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller. Without going into individual attitudes and nuances here, it was immediately clear that there was a general presumption on the part of this team that the case was basically "solved" in these senses:

- That "the" Venom aircrews had been heard from and had told an unexciting story with no tail-chase etc.
- That the canonical scenario of Perkins & BOI-485 was a product of overexcitable American imaginations.
- That there was evidence of temperature inversions that could explain the ground radar reports.
- That the AI radar targets had probably been caused by a balloon.

I was unconvinced by several arguments adduced in support, and this resulted in some lively and occasionally fractious debate over the ensuing months. I thought it might be interesting for listers to see what the state of play was at the start and to compare the simple clarity of what might-have-been with the difficult, ramified and confusing (but, I believe, FAIR) farrago of information and deduction that is the Lakenheath Collaboration website today.

Below for your possible edification is an excerpt of the first substantive letter received from Dave Clarke, 23 April 2001, annotated today - {in these curly brackets}:

DC: ". . . Only two weeks ago, I returned from Guildford having spent an afternoon with Freddie Wimbledon (now 90 years old!), having obtained an extremely detailed account of the events of that night in 1956 on audio tape (in excess of 2 hours). This followed lengthy correspondence with Freddie; as you will see below, in the light of the new evidence he has had to radically alter his standpoint on the sequence of events, and the role he played."

---{ This interview

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/FW-interview.htm>

and other correspondence shows that Flt. Lt. Wimbledon (Chief Controller at the RAF Neatishead GCI radar site in August 1956) was indeed persuaded to adapt his initial 1978 story when presented in 2001 with the log books of the two 23 Squadron aircrews. But he did so only because he seemed to have no choice, faced with what he was assured by Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts was documentary evidence relating to the event he had described in 1978.

I knew from my own experience that Freddie Wimbledon needed little encouragement to indulge a tendency to Anglo-centric condescension when it came to those gullible Americans. This reflex seems to be quite common in ex-RAF types of a certain age, and to be able to fall in with a thesis which "proved" what he'd always known - that the USAF at Lakenheath were bumbling amateurs - was not uncongenial to him, and I believe it sweetened the pill of having to concede errors in his own story.

I now know that since the discovery of the aircrews by Jenny in 1996 others had suggested that these were the "wrong" crews, but I wasn't very familiar with this new twist in the case at the time in 2001. Nevertheless I thought straight away that the case Dave was presenting as proof that they must be the right aircrews was flawed. After a great deal of difficult and sometimes acerbic argument based on textual analysis, GCI practice etc., during the course of 2001 I was able to get agreement from Dave Clarke (though conspicuously not from Andy, in whom I could detect no motivation to reflect further on a now-fixed opinion) that this case was after all \*not\* proven.

I offered evidence, based largely on Dave's own very well-conducted and conscientiously documented interviews, that in fact the 23 Squadron aircrews had not been controlled by Neatishead GCI at all but were in contact exclusively with Lakenheath. My interpretation was eventually admitted as plausible by Dave and Jenny, but the conclusion was still not accepted by the group. Finally, to his credit, Dave Clarke agreed that we would put a carefully prepared non-leading question to nav/rad John Brady to check this. Brady confirmed my inference. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/23-Sq-NO-GCI.htm> }---

DC: "The most significant revision is the time he [Wimbledon] ordered the scramble, and the fact that the order was given jointly with the Sector Controller based at Horsham St Faith. It was the Sector who were the "missing link" so to speak, in that they appear to have acted as go-between in the R/T contacts between the Venom crews and USAF Lakenheath."

---{Wimbledon's initial 1978 testimony was that "his" interception occurred about 30-45 minutes after the start of his shift at 2300 on August 13. Twenty three years later, when confronted with the 23 Squadron log book times of 0200-0300 on August 14, he was persuaded to retreat from this, and he now began to improvise the "memory" that his shift had begun at 0030, apparently to explain how the interception could have happened at 2 in the morning. But he nevertheless remained puzzled.

And not just about the time. For example, he never understood how "his" aircrews could maintain that they were exclusively in radio contact with the Americans at Lakenheath; he never

understood why \*both\* the 23 Squadron crews claimed identical extended attempts to intercept a target when only \*one\* of the planes under his control had done so; and he never understood why the 23 Squadron crews had not been interviewed (beyond routine squadron debriefing) when a senior Fighter Command officer had told him at the time that he was on his way to Waterbeach to do just that.

The reason for his puzzlement, obviously, is that the Wimbledon event was a different event involving different aircraft, and there is no reason to prefer the grudgingly-evolved 23-year old version of his testimony over his original 1978 statements.}---

DC: "Since Jenny's initial contact in 1996 I independently traced all four members of the crews of the two Venoms directly involved (all of whom have been interviewed extensively on audio tape), plus established the minor role of a \*third\* Venom which was apparently scrambled but returned to base duty not carried out."

---{This discovery of a third Venom scramble by Dave Clarke was an excellent piece of work. He traced and interviewed the navigator/radar operator at length. According to the navigator's log book this third Venom was scrambled earlier on the evening of the 13th, long before the events at 0200-0300 on the 14th. Nevertheless the Squadron Diary located by Dave and Andy contains the note that this Venom was scrambled after what was said - by the compiler at least - to be the same UFO target.

The first lesson I sought to draw from this was that planes other than the now-canonical "two Venoms" clearly not only could have been, but were, in the air earlier that night, despite the protestations of both Wimbledon and the 23 Squadron crews that only two planes could possibly have taken off. Evidently, as was revealed in time, each of them knew about a \*different pair\* of planes, and the events of that night were more complicated than was evident from any individual's point of view. Actually it turned out that this discovery prefigured the later discovery of a fourth and even a fifth Venom, again involving radar "UFOs" on the evening of Aug 13! }---

DC: "Here is where we have to turn earlier versions of the events upon their proverbial heads, because several errors of fact and interpretation sprang out at me when I read your summary; this is to be expected if you were basing your knowledge of what the Venom crews said upon the extremely truncated TV interviews of 1996: 1) Firstly, the Venom crews \*do not\* assert they had no contact with the Neatishead GCI, rather the opposite!"

---{ Actually it turned out that they did assert precisely what I had said they asserted, based on close study of Jenny Randles' original transcripts, Clarke's and Roberts' new interviews, and simple logic. This was finally confirmed directly by John Brady: Neither of these aircrews was even briefly in contact with Flt.Lt. Wimbledon at Neatishead during their interceptions. This fact, drawn from all available contextual evidence and direct witness assertion, is decisively underscored by the realisation that a target stationary at as little as maybe three thousand feet over the Lakenheath airfield as described would probably have been below the radar horizon of Neatishead 40 miles away.}--

DC: "The scenario was that they were scrambled by Wimbledon (as Chief Controller) after he was alerted to the radar contact by USAF at Lakenheath. He tracked the target then gave the order to scramble."

---{ Inasmuch as Wimbledon was demonstrably not involved in this 0200 incident at all it is incorrect that he was "alerted to the radar contact by USAF at Lakenheath".}---

DC: "The actual scramble order was transmitted by the Sector Controller at Horsham [St Faith], who instructed the crews to contact Lakenheath once airborne."

---{This appears to be correct in the case of the 0200-0300 23 Squadron scrambles.}---

DC: "When the target was within AI range the crews switched from Lakenheath back to Neatishead while interception was attempted."

---{This is confused because of the conflation of the distinct Wimbledon and 23 Squadron testimonies. No such switching occurred in the case of the latter incident, in which \*only\* Lakenheath radar controllers were involved. In the Wimbledon incident this switching may well have occurred.

Since 1978 it was uncritically assumed for years (including by me) that the Wimbledon incident must have been the same incident recalled independently by T/Sgt. Perkins in a letter to the Condon Committee in 1968. In fact this was not convincingly demonstrated, in my opinion, until Dave Clarke found collateral documentary and witness evidence tending to constrain the possible date. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/missing-intercept.htm>

We still have no direct testimony from aircrews in this case, of course, but there is also circumstantial evidence (for instance, the time frame, and the active involvement of only \*one\* aircraft) so the probability that they are the same incident must now be considered high.

Perkins' account does contain internal evidence that the aircrew concerned had radar information from elsewhere than Lakenheath ATC - for example, essential height-finder information and the pilot's confirmation to Lakenheath that the target had moved behind them - consistent with GCI assistance (as I had speculated in detail in 1987), and it was supported in this and in almost every other respect by the then-"secret" USAF telex BOI-485 from Lakenheath.}---

DC: "The information concerning the stationary target has been confirmed by all the crews, and is also accepted by Wimbledon, viz that the aircraft undershot the target, rather than there being a manoeuvre on the part of the 'UFO.'"

---{Again it is true that more than 2 decades after his original statement Wimbledon allowed his story to bend with the wind because of what he was told about the 23 Squadron log books. In 1986 he had described the motion of the target to me as comparable to a jet fighter but 30-40 years in advance of the time, looping behind the fighter and following it for several minutes. In the March 2001 interview he de-emphasised the dynamics a little, allowing that the loop manoeuvre must have been an illusion because the 23 Squadron aircrews now said that \*their\* target was stationary whilst they overshot its position.

This illustrates how even the most careful and best intentioned interviewer can unwittingly lead a witness. The result was a tendency to devalue the witness's earliest and least-tutored evidence in favour of selectively extracted fragments from these improvisations offered 23 years later. Selective, because the investigators here (with Randles demurring) were strongly inclined towards the idea that the target could have been a balloon, based largely on the 23 Squadron nav/rads' half-hearted suggestion to this effect and a failure at this time to appreciate that two separate incidents were being conflated.

Hence Dave Clarke's remark that Wimbledon had accepted that the UFO did not manoeuvre. Well, he did give in with regard to the apparent loop, but not with regard to other parts of the incident. The fact is that even in 2001, despite the 23 Squadron stories, Wimbledon remained adamant that he did not believe the object he tracked could have been a balloon because of the rapidity of what appeared to be its controlled manoeuvres. In a letter of April 2001 he reaffirms: "There was so much happening unbeknown to other participants or onlookers. I still cannot accept the balloon idea because of what I had earlier followed on my radar. There was something capable of very high speeds, ability to stop suddenly and move off suddenly. . . . Then too, when it decided to go it went up rapidly to the North East and just disappeared beyond the range of our radar."

Wimbledon's account was, and remains, inconsistent with a target that remained stubbornly in one spot low over the airfield for a couple of hours, which as already mentioned would probably have been below his radar horizon anyway, explaining why Neatishead was never involved in the first place.}---

DC: "2) With regards to the aircraft and AI radar specifications

- here is another error because the aircraft \*were not\* from 253 Squadron (the Waterbeach standing squadron), but from 23 Squadron based at Coltishall. The Battle Flight rotated so that different squadrons passed through Waterbeach taking turns on quick readiness duty; during the period in August relevant to this case, Venom NF-3s from Coltishall were the QRA (quick readiness) night squadron scrambled by Wimbledon."

---{The identification of 23 Squadron as the Waterbeach QRA squadron at the time was very important (I previously believed that we were talking NF2a Venoms of 253 Squadron), although it is not necessarily true to say that QRA aircraft were "scrambled by Wimbledon" because: (A) we have not located the aircrew(s) concerned in that incident and we don't know for certain where they came from; (B) there is no good evidence that Wimbledon "scrambled" the plane that came under his control at all (it was actually not Wimbledon's place to directly scramble aircraft anyway; this would be done by Sector Control making a decision incorporating information and requests from Neatishead into the whole tactical radar picture); and (C) there is now first-hand documentary evidence that at least one plane involved in a pre-midnight attempted interception was a Venom en route through the area which was opportunistically diverted to its target and therefore was not "scrambled" by anybody.}---

DC: "The Airborne Radar in use was AI Mk 21 American Westinghouse kit - this version did not have a 'lock on' facility, as one of the navigators put it 'it was all done manually moving the scanner by means of a tiny joystick.' Therefore the phrase 'Roger, I've got my guns locked on him' appears to be a little fantastic, to say the least!"

---{Indeed the Mk21 did not have what would be called a "track and lock on", i.e. an automatic target-following facility. The unmodified Westinghouse APS-57 did, but in RAF use this was disconnected. However Dave was not correct to say that it had no 'lock on' facility, because in the Venom NF3 installation the radar ranging output was fed to an electric gyro gunsight and in operation the gunsight was designed to "lock on" to this radar output automatically when the range fell below 800 yds. Note that neither Perkins nor BOI-485 at any time refers to a "track and lock on", only to "guns locked on", or just a "lock on". This phrase appears in the 1954 Air Publication describing the Mk21 radar gunsight installation, and note that in fact Perkins specifically annotated the diagram on his original 1968 letter with the phrase "radar \*gunsight\* lock on". See <http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/lock-on.htm> }---

DC: "We have also established the claim of a 'visual' sighting by the pilot of the first Venom was in error - all the crews maintain nothing was seen. This is supported by the Squadron diary,"

---{This is incorrect. It was established that the 23 Squadron crews in the 0200-0300 events did not see anything, but the error is the assumption that these crews were those involved in the event(s) described by Perkins, BOI-485 and Wimbledon.}---

DC: "and a 1957 DDI Tech memo that refers to the case."

---{This very interesting memo refers to \*a\* case, which may or may not have been one of the two-or-more events that seem to have occurred on Aug 13-14 1956.}---

DC: "Note though that in contradiction to both Perkins and Wimbledon's versions, the crew of the 2nd Venom (scrambled 0240 hours GMT) report a similar tracking of a radar target, and a number of attempted interceptions."

---{ Indeed so, not to mention also the contemporary intelligence report BOI-485 which is identical to Perkins' description. As mentioned, this point was a puzzle to Wimbledon. Dave Clarke's initial conclusion here was that Perkins and Wimbledon (and by extension BOI-485) must somehow have been badly mistaken. With hindsight we can see that the correct conclusion should have been that this very strong structural difference between the stories was early evidence that they were not descriptions of the same event.}---

DC: "The story concerning the engine failure and return to base appears to refer to the \*third\* aircraft, mentioned earlier."

---{This is possible, although the timing is difficult to reconcile.}---

DC: "3) With regards to the timing of the intercept, yes this has certainly caused some confusion. However, we have established beyond any reasonable doubt that the 1st Venom (ie the aircraft that attempted the first interception) \*was\* scrambled at 0200 GMT. This we know from the evidence of the aircrew, and from the Squadron records themselves. The aircraft logbook clearly reads 'Scramble - USAF'."

---{What was established was that \*a\* Venom was scrambled at 0200 at the behest of the USAF, and another at 0240 . . . }---

DC: "There is no possibility that another aircraft could have been scrambled from the Battle Flight without the crew (or most certainly Wimbledon) being aware of this. 23 Squadron were the QRA squadron, and the crews had been sitting on the runway since darkness on the 13th waiting for orders!"

---{ . . . and in fact it turns out that one earlier Venom was scrambled after a radar UFO at 1830 GMT on the evening of Aug 13, and another at 2120. And it is by no means certain that the pair(s) of planes described by Perkins/BOI-485/Wimbledon can only have been scrambled from the duty airfield. This was a point of view I argued strongly, against resistance, and I predicted that evidence of a "missing interception" might still be found. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/missing-intercept.htm>

Dave Clarke's wholly commendable response was to redouble his indefatigable research, and as we now know he found that a \*fifth\* RAF plane was indeed vectored to a radar UFO near Lakenheath at some unknown time that night - the Venom being flown en route from RAF Coltishall by none other than the 23 Squadron Commanding Officer, later to become the incumbent of the MoD's Whitehall "UFO desk"!

(Note that although BOI-485 states that the intercepting jet was "believed to be a Venom" - a phrase which doesn't encourage confidence that the source of information here is definitive - and says that it was from RAF Waterbeach, this does not necessarily mean that it had come \*directly\* from Waterbeach because the questionnaire asks for the aircraft's "home station" for obvious reasons, not its immediate point of origin. Waterbeach was the duty QRA airfield and, temporarily, 23 Squadron's home station.))---

DC: "Therefore it seems that BOI-485 was correct after all - it was not a clerical error, and as you will know the Blue Book records place the scramble between 0010 and 0330 hrs GMT on the 14th. This is not inconsistent with what the crew logbooks tell us . . ."

---{This remains true - it isn't inconsistent. But because so much else \*is\* factually and circumstantially inconsistent it remains a reasonable hypothesis that the time given in BOI-485 as relating to the Perkins event is a clerical error, possibly because of a confusion between source documents relating to the two distinct events at Lakenheath - one pre-midnight as described by Perkins, BOI-485 and Wimbledon, involving GCI radar at Neatishead and high-level coordination; and another later in the night, a secondary affair sponsored directly by concerned USAF radar operators at Lakenheath (as reported by 23 Squadron sources), and not involving GCI radar. See

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/PerkFW-interceptscenario.htm>

}---

DC: "and is accepted by Freddie Wimbledon. He notes that he came on duty around 0030 hrs GMT."

---{As mentioned it was accepted by Wimbledon without any enthusiasm and involved his having to creatively edit his memory, changing a shift time from 2300 to 0030 GMT in the process. With hindsight there was no need for him to have felt this pressure to alter his story.}---

DC: "He was briefed by the Controller he was relieving (nothing

untoward reported), and then at some point received calls from first Bentwaters and secondly Lakenheath regarding an unknown target buzzing their airfield. He then set out to track this target himself, discussed the situation with Sector, set up the Interception procedure and ordered the scramble. All this would have had to have taken place between 0030 and 0200. To place the action \*before\* midnight is inconsistent with the contemporaneous evidence now available and is clearly in error."

---{It is still possible that this is right, that the time given in BOI-485 correctly applies to the action described therein and confirmed independently by Perkins. It is possible that Perkins was wrong about the midnight shift making relief in the middle of the action. It is possible that Wimbledon mistakenly aligned his memory with the account current in 1978 (his first full account in June that year containing the shift time 2300 was written after having been shown McDonald's 1969 AAAS presentation published in 1972). But I doubt it. And even in this case, it remains unarguable that the series of two-aircraft 23 Squadron interceptions 0200-0300 unsupported by GCI radar \*were not the same event\* as a \*one\*-aircraft interception which \*was\* controlled by GCI radar. So we would have two different events in a similar time frame, instead of two different events in very different time frames.

Since the 23 Squadron Diary and the aircrews refer only to contact with Lakenheath GCA radar, whereas Perkins was Supervisor of the physically and organisationally distinct RATCC radar, it is always arguable - however unlikely - that the two sets of events were so focussed on different facilities with their different chains of reporting that confusion ensued between two reports that were ineptly coordinated with one another, leading to a wrong time being entered in BOI-485. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/BOI-PerkinsTiming.htm> }---

DC: "4) Just to give a brief summary of the material we have collected. We have evidence from the Meteorological Office archive at Bracknell demonstrating that a major high altitude temperature inversion was present over the North Sea at 0200 hrs on the 14th, this having developed during the course of the previous day."

---{ Paul Fuller kindly supplied me with complete copies of the Met Office charts and Hemsby radiosonde readings. I reduced this data and calculated refractive index gradients, which actually are crucially dependent on humidity not just on temperature. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Met-analysis.htm>

&

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

It is true that at about 31,000' there is a 6deg. temperature inversion across a vertical pressure difference of 75 mb or about 2000'. This layer could well be superrefractive, but reliable N-gradients are not possible here because dewpoint data are unavailable. At around 54,000' the temperature rises 10deg.C through 11 mb (about 300'). Even neglecting humidity this would indicate a superrefractive N-gradient. For the lower atmosphere region where humidity is available the refractivity profiles show no evidence of significant discontinuity with the exception of a surface SUBrefractive layer (this is opposite to a trapping gradient and would tend to expand the distance to the radar horizon at low levels). Application to the reported phenomenology is at, e.g.:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Lak-radar-analysis.htm>

and elsewhere}---

DC: "We have the complete Blue Book file relating to the USAF version, containing Perkin's original letter, the teletypes and the Intelligence records, analysis by Hynes, Menzel and Blue Book officers concluding AP as the explanation."

---{ The Blue Book evaluation in this case is a joke. See e.g.:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Gregory-HO.htm>

&

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/Gregory-memo.htm>

It would be generous to construe anything in this file as approaching an 'analysis'.}---

DC: "We also have contemporaneous (1956 and 1957) Air Ministry/RAF documents which describe the radar sighting, confirm there was no visual report by the pilot, and appear to suggest the report was explicable at anomalous propagation, radar malfunction and/or the possibility of a stationary weather balloon. This may seem unlikely on the surface, but there is actually a substantial amount of evidence to suggest AP and balloons played a role in the events."

---{ The contemporaneous documents referred to are the 23 Squadron Diary:

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

whose compiler records only that "nothing was seen by either of the crews, and it was later decided that the object must have been a balloon", referring of course to the 0200-0300 scrambles, and the 1957 DDI(Tech) memo

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/PRO-DDItech.htm>

prepared for a ministerial briefing, which \*may\*, or may \*not\*, refer to the Perkins/BOI-485/Wimbledon corpus, or some part thereof. It is impossible to say, but whatever it refers to is carried as "unexplained", not as AP or a balloon.}--- END

I have to say that the "substantial evidence" for balloons and AP is not visible to me. Anyway I hope this provokes some thoughts. Is it possible to have an informed consensus on this case today? Or are the issues too intractable?

Regards

Martin Shough

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

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## Filer's Files #41 2004

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar.nul](mailto:Majorstar.nul)>  
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Filer's Files #41 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
Vice President of Skywatch International  
September 29, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren

### New UFO Videos

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 as reported each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis is that over a hundred UFO reports each week represent factual UFO sightings in our skies. This week a near miss Asteroid 4179 Toutatis Flyby, and sugar in space provides clue to origin of life.

UFOs were seen over New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Minnesota, Tennessee, Texas, Colorado, Utah, California, Washington, Canada, Mexico, and France.

Russia is building flying saucers.

### Private Rocket Soars into Space

A private manned rocket soared into space today, September 29, after recovering from a wild corkscrew roll on its ascent to 62 miles altitude. Astronaut Michael Melvill at the controls of Space Ship One, in a bid to earn a \$10 million prize. Thanks to AOL.

### Near Miss Asteroid 4179 Toutatis Flyby

Today, September 29, 2004, our Earth will get its closest known flyby this century from the largest asteroid thus far that could destroy much of the planet and kill billions of people if it collided with our planet. It will be visible mainly in the Southern Hemisphere. Asteroid Toutatis will flyby at four lunar distances from Earth but in space distances this is a near miss. Additionally, these tumbling and bright asteroids have a tendency to break apart. Smaller pieces could steer even closer to Earth. Toutatis 4179, is a behemoth some 4.6 kilometers (2.9 miles) long by 2.4 kilometers (1.5 miles) across. Spinning like an anarchic dumbbell, Toutatis will be at its closest to Earth at 1337 GMT on Wednesday, when it will be 1,549,719 kilometers (962,951 miles) away, according to the Near-Earth Object (NEO) Program run by NASA (news - web sites)'s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). It is close enough to be seen through binoculars in the Southern Hemisphere.

Observers can see it passing not far from the bright star Alpha Centauri. Were Toutatis to collide with Earth, the energy released would be equivalent to tens of thousands of hydrogen bombs, kicking up dust clouds which would shield out the sunlight, plunging the planet into a lethal "impact winter." Earth's atmosphere protects us from NEOs up to a diameter of 40m (130 feet), an impact energy of about three megaton's. Follow the links at [www.spaceweather.com](http://www.spaceweather.com)

## Sugar in Space Provides Clue to Origin of Life

Astronomers using the National Science Foundation's giant Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope (GBT) have discovered a frigid reservoir of simple sugar molecules in a cloud of gas and dust some 26,000 light-years away, near the center of our Milky Way Galaxy. The discovery suggests how the molecular building blocks necessary for the creation of life could first form in interstellar space.

The astronomers detected the 8-atom sugar molecule glycolaldehyde in a gas-and-dust cloud called Sagittarius B2. Such clouds, often many light-years across, are the raw material from which new stars and planets are formed. The astronomers detected the same molecule in a warmer part of that cloud in 2000, but the new detection shows that the sugar exists at an extremely low temperature -- only 8 degrees above absolute zero, the temperature at which all molecular motion stops. The cold glycolaldehyde detections were surprisingly strong when compared to the original detections and indicate that a considerable quantity of this simple interstellar sugar exists at extremely low temperatures.

Although the chemistry on Earth and in interstellar clouds is much different, the results can be very similar. This and other recent studies show that prebiotic chemistry -- the formation of the molecular building blocks necessary for the creation of life -- occurs in interstellar clouds long before that cloud collapses to form a new solar system with planets. "Many of the interstellar molecules discovered to date are the same kinds detected in laboratory experiments specifically designed to synthesize prebiotic molecules. This fact suggests a universal prebiotic chemistry," said Jan M. Hollis of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. This suggests that the molecular building blocks for the creation of life on a new planet might get a head start in the dust of interstellar clouds. Thanks to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory  
<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0409/21sugar/>

## New York - Disk

DEPEW =96 On September 7, 2004, a bright white light with smaller lights circling around it low in the sky was observed. The bright white central light had tiny red/yellow lights circling around it. The very bright light hovered low in the sky in the east/north-east sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director  
[www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

New York City -- I spoke to the witness who seemed very concerned about her sighting. On Monday, September 6, 2004, following the Labor Day weekend, the witness woke up at or shortly before 5 AM, looked out her window to the southeast over 26th street in the neighborhood of Chelsea, Manhattan and I noticed an orb of light suspended over 8th Avenue. She immediately got her field glasses and trained them on this orb, which appeared sparkly with refracted light, like a diamond.

She counted 11 to 13 other orbs of light that were hanging, motionless and soundless, in the sky to the south of the first one. There was at least one more light far to the left of the first one to the north. The other orbs had a softer glow to them, perhaps because the sky was slightly more overcast to the south. The orbs to the south were in an odd formation that actually looked, on closer inspection, like the Big Dipper Constellation.

The witness states, "I can say with certainty that I was not viewing the constellation itself; I know what stars in the night sky look like and they are considerably smaller than these orbs." Furthermore, the amount of light pollution in New York, and the cloudy and overcast, would make it impossible to clearly see any astronomical phenomena easily, or even at all. I continued watching for some time and lights were still there, unchanged in their position at 5:45 AM. "A few minutes later the sky was beginning to lighten in the East and the lights were gone," she stated. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director  
[www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

## North Carolina =96 Contrails

RALEIGH -- Alan Caviness writes, "Regarding your Filer's File #40 and the Denver sighting of an object with a contrail that suddenly disappeared: I witnessed the disappearing contrail phenomenon, myself, back in January of 2003 in just east of Raleigh at sunrise and, a week later, just west of Raleigh close to sunset." I did not see any associated objects, though. Both contrails were about the same angle (40 degrees) off to my right as I was driving. I watched the first contrail off and on for over a minute with no changes whatsoever. It was in a beautiful morning sky with a few cirrus clouds close by. A few seconds after my eyes locked onto the contrail, for some strange reason, it just disappeared within about 6 seconds. It was very, very unnatural. Immediately after the disappearance, it was as if it had never been there. I average seeing 2 or 3 actual UFOs a year and know for sure that other things are happening to me as well. I feel that it is quite possible that these were somehow not real contrails and that it could have been a "mind control" game being perpetrated on me.

The contrail at first appeared just as "real" as anything could be, though. And I was very alert at the time. But after it disappeared, it was just as "gone" as it could be. A week later, while driving near sunset, the same kind of event happened to me again. I locked on to a nice section of contrail in a beautiful, peaceful sky. This second contrail had fanned out considerably. It was broken into two separate sections with the shorter section to the right actually displaying a nice "sundog" at the proper angle from the sun -- a large splotch of rainbow colors like I have seen from time to time in cirrus clouds.

I had watched it off and on for about a minute or so, thinking all the while about the first disappearing contrail when suddenly I saw it begin disappearing. It took about the same amount of time. Once gone, it looked as though the contrail had never been there. I was pretty sure that I was being "toyed with" since I do experience UFO-related events ever-so-often and that this was my second similar event in a week. I did notice that the contrails disappeared at a very linear rate--as though these trails were simply being "turned off" as a light being steadily dimmed until it is completely out. I'm convinced that this is UFO-related and the reality of these "contrails" appears 100.0% real. However, I already know from experience that the beings in the UFOs here in central North Carolina are very good with manipulation of the human mind. They apparently understand what "thought" actually is all about, whereas we humans really do not. Alan Caviness (independent UFO investigator in NC)  
[caviness1.nul](mailto:caviness1.nul)

ATLANTA -- The witness was feeding birds at 7:25 PM, on September 22, 2004, when she saw a bright white UFO high in the sky. It was a bit faster than a satellite and traveling from east to west. At first glance she thought it was a balloon, but ruled that out almost immediately as it was really moving way too fast. She was only able to watch it for about five seconds since it was already 30 degrees above the western horizon. The witness states, "Three minutes later, another one flew by that was identical in speed and color as the first one." I came inside and checked 'Heavens Above', to make sure that they were not known satellites. No trails were seen and no sounds were heard. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

## Ohio =96 George Ritter UFOs on TV

UFO Sightings -- Rob Packard writes, "Strange unidentified objects hovering in the skies of Northwest Ohio." Some objects were caught on tape. It's no science fiction film. It's a story you'll only see on NBC 24. We decided to research the issue, after several people called our newsroom Friday morning reporting unusual sightings this week in the skies around Fostoria. We did some research, took a trip and found a man who's been investigating them for years. Frozen on videotape-- shots of disk like objects recorded by George Ritter. In one case a glowing object darts through the sky. Ritter makes it a point to roll tape daily on the skies over his backyard. Over the past six years he's stockpiled a collection of more than 400 video tapes containing 856 hours of raw footage. Some of the

suspicious objects were caught on tape just this week. "(I've captured footage) of UFOs hundreds and hundreds of times. There's something going on in Ohio that nobody's figured out yet," Ritter told NBC 24 news. We called Fostoria Police and talked with a patrol officer who says the last official report of a UFO in their area was a few years ago. Copyright =A9 2004 WNWQ-TV, a Raycom Media station. Associated Press may have contributed to this report. All rights reserved .

FOSTORIA =96 I continue to talk to George Ritter on an almost daily basis. The Swedish investigation is over, but the local Toledo TV station has visited George and was amazed by his daily videos of UFOs. George's RCA VHS camera continues to take videos of UFOs, birds, planes and insects. Since you are all familiar with the later, I have not shown these images. The objects other than UFOs actually take up much of the footage, since a bird will take a second or two to flyby, using thirty or so frames of the video. The UFOs traveling at an estimated 1000 plus miles per hour are usually shown on only one or two video frames. Notice that Dr. Oren Swearingen is getting similar objects from the Popocatepetl Volcano Mexican government web cameras. Thanks to George Ritter

#### Minnesota - Four Spherical Orbs

LAKEVILLE =96 On September 7, 2004, the witnesses saw four green solid lights in the horizon about three miles away. These spherical orbs rotated counterclockwise for almost ten minutes and changed course spontaneously. They rotated clockwise for a while and eventually stopped rotation and started a decent towards the ground. As they descended the orbs slowed their rotation and sunk towards the earth. The total spectacle took about fifteen minutes so the witnesses decided to hop in their cars and follow the celestial visitor. The observer stated, "We reached the main road about five minutes later and the UFO sank faster then we could track it, so as far as we know it just disappeared." These spherical green-lighted orbs seemed inquisitive and changed their rotation at an unrecognizable frequency while my companions could only watch in awe. I haven't seen a UFO with this much complexity and mystique ever. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Tennessee - UFO Sightings on the Rise Again

ELIZABETHTON =96 MUFON's Kim Shaffer writes, On September 20, 2004, a truck driver who was driving home from work at about 9:30 PM, spotted a small aircraft in the darkness flying in a straight line toward a local airport. The sky was clear and unobstructed. As he watched the aircraft, a brilliant blue object approached the aircraft from behind. The blue object was flying about the same speed as the aircraft. The object hurt his eyes as if he was watching a welder. He related that, "The blue light was similar to a UV light that barber shops use for sterilizing equipment, except this was much stronger. He watched for some 45-60 seconds, as the discoid shaped object traveled along behind the plane. Then, it suddenly changed course and sped off to the north at tremendous speed. It took some time for his eyes to return to "normal". In communication with local FAA, no anomalies were logged for that time frame and no pilot reports filed.

WASHINGTON COUNTY -- A retired algebra professor who was driving home on Sunday, September 20, 2004, along Highway 11 around 9 PM, saw a large acorn shaped object moving low in the sky over Buffalo Mountain. The discernible shape was made by noting the arrangement of lights on the object which he stated were quite like a "marquis". The object was flying in ever tightening circles. The lights were flashing in random, fast way, exhibiting more than five different colors, that reminded him of a Christmas tree. He pulled his car over and watched the bizarre object rise, fall and finally moving up and behind the mountain out of view.

This witness states that, "In 1966, he and his late wife, along with hundreds of Johnson City citizens witnessed a gigantic black disc shaped object block out all the stars in the sky on a summer night." He also remembered that the giant disc had multiple arrangements of lights on the bottom which flashed sequentially. The Johnson City Press did a full page story on

the sighting.

BRISTOL =96 MUFON's Kim Shaffer reports he had a personal sighting on September 11, 2004, and videotaped it on his Sony Handy-cam. He states, "During my evening skywatch I spotted this tri-lobed object as it moved from the southeast to the northwest." I first suspected the anomaly was balloons but noted that both surface winds and upper level cloud movement indicated a wind from the northwest. I taped the flat black object for some eight minutes as it moved slowly, stopping and then changing course slightly, progressing northwest.

After I lost sight of the object, I went to the National Weather service Aviation Page where wind conditions" at altitude" are listed by airport. Checking "Tri\*," winds were from the NNW at all levels. One small piece of evidence which makes me think at this point, these were not balloons. I have also checked all over the internet, regionally at florists, grocery stores, and novelty shops, etc, looking for a source for large flat black latex balloons. Not only can I not find a supplier or manufacturer, I cannot find anyone who even has ever sold such a balloon. I have submitted a copy of the tape for analysis with MUFON. Thanks to Kim Shaffer MUFON Director, TN. See video at: [www.mufontennessee.org](http://www.mufontennessee.org)

Texas =96 Disk

EULESS =96 The observers (a husband and wife) were driving eastbound on Highway 183 on September 8, 2004, when he saw a white disk shaped object flying at 2 to 3000 feet in the air. The object was south of the freeway. He pointed the object out to his wife. They watched the object for 23 seconds as it appeared, became smaller very fast until they could not see it anymore. They concluded the object left in a big hurry for it to vanish so quickly. They also saw jets heading north into land at Dallas Fort Worth International during this event. We know this was not a small airplane, since it had no wings. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Utah - Zion National Park UFO

This is the BEST legitimate UFO picture I have ever seen. You can clearly make out that this is a saucer. My friend, Dale, who took this picture told me that he didn't even think it was anything other than a bird until he enlarged the picture but it is really something else. Thanks to Jon Barton Shields [bshields.nul](mailto:bshields.nul) and Skywatch-International Web <http://www.skywatch-international.org/>

California =96 Changing String of Pearls

PACHECO =96 The witness was watching a video on September 8, 2004, at 3:14 PM, when he heard a noise outside. When looked out the window he saw just below the waning Moon, yet above the constellation Gemini was a large burnt orange "planet" in the sky. It looked like a larger version of what Mars looks like when it was at its recent closest approach to Earth. It was moving like a satellite, but it was too huge to be the space station. I have seen it before. It was heading towards the northeast. It was moving so slowly, I decided to go in and grab a pair of binoculars. My 7x35 Tasco binoculars showed this object not circular, and had amazing detail to it. The bottom of it shone with a bright oval glow, just like it was a propulsion of some kind. It reminded me of the Gulf Breeze photos of that Polaroid UFO. Above the smaller oval bottom was a larger body above it. It looked like three orange beams with at least two dark columns between the glowing parts. Above the "columns" was a dome of some sort, and it all seems to be one piece moving together.

It seemed to be turning, like a tumbling satellite, but I could actually see parts of the craft seeming to twist, giving itself new shapes as it went along. As it continued, the bottom shone brighter and dimmer, and so did the rest of the "craft." It took on a long string-like shape with three prominent oval orange lights, top, middle, and bottom after a while, and when it did that, orange sparks began shooting from the bottom of the "oval" glowing part. I've never seen anything like it. It made no

noise, and I'm led to believe it was a dying satellite of some sort, but I've never seen such detail in a satellite. I watched it for at least three minutes. The object was much larger than Venus, although not as bright. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

MODESTO - R. David Anderson writes, "I have put together a collection of string of pearls (ufo pictures), which I have taken over the past month. I took these pictures in August and September." The lights in these strings all travel in perfect unison and seem to be connected by a faint light stream. The movement of the string is perpendicular to its length. I have been seeing this type of ufo often here, as many times as two or three times a night. The pictures of the string of pearls UFOs is on page 4 of my web site: <http://www.ufobase.net/>

#### Washington - Huge Triangle of Lights

REMOTE CAMPGROUND =96 Cliff Mickelson writes, "A group of highly credible witnesses are reporting the sighting of a huge triangle of lights that passed over a remote campground on the eastern edge of the Washington State on September 12, 2004. The sighting occurred several hours after dusk. The phenomena was described as being a "huge" triangle of lights that moved with an eerie exactitude across the night sky. Although campers were not certain as to whether it was "one" object with three lights or "three" different objects, there was consensus that the lights moved in faultless unison across the heavens. Several campers report that the stars appeared to be occluded in the space between the lights. All witnesses agree that the object or objects were located at a great altitude, perhaps bordering on the edge of space. The object(s) remained in plain view for several minuets despite the narrow confines of the heavily wooded canyon campground location, ten miles west of Tampico.

The "triangle" seemed to be in no big hurry. This latest sighting has taken place in an area enclosed by Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, and the upper and lower Yakima Valleys. It is an area unsurpassed for the number of documented UFO sightings. The Yakima Indian Tribal Police, as well as individual tribal members often report these and other such sightings during routine patrols in the more inaccessible parts of the Yakima Reservation. Visit to James Gilliland's web site: <http://www.eceti.org/index1.html> <http://www.rumormillnews.com/>  
Thanks to Cliff Mickelson The Surfing the Apocalypse Network <http://www.surfingtheapocalypse.com>

#### Canada =96 Sightings

CLAY HILL CALEDON, ONTARIO =96 Two observers saw at least three different objects in the sky in totally different locations on September 22, 2004, at 8:30 PM, The C.N. Tower in Toronto, is around 40 km southwest of my location. The first one was in the northwest and it was very bright with almost a strobe light affect with white, green and red lights as it moved very fast up and down. My friend was having a hard time seeing the movements. She was amazed at how fast it was moving. Then we looked to the east and there was another one, again it moved and turned in the same way. This location is a very popular spot and people have joked about it for years, because these Clay Hills resemble a Mars like appearance. I have been getting digital video of these objects. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

BETWEEN SMITHERS AND TELKWA, B.C. =96 The observer saw an unusual object on September 22, 2004, while driving to Smithers at 6:40 PM, on Highway #16 when the lady saw a yellow/white bright light coming in a downward motion from the Telkwa Mountain Range heading in her direction. As the object drew closer it flew across Highway #16 at about a hundred feet high and passed in front the witness it appeared to be roundish in shape. The bottom of the object had a light green glow to it. The lady thought it was going to crash, but as it passed by she watched the object rise up and disappear into the cloud cover and it was gone! There was no tail or trail following behind it. The witness was able to view the object for 15 to 20 seconds at the most. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

#### Hawaii- Oval

WAIKELE -- On September 8, 2004, a family observed something very strange at 12 PM. The observer states, "Last month we saw a large oval metallic object in the sky, so we grabbed some binoculars and saw that it was accompanied by other shooting objects." Two of them came to a complete stop and changed from a small object to a large orange ball. Then they completely disappeared.

A similar object and other shooting objects again appeared on September 9, 2004, at around 12:00 noon. We again observed it with binoculars, but at a much higher altitude. They tried to capture this with a video camera but it seemed to be too high to register on the video recorder. We will be looking again tomorrow video in hand hopefully to provide proof of what I am saying. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Mexico =96 Frequent UFO Sightings at Volcano

POPOCATEPETL VOLCANO =96 Dr. Oren Swearingen writes, "For several years UFOs have had an unusual interest in observing Mexico's active volcano Popocatepetl. These appearances have been seen and recorded from the webcam set up by the Mexican government to observe the activity of the volcano in event of imminent eruption which might require the evacuation of a town on its lower slopes. The camera is positioned on the neighboring mountain, the extinct volcano, Ixtaccihuatl, and is usually set in the wide angle mode. The objects that hover over Popocatepetl are small and it is difficult to be certain of their identity. That issue may now have been settled by the discovery that these objects have been displaying intelligent actions! As an illustration of this claim, print-outs from the webcam transmissions in which three objects form a perfect triangular formation and then repeat the performance on the following day- occupying the exact same three spots in the sky. An astounding feat of navigation! In fact, when the two sheets of paper from April 2nd and 3rd of 2002, are held together against a bright light, they coincide perfectly.

If these objects are insects, then they are the most intelligent bugs in Mexico. Although, the objects are in the same position the cloud cover is very different in the two photos. These objects have the uncanny ability to turn their lights on and off while leaving and returning to the very same location. Additionally, the objects hover and hold their position for long periods of time, a very difficult task for a bug. The conclusions, UFOs have a strange interest in Popocatepetl and have been observing it for quite some time. Thanks to Dr. Oren Swearingen

Editor's Note: Dr. Swearingen sent me dozens of printouts showing objects over the volcano. Early in the morning there are usually no UFOs in the images, minutes later an object will take up a position, later a second, and finally a third object will take up position. On succeeding days the UFOs will take up exactly the same positions. Later they will depart. He even has photos of insects landing on the window where the camera lens is aimed clearly shows a fly or similar insect. Objects frequently come and go to a particular hovering position in the upper right corner of the screen and these are often illuminated. It should be noted these Mexican government images are similar to George Ritter's in Ohio.

#### France - Observation d'un Triangle Volant

TOWER N'EMETTAIT -- J. Boutin writes in French that I translated to the best of my capability. "About one year ago, in the evening while walking my dog towards the ancient medieval tower called Tower N'=E9mettait at 11:15 PM, (23:15 Hours) I raised my head to look 30 meters above the top when on the left I saw a black triangle. On the sides were small red lights, six I believe along the side of the dimension and in intensity comparable with a star. The object was flying at low altitude towards the northeast and appeared larger than the Tower N'=E9mettait. It did not make any noise as it flew slowly. The sky was clear without the moon. I do not know which is this type of d'appareil j'ai. I thought of a secret military plane, but I do not find any reports of this type. If you have an idea or if

others observed the same thing, please return an answer to me, because I remain intrigued without really believing in the small green men. Thanks to:- [j.boutin4.nul](mailto:j.boutin4.nul)

#### Russia =96 Building Flying Saucer

The U.S. Naval Air Systems Command has signed an agreement with Russia=92s EKIP Aviation concern to cooperate in the production of unique flying saucer-shaped aircraft developed in Russia, perfect for putting out forest fires and monitoring oil pipelines. Originally developed in 1992, the alien-looking aircraft failed to secure funding from the Russian government. Twelve years later, the U.S. and China are very interested in making it work. Obviously, the unusual round shape in itself makes such a vehicle exciting, but what are the practical applications? =93This is a radically new craft,=94 Alexey Konovalov, EKIP=92s executive director, explains. It doesn=92t require a long runway and can land on sand, but most importantly, the shape of the aircraft is a brilliant solution for getting rid of vibration, a long-time problem in aircraft design. EKIP plans to build the first unpiloted vehicles that could be used for monitoring hard-to-reach areas and then move to building larger craft weighing up to 100 tons. The unpiloted EKIP =93ships=94 could aid in putting out forest fires as well as collecting information that could be transmitted to a land base, Konovalov said.

Originally, the Russian government had promised funding for the project, but in 1995, three years after the construction commenced, all funding was cut off. Private investors couldn=92t be persuaded to commit the millions of dollars necessary to continue work on the craft, Konovalov laments. Now, with the agreement between EKIP and the Naval Air System Command signed, EKIP is waiting for the funds to come in and in the meantime, negotiating with China to discuss a possible joint venture. Russian designers will keep the rights to their unique work, but the vehicles might be produced either in Russia or the U.S. Currently, the plan is to test the aircraft in 2007 and launch it into mass production in another five years. Until then, any strange shapes in the sky are certain to be flown by little green men. Thanks to Mosnews.com and Ekip-Aviation-Concern.com To Become A Member Of Skywatch-International, Click Below [http://www.skywatch-international.org/skywatch\\_membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.skywatch-international.org/skywatch_membership_application.pdf)

#### Dr John E. Mack: Dies in Road Accident

John E. Mack, M.D.,1929-04 professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and founder of the Center for Psychology & Social Change He explored the abduction scenario.

In 1992, Dr. Mack co-chaired the Abduction Study Conference held at MIT, a landmark scientific assembly on alien encounters. In 1993, Dr. Mack founded the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER) to formalize his explorations in this area. They worked with over 200 individuals from six continents who have experienced encounters with unknown intelligences.

Dr. Mack is the author or co-author of eleven books, including A Prince of Our Disorder, a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Lawrence of Arabia, Abduction, and Nightmares and Human Conflict. Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounter. He is the founder of the Department of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Hospital and was an important asset to Ufology and will be sorely missed. I had several long talks with John and he was a wonderful person with great intelligence and compassion.

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## Dr. John Mack

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:18:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 07:20:59 -0400  
Subject: Dr. John Mack

Our deep condolences to Dr. John Mack's family

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center  
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South America

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## Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 20:31:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 07:25:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:15:56 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Bigelow's Inflatable Space Modules

<snip>

>That should have read, constructed in Texas, Kyle. Wherever  
>they were manufactured the inference was that safety was  
>subordinate to some manufacturer's bottom line. This from  
>memory, from a press release about 5 years ago, from NASANews.  
>Also I think I've seen reference to this by Dr. Robert Zubrin  
>[sp].

>These newer multi layered, inflatable modules can take a hit by  
>a marble sized meteoroid due to it's Kevlar construction and  
>apparently some of them carry recyclable water in internal  
>jacket as well.

Hi Don,

I meant no offense. Just clarifying. Bigelow's ideas appear sound, and the increased safety is a major plus, among others. NASA's history where crew safety is concerned certainly has come into question lately, and rightly so.

I was just noting that Houston has a chip on its shoulder about the fact that many NASA craft are designed, tested, etc at JSC, but they are rarely if ever manufactured here... in Texas.

Perhaps the Senator you referred to was trying to keep R&D dollars and jobs here. Same result, if so.

NASA is going to have to think a little more open-mindedly from now on. Since private enterprise has now succeeded in putting a man in space, a cooperative agenda might net some real innovations, and Bigelow's ideas could well be amongst them...in spite of Senatorial meddling. I hope so. The rewards to be reaped from encouraging new thought and welcoming alternative ideas far outweigh the potential loss of local jobs.

Best Regards,

Kyle (an unfortunate Houston apologist)

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## PRG Update - October 1, 2004

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ParadigmRG.nul](mailto:ParadigmRG.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 23:47:16 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 07:54:43 -0400  
Subject: PRG Update - October 1, 2004

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Update - October 1, 2004

Dr. John Mack (1929 - 2004)

In paraphrase of New York Mayor Giuliani, every loss of a pioneering researcher, witness or activist is too much to bear.

John Mack was one of the great men and women of the 20th Century. The national institutions do not yet know this. The American people do not yet know this. But they will in good time.

John's contributions to this world, which extend well beyond experienter research, will be recounted over the coming weeks. His work and legacy can be most readily reviewed at [www.centerchange.org](http://www.centerchange.org).

Stephen Bassett first entered the arena of extraterrestrial-related phenomena research/activism when the Center for Extraordinary Phenomena Research (PEER) founded by Dr. Mack generously offered the opportunity to come to Cambridge in 1996 and assist the Center. "Meeting John Mack was an important moment in my life. His courage and brilliance led me into this work. He was in good health with years of vital contribution ahead. He was the most accomplished and recognized academic in the world willing to speak to and examine the most controversial issue of our time. He is irreplaceable, yet must be replaced. Someone of stature within the academic community must come forward to take up his legacy."

Keyhoe, McDonald, Hynek, Schiff, Turner, Corso, Clear, Mallove, Mack and so many others have not lived to see their related work and wisdom vindicated as the truth embargo enters its 58th year. The embargo will end, and Dr. John Mack, along with Budd Hopkins, Dr. David Jacobs and others, will properly be recognized as courageous pioneers seeking to understand the human condition. On the other side of disclosure the awards and accolades will come from "mainstream" society.

Until then, a sad farewell to a great man who put compassion and understanding before comfort and convenience, truth before tenure, and made the last chapter of his life the most profound.

Ralph Nader on Coast to Coast AM

The July 25, 2004 PRG "Letter to the Candidates" [[www.paradigmclock.com/Candidates\\_Open\\_Letter.htm](http://www.paradigmclock.com/Candidates_Open_Letter.htm)] included this paragraph:

"On their behalf [millions of Americans] the following open memos to three of these four candidates are posted - Bush and Kerry because either could win and Kucinich because his worldview already embraces the possibility of an extraterrestrial presence. Nader is left out because he can=80=99t

win, has no interest in extraterrestrial-related phenomena and has rebuffed every approach to inform him on the subject"

The sentence referring to Ralph Nader was an intentioned substitute for an "open letter." Behind this "message" was admiration for a great American coupled with great frustration that a man with such an intellect and open mind would not address or take high level briefings on the extraterrestrial-related phenomena issue and concomitant truth embargo. Nader is a true independent, is not afraid to mention the "unmentionables" (with one notable exception), will not bow to the "republicrat" uniparty or the spin doctors and mercenary consultants, and is willing to take intense heat for his positions and decisions. If such a person cannot speak to the extraterrestrial-related phenomena/cover-up issue, who would dare to do so?

In this context it was gratifying to listen to candidate Nader's September 24 appearance on Coast to Coast with George Noory. Nader well knew the ET issue is a, if not the, major theme of this program. His very presence on the program was tangential to the most controversial issue in the world today. He stated the core positions of his campaign and took questions. One of those questions was as follows:

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[Kevin from Connorsville, IN] I was just wondering, if you were elected president, sir, what would be your position on divulging information concerning UFOs to the American public?

[Nader] I agree the Air Force has not disclosed everything. I have no idea (laughing), I mean there's all kinds of theories, I have no idea why they don't level with the public. You know, there are suspicious this and that, and the Air Force gets to these places. It could be something that they're doing. It could be something that some corporation is doing. As far as UFOs are concerned my answer is, "well, if they are landing on earth, how come none of them ever stay?"

[Nader] But there's the other thing. This brings to mind something really strange. This is really weird. Of all the universities in the country, of all of the colleges in the country. John Kerry and George W. Bush both hail from Yale. And of the fraternities at Yale, they both hail from Skull and Bones. And the question I want to ask is, "this oath of secrecy they take when they're undergraduates, how long does it last, what does it cover and at what point might it conflict with their presidential duties or with their relations with other businessmen, as they're called, who may be corporations that have business with the federal government or are exposed to law enforcement potential by the federal government? I don't think it's a trivial issue. I think they ought to basically discuss it candidly, because these oaths of secrecy are supposed to go for the duration, not just when they're undergraduates. It's really weird, though. I mean, think of the probability of this happening - the same university, roughly the same time, I think Kerry was two years ahead of Bush, and the same secret society.

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Ralph Nader has fielded a lifetime's worth of tough questions, but he was clearly not comfortable with this one. Since only knowledge can improve on that, PRG will again contact the Nader campaign and reiterate to the candidate that meetings with top researchers, witnesses and activists can be arranged immediately, if he truly wants to have an informed position on the most important and controversial issue of his time. They would spend their own money to come and brief him so he can speak to the American people with confidence.

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## Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Colvin

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 19:40:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 08:11:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved - Colvin

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Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 23:47:00 +0100  
From: Jerry Goodenough <[j.goodenough.nul](mailto:j.goodenough.nul)>  
To: [skeptic.nul](mailto:skeptic.nul)  
Subject: RE: FWD (UFO UpDate) Re: endlesham (Dis)Solved

>From: Terry W. Colvin  
>Sent: 28 September 2004 23:33  
>To: Forteana /Alternate Orphan/; [skeptic.nul](mailto:skeptic.nul);  
>[uasr.nul](mailto:uasr.nul)  
>Subject: FWD (UFO UpDate) Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 21:58:07 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 09:02:47 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Rendlesham (Dis)Solved

>Excellent point. As an ex-USAF enlisted man myself, my mind  
>boggles at the notion that someone could fake or stage such  
>events on a strategically important Air Force Base.

>The story makes no sense at all.

>That sucker would be in the brig before you could say "Pelican  
>guano." No way!

Why? A guy drives around an empty runway flashing lights in the fog at the guards? It's a joke. Who's going to tell the authorities? The scared guards? They're going to own up to being suckered? The important point is not THIS hoax but the hoaxer's claim that these pranks were common, and so it is quite likely that on a latter occasional a similar hoax took place OUTSIDE the base, causing the guards to wander off into Rendlesham Forest in search of the lights.

The fear of the brig was more relevant to the guards on THIS occasion. Firstly, whatever the cause, they left their posts. Secondly they strayed ARMED onto territory where they had no authority to be, and so were liable to arrest by the civilian power. Had they been caught like this, it would have created a lot of bad publicity - and a possible diplomatic incident - at a time when the existence of American nuclear weapons on British soil in bases like Rendlesham was already highly controversial. A fistful of regulations were being broken, by hoaxer and hoaxed alike, so everyone had an interest in keeping quiet about it.

>Also, Col. Halt (whom I know and have interviewed at length) is  
>a very impressive witness, whose testimony tends to be discarded  
>at will by second-guessing, armchair debunkers whose main claim  
>to knowledge appears to be based on visits to the site 20-plus  
>years later and totally erroneous assertions about lighthouses.  
>

>- Dick

Halt & his men clearly were seeing the Orford Ness lighthouse at times and regarding it as a UFO. This is obvious both from the audio-tape of their conversation at the time and from later investigation. (If it was a UFO, it was one that was located in the same direction as the light-house and flashing a light with the same frequency as the light-house. What are the chances of that happening?)

Halt's error is understandable and is clearly described at

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham2.htm>

by Ian Ridpath, who has obviously walked in the Rendlesham area more than I have, and produces some excellent photographs to explain and substantiate what Halt saw. (His site at

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham.htm>

has lots of interesting material clearly presented and showing just how evanescent the evidence for any so-called UFO is here.) But I used to walk in the area near Orford and know just how spooky it is at dusk when the mist comes in. It is easy to get lost and very hard to tell directions. A bunch of jumpy servicemen on guard duty could easily be mistaken like this.

Impressive as Col Halt may be in person, his testimony amounts to seeing lights in the dark, on a foggy night, in an area where we know there were lights. Apart from the lights that these people saw, there isn't any other evidence at all. Quite why so many 'Fortean's get excited about this, I do not know. If Rendlesham is really the best substantiated UFO incident, as has been claimed, then it is no wonder that ufology is in such poor shape these days.

Dr Jerry Goodenough  
University of East Anglia  
England

"A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence." (David Hume)

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## Re: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 08:22:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

>From: Santiago Yturria <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 12:56:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

>>From: Vicente Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2004 16:16:59 +0200 (CEST)  
>>Subject: 29 Photos Confirming Oil Flame Identification

>>Please find enclosed some recent news from Dr Claude Poher,  
>><[Claude.Poher.nul](mailto:Claude.Poher.nul)>

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>>You may be interested to know that I got photos of the oils  
>>flames from the gulf of Mexico platforms confirming the  
>>interpretation of the Flir camera video made from an aircraft of

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

>>Sincerely  
>>Claude POHER  
>>25 September 2004

>Just as an important information. Last Sunday in Mexico the  
>Cantarel oil flames hoax was exposed on national television  
>during the two-hour live broadcast of the Grandes Misterios TV  
>show presenting the facts and official information that exposed  
>and disqualified the hoaxer once for all.

>The pro-cover up campaign an it's attempts to discredit the  
>Mexican Air Force, their officials and Secretary of Defense  
>after the UFO disclosure failed when the conspiracy was  
>discovered and exposed on national TV. The reactions of the  
>Mexican people were massive sending messages to the tv station  
>of support to the Air Force and officials for opening the UFO  
>case to the people.

>During the broadcast every element of the Campeche case was  
>analysed, proving and confirming the unknown origin and nature  
>of the phenomena. The exposition was clear and definitive and  
>the hoax chapter was closed.

>It seems that Mr. Phoer is proving his ignorance of the real and  
>official facts and trying to distract the attention of some  
>people from the escence of the case. It's clear that Mr. Phoer  
>as well as some followers of the Mexican hoaxer are trying  
>desesperately to revive the conspiracy campaign and, as the  
>Mexicans saying goes: "They are dancing the dance of the fools."

>Many discussionr and debates around this amazing case continue  
>and it seems that, as usual there, will not be a general  
>agreement. So much talk, but atin the end the conclusion will be  
>the same:

>Words mean nothing, the phenomena means everything.

Listers,

[NOTE: For those of you that always seem to take everything I have to say as personal, I'm not trying to be critical, I'm just pointing out something about investigation.])

The Mexico UFO/FLIR case appears to have joined the ranks of the many UFO cases that are now simply topics of debate, at least that how it seems for now.

I've watched with great pain as people jump back and forth on the List attempting to coordinate video forensics, transcripts, translations, and other critical evidence. I've then watched folks going back and forth arguing about some of the results. One of the messages I try to make loud and clear for folks out there doing investigations is that investigation needs to be completed before press.

While the UFO subject matter is a controversial one with many uncommon and unusual aspects challenging us, the basic protocol of investigation does not change. Dr. Hal Puthoff has a saying I've come to greatly appreciate, "The data is the data." When your investigation is complete, and you have a confirmed anomaly supported by data, your position now has much more credibility when you send out that press release or hold that press conference.

We've all seen skeptics try to use their silly and often publicized excuses for everything, and they tend to be more well received since they appear as scientific authorities (i.e.: swamp gas, stars, et al). But when the hard science comes into play and an investigation is properly conducted, well, the data is the data and the difficulty in debunking it becomes far greater.

Case management is paramount in any investigation. If you can't perform good case management, you're going to be ice skating up a hill backward, which I'm sure looks silly and could be painful.

I know a few people have put a great deal of time, money, and resources into this case and I greatly appreciate the work. UFO investigation is not easy by any means and too often thankless - and I'm sure some will now think it is also full of critical idiots ;-)

I'm still very much open to see the end data on this case, but at the present time I do not have high hopes of it leading to anywhere or being a monumental case of the type which opens new doors.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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## Memories Of John Mack

From: **Mike Bird - MUFON Canada** <[mikebird.nul](mailto:mikebird.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 01:01:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 08:29:20 -0400  
Subject: Memories Of John Mack

I had the privilege of seeing John speak for the first time at MUFON '93. Shortly after that I invited him to come to Toronto to speak in a lecture series I was planning for '95. As it turned out the Learning Annex was going to bring him. So I removed John from my program, and in the end he never came through to Toronto...

I saw him again at MUFON '96, where we were able to have a quick lunch.

Over the ensuing years I have driven to Boston 4 times and once to New York City to be part of things that PEER organized.

One time Henry McKay and I drove through a snow storm to hear John & Budd Hopkins talk in Boston. The following day Henry and I went to see Betty Hill for a couple of hours.

As a sad aside, Betty is not well. I phoned her yesterday to tell her about John, and her care givers thought this news not appropriate to tell her.

I last saw John in Montreal in May. He led an afternoon workshop that I attended. Afterwards 8 of us went down to the bar for a quick drink & chat, before John had to move on to another talk. I paid for the round, and someone took a picture of John & I and others at our table.

I had just started planing, last week, for a UFO Conference here in Toronto next Sept 17/18. Guess who I had as my final speaker?

John was the most amazing man I have ever met. It will take dozens of people to fill his shoes.

Maybe that's the only good thing that can come out of his untimely death; that he has motivated others to raise the bar of truth, from where he himself pushed it.

I have great memories of John, but I will still miss him tremendously.

I extend my love to John's family, and to those who have worked with him over a period of time. All of these people have suffered the greatest loss, because they knew him longer than the rest of us.

Mike Bird

"We must say all the words that should be spoken, before they are lost and gone forever" by Chris de Burgh in "Shine On".

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## Re: A Wake Up Call Perhaps? - Gottschall

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Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 21:10:14 +1000  
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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2004 11:47:40 EDT  
>Subject: A Wake Up Call Perhaps?

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>Ufology is highly popular with the people of this world but it's  
>not popular with the governments and services that are supposed  
>to accomodate the people. What's wrong with this picture?

<snip>

Can't agree with you there Greg. Ufology is not popular with the people of this world.

What's wrong with the picture is that the people who want the UFO phenomenon to be brought to light don't make enough difference at the voting booth!

When the UFO subject translates into votes then we'll see something happen, not before.

We're just twiddling our thumbs keeping the subject alive while filling in time until our civilization evolves - if ever.

Sheryl Gottschall  
(down under)

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>the List attempting to coordinate video forensics, transcripts,  
>translations, and other critical evidence. I've then watched  
>folks going back and forth arguing about some of the results.  
>One of the messages I try to make loud and clear for folks out  
>there doing investigations is that investigation needs to be  
>completed before press.

<snip>

>Regards,

>Royce J. Myers III  
>UFOWATCHDOG.COM

Royce, you've said it all! Next time I see ya I'll have a copy  
of your original post and I want it autographed. :)

Only thing I could add would be that researchers should always  
keep their tempers in their back pockets.

Best,

Greg

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## Tribute To Dr John Mack

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 14:24:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 17:51:16 -0400  
Subject: Tribute To Dr John Mack

Dear Friends,

I have placed a tribute song on my web site, to the memory of Dr John Mack, author of passport to the cosmos.

The track is titled, Starfriends - Our friends Of The Cosmos.  
Its in MP3 format

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOIndex.shtml>

Scroll down the page and click on the small cosmos picture on the left.

I would like to think John is looking down on us hoping for all of us to keep finding those elusive answers he always sought.

Roy

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